



The Wildcat

September 10, 2021

Deadline for the September 17, 2021 Wildcat will be
Wednesday, September 15th, 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 13th

3:05 - 4:05 Strategic Chess in the Library

Tuesday, September 14th

3:00 - 3:50 Taekwondo in the Gym
3:00 - 4:00 Science Matters in the Art Room
5:30 - 6:00 School Accountability Committee
6:30 - 7:30 PTA Meeting in the Library

Wednesday, September 15th

Thursday, September 16th

3:00 - 4:30 Kid Stage in the Music Room

Friday, September 17th

2:00 Conference Sign Up Genius Opens



Westridge Families,

The launch of PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support System) is beginning with our staff and students!

What is PBIS? We are using the acronym “DRIVE” and emphasizing the following values:

Diligence: We are working hard to be great students and teachers by practicing routines and learning expectations.

Respect: We will treat all humans with kindness by allowing all to access learning opportunities, friendships, and safe behaviors across the community landscape.

Integrity: Even when others are not watching us, we are focused on learning, acting in a kind way, and using appropriate language to express our ideas, thoughts, and feelings.

Valuing People: We celebrate together, gather with purpose, and ensure that Westridge is an inclusive community.

Empathy: When we walk in someone else’s shoes, we learn the value of multiple perspectives and become better communicators, citizens, and learners.

Valuing Our People: A huge shout out to our volunteers so far this year. When the Pandemic began, we went remote. Once we returned in person, we still needed to teach and do our work without all of our wonderful volunteers helping and having access to our classrooms and spaces for support. Being together this year, even as the Pandemic is still in full swing, has been a wonderful silver lining to our staff.

Our 100 Mile Club will be once again facilitated by our beloved Mr. Butterfield who has been working in our classrooms, cafeteria, and anywhere needed since opening day this year.

Through it all, our PTA has been remarkable at problem solving and bringing resources like these benches (see picture above) into reality.

Now our outdoor spaces will be enhanced with seating for lunches as well as learning opportunities. I am so proud of and feel great gratitude for our community.

BIG KAHUNA FUNDRAISER

Our Big Kahuna Fundraiser is going on now and we would love your support! Fundraising packets went home yesterday, September 9th. If you can't seem to find it, or need a second one, we have them available in the school office.

Your child should have Hedgehogz Collectible tickets that are to be filled out and signed by you when they sell the amount listed on the ticket. Students can earn up to 15 Collectibles. In addition to prizes students earn based on the amount of items sold, we will be conducting drawings every day for amazing gift cards, ping pong matches with Principal Stein, a mechanics adventure with Mr. B and a pizza lunch with Principal Stein! So make sure they turn their tickets in daily as they sell. For our Grand Prizes, we will have a drawing for any student who sells 15 or more items on October 18th. There will be an EZ Roller Drifter, a light up Boom Box, wireless headphones, and a waterproof fitness tracker!

All order forms are to be turned into the school office by Tuesday, September 21st.

Thank you in advance for your efforts in making this a great fundraiser for our school.

DONATIONS IN LIEU OF FUNDRAISING

We are happy to take donations in lieu of fundraising. If you or family members would like to make a donation, please feel free to send a check to the school office, or you may call Lisa Skidmore at 303-982-3975.

FALL CONFERENCES:

As fall approaches, it is time to plan for Parent/Teacher Conferences, October 4th and 6th. Beginning the evening of Friday, September 17th, through first thing Monday, September 27th, we will be providing an on-line sign-up through Sign Up Genius.

- An upcoming family learning opportunity, GT Information Night, is taking place on Wednesday, September 15. View this [informational flier](#) and please visit [this website](#) for more information.



**Join us to learn more about
GT Center and identification opportunities!**

SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

6:00pm

Face to Face and Virtual Sessions available:

Evergreen Middle School

Ken Caryl Middle School

North Arvada Middle School

Jeffco Ed Center Boardroom

***For more information and to access our Virtual Link, please visit
our website:***

<https://tinyurl.com/y689up>

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 October 27, 3:05 – 4:05 pm
Strategic Kids had some unexpected staff changes that made them unable to staff their first session of LEGO at Westridge Elementary. They look forward to returning to Westridge for session #2 in October.

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

Westridge PTA Happenings

September 10th, 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.

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!

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



Join the Westridge PTA

Our first meeting is September 14th, come and see what's new and exciting for this year! See PTA link above for more details.

Parent Teacher Conference Dinner Donations



PTA will be taking donations to provide a hot meal to our wonderful teachers and staff during P/T Conferences. See information and link below, thank you!

Terracycle

Please continue sending in items for Terracycle! See details below about how you can help.



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.

Capture Your Memories in This Year's Westridge Elementary Yearbook

10% OFF

purchase by
September 30



Purchase by September 30th to get 10% OFF

Customize Your 2 Free Pages

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.
- Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.
- The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

1 Go to www.treering.com/validate

2 Enter your school's passcode:
1014092751221632

Regular Price: \$22.00

*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

TreeRing



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.



Teacher Conference Dinner Donations

Parent/Teacher Conferences are October 4th and 6th. Due to Covid restrictions, PTA will not have the usual potluck dinner for the teachers. Please help us in providing a delicious meal to all teachers and staff who will be working long evenings. Check out the link and please consider donating!

Here is the donation link:

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/TF43A2GPQ5V0T/checkout/BA3MOE4BU4BZIVHGTAJIURD6>