



# The Wildcat

November 19, 2021

Deadline for the December 3, 2021 Wildcat will be  
Wednesday, December 1st, at 8:30 A.M.

Please call the Attendance Line  
982-3950 - Option #  
if your child will be absent or tardy from school.

Office #982-3975

Jeffco Web Page:

<http://westridge.jeffcopublicschools.org/>



November 22 - 26

**Monday, November 29th**

3:05 - 4:05 Strategic Chess in Library

**Tuesday, November 30th**

3:00 - 3:50 Taekwondo in the Gym

**Wednesday, December 1st**

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

**Thursday, December 2nd**

6:30 - 7:30 Kid Stage Performance of "The Infamous Shoe Gang"

**Friday, December 3rd**

Spirit Day

Hello Westridge Families,

Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday week. I am grateful for being able to lead such a kind, inclusive, and caring community. The first half of this school year has been successful; here are a few highlights:

- New technology in 14 classrooms.
- The first live music show in two years.
- We are still IN PERSON which is truly a team effort.
- Increased enrollment from last year with the addition of 26 students to increase the school based budget.
- New Restorative Practice Liaison position to support positive behavior school-wide. This is a full time position made possible from increased enrollment.
- Launch of a new positive behavioral support program called DRIVE now taking shape in all classrooms. (see SAC slides for details).

As always, we have an amazing group of educators, students, and families at Westridge to support and grow each child. Thank you again for the continued support.


- Principal Jonathan Andrew Stein

**COVID-19:** Westridge is doing its best to keep everyone safe and ensure that we mitigate the virus to the greatest extent.

- Stay home and keep kids home when symptomatic. Cold symptoms mimic COVID so we have to recognize that a stuffy nose and soar throat can be things to send a student home for the day.
- After Thanksgiving Break: If you are planning to travel or have a large gathering, please know that rapid tests are available and I encourage you to use them before we come back to school. It can really help keep everyone safe.
- Vaccines: Kids are now able to get the vaccine. This is another major strategy to keep the virus from spreading and to keep the sickness, if infected, to a lower degree of severity.

Thank you! As Principal, I get tested on a regular basis to ensure that I can visit classrooms and support our kids and staff. We appreciate the amazing support during the Pandemic. I am looking into ideas to fund the allocation for Hepa Filters in classrooms for December as a strategy to keep us safe.

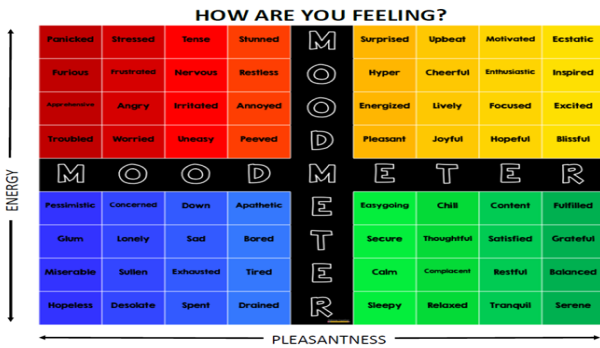
### **School Accountability Meetings Rock!**

 SAC Meeting The slides are from this month's School Accountability Meeting (SAC) meeting. We discussed that our #1 goal this year is care and concern for social emotional wellness for all students. The meetings for School Accountability are a place to hear important information regarding our goals, planning, and ideas to grow great students. This is also a place to meet families and provide input about our planning and procedures.

**Report Cards:** Student report cards are now completed and ready for you to review. If you have any questions, connect with your child's teacher. We focus on student growth throughout the school year.

If a child has a 1 or a 2 in an area, know that students will continue to improve their skills in this new trimester.

**Upcoming Interest Nights:** We are excited to welcome new Kindergarten families for a Westridge Interest Night on December 15, 2021 @ 6p.m. We would love help spreading the word on Nextdoor Sites and word of mouth with friends who are looking at the best Kindergarten option for next school year.



**Social Emotional Learning Tips: Accountability, Repair and Care:**

Using a Mood Meter can help your child learn and use language that shares their feelings in an appropriate and clear way. We use this tool at our staff meetings and discuss ways in which we all can improve our mood when we do positive things for our students and each other.

We also believe in the power of **Restorative Practices.**

When kids have a conflict, we teach students how to take ownership, find a way to fix the problem, and then go back to class with a positive attitude. When a child struggles with this process, we allow time and space for them to process. This process helps to eliminate bullying behaviors and give students a chance to see that we can learn and grow from our mistakes.

**Winter Assessments:** Students will be taking mid year assessments in math and reading in the month of December. Teachers will be sending home results of this data so that you are informed.

**Technology Improvements:** We are excited to bring 7 more Mimeo boards to Westridge! These large smart screens replace projectors and older equipment in order to enhance educational functionality for teachers and students.



## Chromebook Care Reminders

As we enter Thanksgiving Break we wanted to share a few Chromebook care reminders. We have had several devices coming in with broken screens and damage due to food and water. We need your help to keep our devices in good working order. Thank you for your help!

Your device is your responsibility. Like library books and other school-owned items, students are responsible for damage to their devices.

Here are some tips for how to keep them safe and prevent damage:

## General Care

- Keep your device in its protective cover
- Keep food and drinks away from your device
- Do not expose your device to excessive heat or cold (hot cars are bad for devices!)
- Do not stack heavy objects (like multiple books in a backpack) on top of your device
- Keep your device out of reach of Fido and Fluffy
- Handle your device gently
- Plug and unplug cords from your device carefully
- Do not place your device on an uneven surface where it might fall
- Beware of cord placement and walking paths; someone might trip on your cord and pull your device off of a table or desk

## Screens

- Don't hold your device by the screen
- Don't carry your device with the screen open
- Don't store your device with the screen open
- Before closing the screen, make sure nothing is on the keyboard
- Close the lid of your device gently
- Clean your screen with a soft, dry microfiber or anti-static cloth

## Battery Life and System Updates

- Do not let your battery get below a 5% charge
- Make sure your device is fully charged at the beginning of each day
- Shut down or reboot your device weekly to load updates

## Security

- Keep track of your device at all times
- Do not leave your device in an unsupervised location
- Do not give out your password or let someone else use your login information
- Do not remove school or district labels from your device
- Do not install unauthorized apps on your device

## **PARENTING WITH LOVE AND LOGIC**

The Dakota Ridge Area Social Emotional Learning Specialists (SELS) are thinking of starting up "Parenting with Love and Logic" classes. We would love some feedback about your interest level for this learning opportunity, as well as which days and times would be best for those who are interested. We'd be very grateful for any guidance you can give us by filling out this form to help us plan. Thank you!

**[Parenting with Love and Logic Interest Survey](#)**

ADULTS ONLY, NO STUDENTS PLEASE....

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at WESTRIDGE ELEMENTARY

on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021

10:45 AM - 1:15 PM



Tacos

- **Shrimp Taco - \$5**
  - A Fan Favorite - Sweet Chili Shrimp with House-made Coleslaw
- **BLT Taco - \$5**
  - Carnitas-style Pork Belly, Pickled Green Tomatoes, with Sriracha Aioli
- **Teriyaki Chicken - \$4**
  - Teriyaki chicken breast, pineapple, cilantro
- **Barbacoa "Cheese Steak" Taco - \$5**
  - Shredded beef with with Queso and Crispy Onions
- **Veggie taco - \$3**
  - Smoked Hominy, green chili strips, corn salsa, cotija cheese
- **Gringo Taco - \$4**
  - Ground beef, cheddar, house salsa

Fries

- **Seasoned Fried - \$4**
- **Nacho Fries - \$8**
  - Queso, Pico De Gallo, Sour Cream
- **Add Protein:**
  - Barbacoa - +\$5
  - Carnitas - +\$4
  - Chicken - +\$4
  - Shrimp - +\$4

Side of Guacamole - \$3

Side of Sour Cream - \$1

Drinks - \$2

Chips and Guacamole - \$5

Churros

with chocolate dulce de leche - \$5

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## Westridge PTA Happenings

November 19th, 2021

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[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.**

- January 11, 2022
- February 8, 2022
- March 8, 2022
- April 12, 2022
- May 10, 2022

### PTA Dates to Know!

Friday, December 3rd: **Spirit Day!**

Thursday, December 9th: **Five Guys Restaurant Night! 3-9pm**

### Five Guys Restaurant Night!

After the week of delicious Thanksgiving goodies...join us at FIVE GUYS for some burgers and fries on



**December 9th, 3-9pm!**

### SPIRIT DAY!



**On Friday December 3rd, wear your school colors for Westridge Spirit Day!**

We are so thankful for YOU Westridge! Thank you for helping to support and partner with us this year! **Have a wonderful break!**



### 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.

**Westridge PTA Restaurant Night**

**Five Guys Burgers and Fries**

**98 Wadsworth Blvd**

**Lakewood, CO 80226**



**Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**3pm – 9pm**

**Be sure to mention 'WESTRIDGE'**

**THANK YOU for your support!!!**