



# The Wildcat

September 3, 2021

Deadline for the September 10, 2021 Wildcat will be  
Wednesday, September 8th, at 8:30 A.M.

Please call the Attendance Line  
982-3950 - Option #1  
if your child will be absent or tardy from school.  
Office #982-3975  
Jeffco Web Page:  
<http://westridge.jeffcopublicschools.org/>

## **Monday, September 6th**

Labor Day Holiday - No School

## **Tuesday, September 7th**

9:30 - 10:00 Virtual Author Visit for K-2, Susan Verde, and her new book I Am Courage

3:00 - 3:50 Colorado Taekwondo Institute in Gym

## **Wednesday, September 8th**

3:05 - 4:05 Strategic Lego in Art Room

## **Thursday, September 9th**

11:00 - 8:00 Restaurant Day @ Modern Market

1:30 Big Kahuna Fundraiser Virtual kick-off assembly

## **Friday, September 10th**

Hello Westridge Families and Community!

As I begin my fourth year with you and your amazing students as Principal of Westridge Elementary, I am feeling energized and positive about our goals to support all students to be successful each day. I am passionate about creating a school that is inclusive, joyful, and driven to help students, staff, and families realize their full potential as well as use their strengths to support our community.

One of my favorite quotes right now is from Ted Lasso, the head coach in the series, "Ted Lasso." The quote states, "Be curious, not judgemental," and is my anchor as a leader. If you have not tapped into this show, try to do so as there are so many tangible life lessons that align to our community. When I am in classrooms or outside with students, I ask questions like, "What are your talents? What are you curious about? Tell me about a positive experience today..." It has been a pleasure to connect with your students and all of you!

Below are some ways to get Involved with our amazing school:

**Equity Diversity Inclusion Task Force:** First Meeting is Tuesday, September 28 @ 6pm in the Library or Virtual- (still to be determined) [EDI Family Task Force](#)

**School Accountability Committee:** Begins Sept. 14 @ 5:30 in the Library

**PTA:** Begins Sept 14 @ 6:30 in the Library

**Volunteer in classrooms:** Contact our office to sign up! We look forward to your phone call!

**W.A.T.C.H. D.O.G.S.:** [Watch Dog Dads](#)

**100 Mile Club:** Our start date will be Monday, [Sep 13, 2021](#)

**A few other notes:**

**Safety:** Families, thank you for using the Kiss and Go Lane and parking area of our school properly. Parking or drop off behind our school is prohibited. We appreciate your support and keeping our school boundaries secure.

**Masks:** We are delighted that our students are wearing masks properly during the school day.

Here are a few reminders of how you can help support us in this important safety measure:

- **Pack an extra mask with your child to have at school.**
- Remind them to wear a mask over their nose and mouth when inside the school at all times. Proper use of masks dramatically reduces COVID-19 spread.
- Remind your student that they are responsible for keeping their mask with them at lunch and recess times.

**Outdoor learning seating and construction volunteers needed:** Our benches have been delivered and we need help in building them! If you are interested and can give your time and energy, please email our principal directly at [jstein@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:jstein@jeffco.k12.co.us)

### **Upcoming opportunities to talk with Principal Stein:**

(All sessions will be held from 8:15-8:45 outside at the flagpole as long as weather permits.)

Principal Stein's 2nd Cup of Coffee series will begin on the following dates. The sessions are provided so that families have an opportunity to participate in question and answer sessions and to learn more about goals to support student success in academics and social emotional learning.

Friday, Sep 24, 2021

Friday, Oct 15, 2021

### **Gifted and Talented Resources for Families to Start the School Year:**

From the Jefferson County Association for Gifted Children (JAGC): As we begin the school year, you may have questions about who in your school can provide academic and/or social and emotional support. Here is a list of Jeffco Gifted & Talented (GT) contacts to find yours: [GT Resource Teachers/Building Leaders/GT Counselors](#)

These staff members are available to support students:

**GT Social Emotional Learning Counselors:** Counselors support the academic, career, and social/emotional development for students through classroom guidance lessons, small groups, and individual student meetings.

**Nurses:** While school nurses do not provide direct, clinical support in the terms of mental health therapy, they do provide social emotional wellness support.

**Psychologists and Social Workers:** Psychologists and social workers generally work with students with more specifically defined academic and/or social/emotional/behavioral needs as identified in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan, as determined by the school's Special Education team. These needs are typically addressed in smaller group settings and/or with individual students. \*\*\*\****At this time, Westridge is working with the district to fill this position.***\*\*\*\*

**GT Resource Teachers (RT):** A GT Resource Teacher provides services to students, teachers, administrators, and parents in order to meet individual students' needs. GT Resource Teachers serve many schools and are not at any school on a full-time basis.

Read more about [mental health support](#) in Jeffco

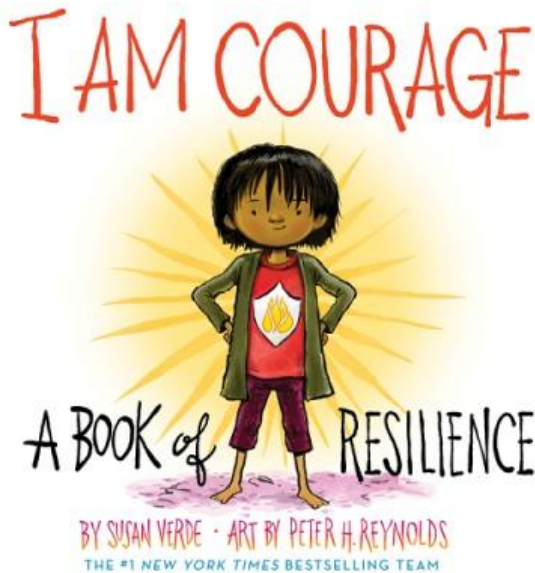
[Jeffco mental health wellness resources](#)

[Jeffco student mental health wellness resources](#)

JAGC is a nonprofit organization that supports families and educators of advanced learners - students with Advanced Learning Plans and those identified as Gifted & Talented. Contact JAGC with any questions, visit our [website](#), or join us on [Facebook](#).



BookBar is pleased to bring author Susan Verde virtually to Westridge Elementary for grades **K-2 on Tuesday, September 7**. Susan is celebrating her book's birthday and newly released, *I Am Courage*, and is ready to share her writing and craft with the students. This is an opportunity not to miss! **BookBar will discount the books 25%.**



Encourage kids to find their inner strength with this companion to the *New York Times* bestsellers *I Am Human* and *I Am Love!*

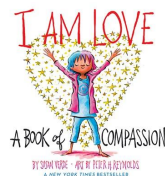
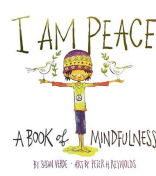
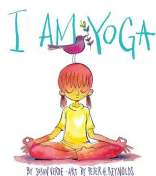
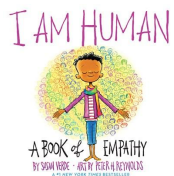
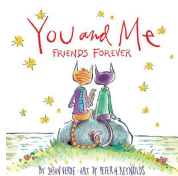
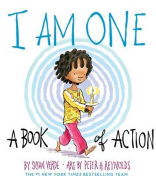
*I move ahead one breath at a time.  
I act with bravery.  
I am courage.*

When we picture someone brave, we might think they're fearless; but real courage comes from feeling scared and facing what challenges us anyway. When our minds tell us "I can't," we can look inside ourselves and find the strength to say, "Yes, I CAN!"

From the *New York Times* bestselling team behind the "I Am" series comes a triumphant celebration of everyday courage: believing in ourselves, speaking out, trying new things, asking for help, and getting back up no matter how many times we may fall. Grounded in mindfulness and awareness, *I Am Courage* is an empowering reminder that we can conquer anything. Inside, you'll also find exercises to inspire confidence.

***I Am Courage*** is available to purchase online at **BookBardenver.com** for 25% OFF \$14.99

Please write **WESTRIDGEDELIVERY** in the comment section. **Please note: this is NOT a coupon code and you must put the code in the COMMENT BOX when placing your order. We will apply the discount when we process your order. Include your student's name and classroom in the comment box for extra-smooth delivery. Thank you!**



**Additional Susan Verde books are also available for a 25% school discount!** contact [marilyn@bookbardenver.com](mailto:marilyn@bookbardenver.com) for more information or questions

## *Westridge Elementary After School Enrichment Programs*

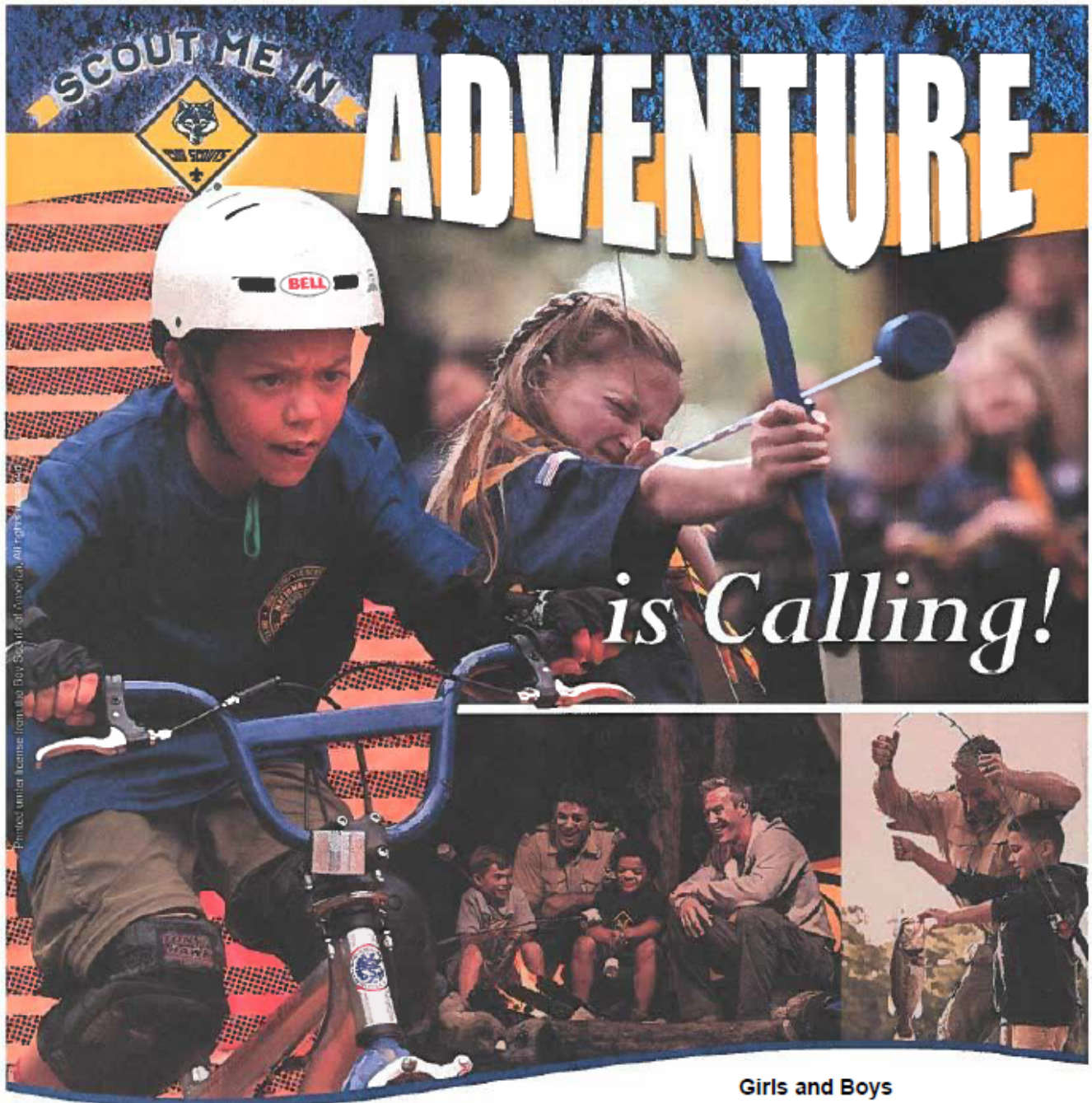
All of our After School Enrichment programs will be dismissed by the program directors from the front entrance to the school.

Please meet your child outside of the main doors.

- Monday: Imagine Art: Room C-7  
Beginning September 20, 3:00 - 4:00 pm
- Strategic Kids Chess: Library  
Beginning September 13, 3:05 – 4:05 pm
- Tuesday: Science Matters in America: Art Room  
Beginning September 14, 3:00 – 4:00 pm
- Colorado Taekwondo Institute: Gym  
Beginning September 7, 3:00 – 3:50 pm
- Wednesday: Strategic Lego: Art Room  
Beginning September 8, 3:05 – 4:05 pm
- Thursday: Kid Stage: Music Room  
Beginning September 16, 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Flyers for these programs can be found on our school website <https://westridge.jeffcopublicschools.org/>  
> Clubs & Programs > Westridge Elementary After School Enrichment Programs





**Girls and Boys  
Kindergarten to 5th Grade are Welcome!**

**Family Orientation/ Join Night**  
**When: Wednesday Sept. 8, 2021**  
**Time: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Where: Westridge Elementary School - Gym**

Want to see what we do?  
Come to our Monthly Pack Meeting at Westridge Gym  
on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Or call Chris Naber at 720-840-5326 or Email at [cnaber00@gmail.com](mailto:cnaber00@gmail.com) for more information

## **Westridge PTA Happenings**

September 3rd, 2021

[www.facebook.com/groups/257696868179603](http://www.facebook.com/groups/257696868179603)

[www.WestridgePTA.com](http://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.



### **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

### **PTA Dates to Know!**

**Thursday, September 9th: Modern Market Restaurant Day**

**Tuesday, September 14th: PTA Meeting@ 6:30 pm in Library**

### **Join Westridge PTA**

The Westridge PTA wants YOU! Sign up today or come and sit in our first in person meeting on September 14th... See PTA link above for more details!



### **Modern Market Restaurant Day**



**Eat lunch and or dinner and support Westridge at our Modern Market restaurant day! September 9th from 11am-8pm...see details below!**



**Terracycle is HERE! Please see details below about how you can help support this amazing program!**

### **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.



Help Westridge Go Green! and earn dollars for our school!

TERRACYCLE is a free program that upcycles difficult to recycle materials into new products. Our school earns dollars for collecting and sending in our trash. Please help by bringing your items to the classroom or school lobby bins.

**TERRACYCLE TIPS:**

- Please rinse containers and remove as much product as possible.
  - Create a bin for collecting items at home.
- Talk to your hairdresser, dentist office, and your workplace about setting up a bin to collect items for our school!

Here are accepted items for TERRACYCLE collection:



All Burt's Bees products.



ONLY Aussie brand hair product bottles.



All brands of empty writing instruments, glue sticks, watercolor dispensers, paint sets, and flexible packaging.



All brands of pouches.





All Bimbo USA bread, buns, bagels, and English muffin bags.

Brands include Thomas, Oroweat, Sara Lee, Entenmann's, Ball Park and Boboli.



All brands of oral care products and packaging they came in.



All brands of aluminium and plastic drink pouches.



All Kroger packaging; Simple Truth, Private Selection, Kroger, Comforts, Hemis Fares, Luvsome, Abound and other Kroger Co brands flexible plastic packaging.



Join us at  
**Modern Market**  
**8501 W Bowles Avenue, Suite 2030, Littleton, CO, US 80123**  
**September 9th, 2021**  
**11:00am – 8:00pm**

A portion of the amount earned will be returned to  
Westridge Elementary  
Come out and show your support!

**Check out the menu for lunch, dinner, OR both!**  
<https://modernmarket.com/42710/menu/lunch-dinner>

Hope to see you there...



# SCHOOL PARTNERS! LET'S RALLY TOGETHER!

Mention your school at check-out.



**THROUGH AUGUST!**

Purchases supporting your school through August earns a chance to win a



Purchases anytime of the year count!  
**BUT, let's RALLY to kick off and  
Support your new school year!**

Purchase ONLINE at [AFW.com](http://AFW.com), at any store, or by phone at 800-992-7997.

**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!