

# The Wildcat

August 20, 2021

Deadline for the August 27, 2021 Wildcat will be Wednesday, August 25 at 8:30 A.M.

Please call the Attendance Line
982-3950 - Option #I
if your child will be absent or tardy from school.
Office #982-3975
Jeffco Web Page:
http://westridge.jeffcopublicschools.org/

### Thursday, August 26th

11:00 - 9:00 Papa John's Day

### Monday, August 30th

Assessment Day - no regular classes K-2

### Friday, September 3rd

Assessment Day - no regular classes K-5

**Thank You Families, Students, and Staff!** Our opening of the school year has been energetic and joyful. That happens when all of us work together for student success. I have loved seeing our students enjoying lunch outside with friends, creating gratitude projects in classrooms, and getting to know our structures at Westridge.

**First Day of Kindergarten:** Besides wearing my new shoes on the first day of school, the first day of Kindergarten is the most exciting day! It was a pleasure to meet families at our Tea and Tissues event Thursday morning. Students are off to a wonderful beginning with us at Westridge. Special appreciation to our PTA for sponsoring this event.

#### **Mood Meter**

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jM-uSe2lrJpAn6sa-3YJW4mhAfXu5CyfbWSNddcZnis/edit

This tool is wonderful and one way we help students learn a variety of strategies to check in with their feelings, name them, and have a sense of how to move forward during their day at school. I encourage you to try this at home and see how it impacts conversations about school and the emotions that we all experience.

**Code of Conduct Visits**: Next week I will be visiting classrooms with Ms. Erin Shea, our Social Emotional Learning Specialist. This will provide an opportunity to talk with children about expectations schoolwide so that all of us respect one another, stay safe, and to know what to do when support is needed. The Jefferson County Public Schools Code of Conduct is linked as a resource for your family <a href="Here">Here</a>. Additionally, I have linked resources about restorative practices which will help to guide our routines helping students repair conflict with others.

https://teamjeffco.jeffcopublicschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=2918833&pageId=7450674

**Watch D.O.G. Dads!** We are excited to bring back the DOGS! If you would like to help us with morning meet and greet support, reading with students during the day, lunch/recess, or other school related activities, this is your chance to show off your cool talents. Access this link to sign up and we will schedule a meeting coming soon!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QbfpVIJK0thwPO8xl2wDx1677Dkyd KCblztAe69UV8/edit?usp=sharing

## ASSESSMENT DAYS AUGUST 30th and SEPTEMBER 3rd

\_\_\_\_\_As a result of the Colorado Basic Literacy Act and the need to assess each student's reading abilities with individualized assessments, it is necessary that we schedule our students for individual assessment times on Monday, August 30th and Friday, September 3rd. Parents of students in grades K-2 will select an assessment time on this Sign Up Genius. Fall Assessment Days Aug. 30 & Sept. 3

Students in grades 3, 4, & 5 do not select an assessment time, but will come for a full school day (8:30am - 3:00pm) on Monday, August 30th, for MAP testing. Any students in grades 3 - 5 who need additional assessments scheduled for Friday, September 3rd, will be notified by their teacher.

There will be no regular school on either August 30th or September 3rd. We understand that this might be inconvenient for some parents, but in order to be in compliance with the Literacy Act, these individual assessments are necessary. We thank you for your cooperation in regard to these assessment days.

### PARENT/TEACHER CURRICULUM NIGHT

Curriculum Night is scheduled for September 21, 2021 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. Parents will have an opportunity to meet their child's teacher and learn about curriculum and classroom expectations.

### Westridge Elementary After School Enrichment Programs

Flyers for each of these programs can be found here or in the PDF document attached in this School Messenger announcement.

### Westridge After School Enrichment Clubs

Monday: Imagine Art

Beginning September 20, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Strategic Kids Lego Class

Beginning September 16, 3:05 – 4:05 pm

Tuesday: Science Matters in America

Beginning September 14, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Colorado Taekwondo Institute, in gym Beginning in September, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Wednesday: Strategic Lego Chess Class

Beginning September 8, 3:05 – 4:05 pm

Thursday: Kid Stage, in music room

Beginning September 9, 3:00 – 4:30 pm

### **Westridge PTA Happenings**

**August 20th, 2021** 

www.facebook.com/groups/257696868179603 www.WestridgePTA.com



PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

### WELCOME to the 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR!

# WELCOME BACK! We're glad you're here!

A BIG Westridge WELCOME to our students & families! We know this year is going to be a great one!

GO WILDCATS!!!

### Papa John's Restaurant Night

Join us to raise some 'dough' and eat pizza on Thursday August 26th for Westridge Papa John's restaurant night! Hope to see you there!

See information below in Wildcat...





### Join the Westridge PTA, TODAY!

Be 'in the know'! We would love to meet you! See PTA website above!

#### Westridge SPIRIT WEAR!!!

The online store is open and ready for

- business! Here's a link to order your Westridge Spirit wear!
  - https://westridgefall2021.itemorder.com/

### PTA Dates to Know!

Thursday, August 26th: Papa John's Pizza restaurant night
Thursday, September 2nd: SPIRIT DAY!

### Coming SOON!

The Westridge PTA was able to purchase 8 new picnic tables for having lunch outside or just for hanging out with friends! How awesome is that?! Be on the lookout for these newest additions around the school...



### 2021-2022 Westridge PTA Meeting Schedule



PTA Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. In person meetings are held in the library.

- September 14, 2021
- October 12, 2021
- November 9, 2021
- January 11, 2022
- February 8, 2022
- March 8, 2022
- April 12, 2022
- May 10, 2022

### Westridge PTA Value Statement

The mission of Westridge PTA is to connect and appreciate the parents, teachers and students of Westridge by supporting their growth and potential through engaging activities, empowering them to use their passion and talent to better our school and community. We give support to engaging activities, which build positive relationships, ignite innovation, and support all types of learning.



### Hello Westridge Families!

Welcome back! You are invited to be a part of the PTA whether you are a parent, grandparent, family member, or teacher at Westridge. I look forward to seeing you all again!

Thank you for your contributions to Westridge. No matter how big or small, you make a difference in the lives of our kiddos.

I'm looking forward to supporting you as PTA President again this year! This will be my 4<sup>th</sup> and last year as President. I'd love a chance to get to know you, and I sincerely hope that you take some time to sit in on meetings this year, learn about our amazing school, and hopefully join the PTA!

Please join us on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the school library. You'll get great information about our school and have your opinion heard. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or ideas!

Here's looking forward to an amazing 2021/22 school year!

Sincerely,
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PTA President Westridge Elementary
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INVITE OTHERS to participate. Friends and family can help too! 2% donation on any purchase; 4% on Beautyrest or Serta mattresses!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Order online or over the phone, for Delivery or Carryout – all day long!

**Thursday, August 26** 

20% of sales will be donated to Westridge Elementary

When ordering, mention or enter promo code: SCHOOL3

to receive credit.

Denver, 8555 W Belleview Ave, Suite A-2, 303-932-8200

@PapaJohns.com

Promo code must be used in order for the school to receive credit. Valid with all offers.

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