



# Wildcat Reader



Westbrook Elementary School Newsletter

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## Mission

The mission of Westbrook Elementary School, together with family and community involvement, is to ensure our students a successful academic and social education that provides the foundation for life-long learning.

## News Briefs

### Boys and Girls Club

Boys and Girls Club will be closed on Friday, April 28th.

The last day of club for the school year is May 5th.



**Yea for Mrs. Gillespie!**  
Give our kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Gillespie a high five! Mrs Gillespie recently earned funding at DonorsChoice.org for a classroom project called "Ready, Set, Osmo! Osmos will be used with the iPads to provide unique gaming access to shapes, words, numbers and coding games.

## Wildcats for March

This week, select students were recognized as a "Wildcat of the Month". Each grade level and specials teacher chose students who were respectful, responsible, and safe throughout the entire month. These students received a certificate and will enjoy ice cream sundaes next week.

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|-----|------------|---------|-------------|
| Kdg | Ethan W.   | Art     | Jaylen M.   |
| Kdg | Samina K.  | Art     | Saron G.    |
| 1st | Elana T.   | Art     | Matthew F.  |
| 1st | Maddon V.  | Art     | Jocelyn T.  |
| 2nd | Aaden E.   | Library | Audrey N.   |
| 2nd | Anahi Z.   | Library | Ja'Tazia F. |
| 3rd | Joanna A.  | Library | Jacob H.    |
| 3rd | Sam A.     | Library | Layla B.    |
| 4th | Katlyn N.  | Music   | Saron G.    |
| 4th | Vincent S. | Music   | Baylee G.   |
| 5th | Tierney A. | Music   | Danielle K. |
| 5th | Jacob H.   | Music   | Rian T.     |
| 6th | Maddie K.  | P.E.    | Gabbi L.    |
| 6th | Devon C.   | P.E.    | Victor F.   |
|     |            | P.E.    | Marleigh A. |
|     |            | P.E.    | Tierney A.  |



## Spring Break April 10 - 14 No School

### Calendar Reminders

- April 6 Community Club Mtg 6 pm
- 10-14 Spring Break - No School
- 17 Girl Scouts 6:15 pm
- 20 New Kdg Parent Mtg 6 pm
- 27 1st & 2nd Gr Music Program 2:45 & 6:30 pm



- April 28 Kdg Rose Theatre & Elmwood Park 9 am - 12:30 pm
- 28 1st Gr. Zoo 9:15 am - 2 pm
- 28 Boys & Girls Club Closed
- May 4 Kdg Music Program 2:45 only

# Kiwanis Elementary Speech Contest

The Kiwanis Elementary Speech Contest was held Friday, March 10 at the Westside Middle School Performing Arts Center. Sixth graders from across the district prepared speeches on the topic, “Heroes and Heroines in Our Lives” and each school selected one student to attend the district contest. The first, second, and third place winners will attend a luncheon hosted by the Kiwanis on March 30 along with their classroom teacher and families. Congratulations to all students!

1st Place: Izzy Dodge, Loveland

2nd Place: JT Evans, Oakdale

3rd Place: Edward Pike, Sunset Hills

Rose Padios, Hillside

Kylin Roach, Paddock Road

Greta John, Prairie Lane

Lucy Holan, Rockbrook

Benjamin Newton, Swanson

Mia Bolamperti, Westbrook

Julia Wuestewald, Westgate

## Mathletes Competition

On Thursday, March 23, 5th and 6th grade mathletes from Oakdale, Sunset Hills, Westbrook, Westgate, Loveland, Swanson, and Rockbrook competed in the Brownell Talbot Math contest.

Students took an individual test and then worked on a team test. While the tests were being scored, students had an opportunity to earn tickets for solving math puzzles. The tickets were placed in bags for a chance to win a variety of prizes.

The “WestOakHillsBrook” team consisting of Umanga Ghimire and Tom Steele from Oakdale, Trevor Spady from Sunset, Jacob Harding from Westbook, and Reece Gifford from Westgate won 2nd place in the 6th grade division! Brianna Buscher from Sunset won 3rd place in the individual 5th grade competition.

Great job mathletes!



## Battle of the Books

On March 11, over 200 students from across all Westside elementary schools participated in Battle of the Books. Congratulations to the following students who represented Westbrook:

The Starburst: Alondra H., Jocelyn T., Hilary S., Amaya L.

Smarties: Nizar M., Scout W., Zach K., Shyann J.

Regarding the Goofy Book Worms: Linnea H., Savannah B., Abby P.



SciPop Interactive is a day of mystery and illusion featuring the science behind Harry Potter, Star Trek & comic book icons and is brought to you by the Nebraska Local Section of the American Chemical Society and the University of Nebraska in conjunction with Nebraska Science Festival. This event will be very hands on and great for any budding scientist.

## Preschool at Oakdale this Summer!

- 9:00am to 12:00pm
- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in June
- 12 sessions (June 6,7,8,13,14,15,20,21,22,27,28,29)
- \$280 (\$140 due at registration, \$140 due June 6<sup>th</sup>)
- 20 Spots available (first come, first served)
- For registration information please contact Julie Oelke at 402-390-8207

## New Kindergarten Parent Meeting

Please mark your calendar now for our parent meeting for the new kindergarteners. It will be held on April 20th at 6 pm. You will learn everything you wanted to know about sending your 5 year old to Westbrook.

Please call us if you have not already been asked about your child starting school next year.

## Earth Week April 17th-21st

**Monday-Lights Out Day**

**Tuesday-No Paper Day**

**Wednesday- Walk/Ride Your Bike to School\***

**Thursday- Team Spirit Day**

**Friday- Unhealthy Snack Day**

Those that do not live close enough to walk can be dropped off down by the Westside ball fields. There will be Westbrook staff there at 8:20 to walk with them



## Classroom Request Information

It is that time of year when parents begin thinking about making formal classroom requests for the next school year. During May, the teachers at each grade level, specialist teachers, and Mrs. Vann will begin building class lists for the next year using the following criteria:

- Male/female ratio
- Different academic levels of students including those in special education
- ELL, Academic Interventions, and the EY program
- Matching individual learning styles with teaching styles as best we can
- Keeping classroom dynamics in balance (behavior, social, emotional, and personality considerations among students)

As you can see, a great deal of thought and effort goes into making these class lists. Granting every request would undo the long process that has been carefully put together and jeopardize the integrity of that work. In addition, children need to work in and with a variety of circumstances now and in the future, both in terms of personnel and environment.

If you have some unusual circumstances that you feel you must address, please do the following:

- Make a formal request in writing to Mrs. Vann addressing your child's learning style and the type, not the name, of the teacher that would benefit your child (email will suffice).
- If there has been a request made in a previous year that still applies, such as not placing your child with another particular student, please make sure we are aware of the necessary details again, for placement in the 2017-2018 school year.
- Turn in the request by Friday, April 21, 2017.**
- Turning in a request does not guarantee that it will be granted.

All teachers work as a professional learning community at Westbrook. In other words, all teachers come together to collaborate about all students in their grade level to discuss the best approaches to meet the needs of all students academically, behaviorally, socially, and emotionally. Each grade level at Westbrook also incorporates flexible grouping strategies that allow students to work with other teachers in that grade level. We appreciate your understanding of the process, and we look forward to a strong finish to this year and another terrific school year for 2017-2018.



# Face Painting

## WESTSIDE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB 3RD ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

**When: Saturday, April 8th, 2017**

**Where: Westside Boys & Girls Club  
1414 Robertson Dr.**

**Time: 12 P.M. – 2:30 P.M**

Bring Your Own Basket!  
All ages!

**\*\*Parents must be present for event\*\***  
Join us for fun at the Club!

### **Free Food!!**

For more information, e-mail  
[mwilliams@bgcomaha.org](mailto:mwilliams@bgcomaha.org)

# 5th Annual Little Warriors Track Meet



**Who:** Any pre K-6th grade athlete (You do not have to go to Westside to participate)

**When:** Saturday, May 13th

## Meet Schedule:

8:30-9:00 Athlete Check In

9:00 Field Events

Running Events will follow the Field Events

**Where:** Westside High School Track

## Pre-Registration Due April 28th:

\$15 for a t-shirt and 1 event

\$25 for a t-shirt and up to 4 events

## Registration day of event:

\$5 per event (no t-shirt)

Drop off or mail to...

**Westside High School**  
**ATTN: Beth Peitzmeier**  
**8701 Pacific St.**  
**Omaha, NE 68114**

Please visit our web page to see pictures, results, and meet records.

<http://littlewarriortrackmeet.weebly.com>

Save the Date for next year's meet:

6th Annual Little Warrior Meet is tentatively scheduled for **May 12th**



All proceeds will benefit Westside Track Programs

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## Athlete Waiver

~I acknowledge that participation of my son or daughter in a track event can be a dangerous activity. I understand that risks include injury/death from such hazards as weather conditions, falls, contact with other participants, and other potential hazards.

~I acknowledge that the Little Warrior Track Meet involves strenuous physical activity and that my son or daughter is in the physical condition necessary to participate in each event.

~In consideration of allowing my son or daughter to participate in this event, I hereby release, on my own behalf and on behalf of my son or daughter, and forever discharge Westside Community Schools, along with its employees, agents and board members, from any and all liability (except liability for injuries which arising out of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct) resulting from, or in any way connected with my son or daughters participation in this event.

\*\*Please make check payable to WHS Track



# Warrior Girls Basketball Club 2017 – 2018 Tryouts

Register @ [www.warriorgirlsbball.com](http://www.warriorgirlsbball.com)

**What:** Basketball Tryouts for 2017 – 2018 teams. Practice begins in early October with the season lasting until mid-March. Teams play in approximately 25 – 30 games including three to five tournaments. Register online at [www.warriorgirlsbball.com](http://www.warriorgirlsbball.com)

**When:** April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 1:00 to 3:00 (Check-In begins at 12:30) AND  
April 30<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 to 3:00 (Check-In begins at 12:30)

Attendance at both tryouts is required unless otherwise permitted by the team coach. Wear basketball shoes and shorts to the tryouts.

**Where:** WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

**Who:** For girls that WILL attend Westside High School\*

Tryouts are for girls ENTERING the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2017 - 2018 school year.

**Annual Participation Fee:** Non-refundable \$300 participation fee for grades 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> and \$250 for 4<sup>th</sup> grade (covers practice gym time, league fees, tourney fees, use of uniforms). Families must pay for food, travel & lodging to tournaments. \$100 due upon selection to the team (by May 31) with remainder due in September.

**You Must Register Online at [www.warriorgirlsbball.com](http://www.warriorgirlsbball.com)**

\*Our club is for girls that currently attend Westside Community Schools AND/OR will attend Westside High School. This is a feeder program for the Westside High School

Girls Basketball Program and therefore our club is intended to help groom future Westside players. We provide the opportunity to improve your skills by teaching the fundamentals, playing competitive basketball and having fun! If you enjoy basketball and would like to participate in a program with fellow Westside students that will help develop your skills, we want you at tryouts!

If you have any questions about tryouts or would like to help coach, please contact Jonathan Preister at 402-315-7627 or [warriorgirlsbasketballclub@gmail.com](mailto:warriorgirlsbasketballclub@gmail.com).

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