



The Wildcat

February 11, 2022

Deadline for the February 18, 2022 Wildcat will be
Wednesday, February 16th , 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, February 14th

3:00 - 4:00 Imagine Arts Academy in C7

3:05 - 4:05 Strategic Chess in Library

Tuesday, February 15th

3:00 - 3:50 Taekwondo in Gym

3:00 - 4:00 Science Matters in Art Room

Wednesday, February 16th

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

Thursday, February 17th

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

Hello Westridge Families,

You have probably heard about changes to mask mandates coming into effect. I wanted to update you about how all of this applies to Jeffco Public Schools and specifically Westridge Elementary.

Effective Saturday, February 12, masks are no longer required, but highly encouraged, in all district schools and buildings.

- *Masks will be optional. This applies to all students (preschool-12th grade), staff, families, and visitors in all district schools and buildings as well as students, staff, or visitors during athletics and activities.*
- *Masks continue to be required on district buses, as required by federal law.*

We recognize some staff and students may choose to continue wearing a mask while in school or district buildings. As always, our schools and classrooms will provide a safe and welcoming environment for all students and staff. Behavior such as “mask shaming” will not be tolerated.

This means that staff and students will have the option to attend school with or without a mask. Teachers and I will be communicating clearly with students that wearing or not wearing a mask is a personal choice. We will not tolerate anyone teasing, taunting, harassing, or pressuring others to make a specific choice with regards to wearing a mask or not. You will see some staff wearing masks and others who choose not to. Teachers and staff may also choose to wear a mask during certain parts of the day and not others. For example, a teacher may choose to remove their mask at the front of the room while they are at least 3 feet away from students but put it back on when they are working closely with a student at a table.

We will continue with other mitigation efforts such as frequent hand-washing and cleaning classrooms frequently. At this time, we do not have guidance about what the repeal of the mask mandate means for quarantine or isolation periods.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Jonathan Stein

Guidance for Discussing Mask Choice with Students

Community Circles Talking Points:

- Since masks are no longer required, but are still highly encouraged, different families will make different choices about whether their student wears a mask or not. We are all Westridge Wildcats which means we will exhibit DRIVE in all things. This includes honoring ALL of our family's decisions about whether or not students will wear masks at school.
- Some of our families may decide to have their student(s) wear masks, and other families will decide that their student(s) don't have to wear them. No matter what families decide for their students, we will be respectful of everyone's reasons, even if we disagree.
- People disagree. Conflict is a normal part of life. We often think of conflict as a bad thing, but really it just means that people have different thoughts and opinions. We can still work together and continue to be friends when we disagree about things.
 - Can you think of an example from your own life where you have disagreed with someone and you're still friends?

| Masks | |
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| Diligence | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● If you choose to wear a mask, wear it correctly for the whole day except when given permission (lunch, recess). |
| Respect | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Honor and accept everyone's decision. |
| Integrity | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Honor people's privacy about why their family has made the choice they have made. |
| Value People | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Continue to include everyone, regardless of their mask choice. |
| Empathy | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Stand up for students who are being challenged about their mask choice. |

Paper copies of this T-Shirt Order Forms should be in your child's Friday Folder.
Since Friday, April 29th is a Modified Contact Day at Westridge,
we will celebrate Day Without Hate on Thursday, April 28th.

A DAY WITHOUT HATE

2022 T-shirt Order Form

A Day Without Hate is a student-led, grassroots organization that promotes nonviolence, respect, and unity within our schools. Help your child join his/her fellow students district wide to help end school violence and promote peace. By encouraging students to be tolerant, friendly and kind, and teaching them that there are non-violent solutions to problems, hopefully as a community we can create a better world. Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors for their efforts in promoting peace in their high schools and communities. The price of the T-shirt is \$6 for both youth and adult sizes. Please make your check payable to WESTRIDGE ELEMENTARY and return your order form by Monday, March 7, 2022. Your child will receive his/her shirt by April 22nd and it can be worn on Thursday, April 28th.

Youth (\$6) S (6-8) _____ M (10-12) _____ L (14-16) _____

Adult (\$6) S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____ 4XL _____ 5XL _____

Total Shirts Ordered: _____ Check Amount: _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher's Name: _____



A limited number of shirts will be available on-line at www.daywithouthatejeffco.com on April 22nd. A UPS shipping charge will apply.



Advancing Colorado's health and protecting the places we live, learn, work and play

Dear parents/guardians of students in Colorado kindergarten - 12th grade schools for the 2022-23 school year:

We know you're thinking of all the things you need to do to make sure your student is ready for school. Getting vaccinated is an important part of their school readiness and keeps children from catching and spreading diseases that can make them sick and potentially disrupt in-person learning. We wish you and your student a healthy school year!

Required and recommended vaccines

- Colorado law requires students who attend a public, private, or parochial kindergarten - 12th grade school to be vaccinated against many of the diseases that vaccines can prevent, unless a *Certificate of Exemption* is filed. For more information, visit cdphe.colorado.gov/schoolrequiredvaccines. Your student must be vaccinated against:
 - Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap).
 - Hepatitis B (Hep B).
 - Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR).
 - Polio (IPV).
 - Varicella (chickenpox).
- Colorado follows recommendations set by CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Students must receive their final doses of DTaP, IPV, MMR, and varicella prior to kindergarten entry. Students entering sixth grade must receive one dose of Tdap vaccine prior to entry, even if they are younger than 11-years-old. You can view recommended vaccine schedules at cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/parents-adults/resources-parents.html.
- Vaccines are recommended for hepatitis A, influenza, meningococcal disease, and human papillomavirus, but are not required for school entry.

Exclusion from school

- Your student may be excluded from school if your school does not have an up-to-date *Certificate of Immunization*, *Certificate of Exemption*, or in-process plan on file for your student.
- If someone gets sick with a vaccine-preventable disease or there is an outbreak at your student's school and your student has not received the vaccine for that disease, they may be excluded from school activities. That could mean lost learning time for them and lost work and wages for you. For example, if your student has not received a MMR vaccine, they may be excluded from school for 21 days after someone gets sick with measles.

Have questions?

Talk with a healthcare provider licensed to give vaccines or your local public health agency (LPHA) about which vaccines your student needs or if you have questions. You can read about the safety and importance of vaccines at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/FAQs.html>, <https://childvaccineco.org/>, [ImmunizeForGood.com](https://immunizeforgood.com), and cdphe.colorado.gov/immunization-education.

Paying for vaccinations

If you need help finding free or low-cost vaccines and providers who give them, go to COVax4Kids.org, contact your LPHA, or call the Mile High Family Health Line at 303-692-2229 or 1-800-688-7777 to ask about Medicaid contact information. You can find your LPHA at cdphe.colorado.gov/find-your-local-public-health-agency.

Vaccination records

- Please take your student's updated *Certificate of Immunization* to school every time they receive a vaccine.
- Need to find your student's vaccine record? It may be available from the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS). Visit COVaxRecords.org for more information, including directions for how to use the CIIS Public Portal to view and print your student's vaccine record.

Exemptions

- If your student cannot get vaccines because of medical reasons, you must submit a *Certificate of Medical Exemption* to your school, signed by a health care provider licensed to give vaccines. You only need to submit this certificate once, unless your student's information or school changes. You can get the form at cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions.

- If you choose not to have your student vaccinated according to the current recommended schedule, you must submit a *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption* to your school. Nonmedical exemptions must be submitted annually at every new school year (July 1st through June 30th of the following year). There are two ways to file a nonmedical exemption.
 - File the *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption* WITH a signature from an immunizing provider, OR
 - File the *Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption* received upon the completion of our online education module.
- Downloadable certificates and our online education module are available at cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions.

How's your school doing on vaccinations?

Some parents, especially those with students who have weakened immune systems, may want to know which schools have the highest percent of vaccinated students. Schools must report immunization and exemption numbers (but not student names or birth dates) to the state health department annually. Schools do not control their specific immunization and exemption rates or establish the Vaccinated Children Standard described in §25-4-911, CRS. Schools must include their MMR immunization and exemption rates from the most recently completed school year in this letter. Schools may choose to also include immunization and exemption rates for other school-required vaccines. Additional immunization and exemption rates can be found at COVaxRates.org.

| School Name | 2020-2021 MMR Immunization Rate REQUIRED IN LETTER | 2020-2021 MMR Exemption Rate REQUIRED IN LETTER |
|---|---|--|
| Westridge Elementary | 96.68% | 3.32% |
| <i>Schools may also include the rates for the school-required vaccines shown below in this annual letter to parents/guardians</i> | | |
| Vaccinated Children Standard 95% Immunization Rate for All School-Required Vaccines | 2020-2021 DTaP/Tdap Immunization Rate | 2020-2021 DTaP/Tdap Exemption Rate |
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| | 2020-2021 HepB Immunization Rate | 2020-2021 HepB Exemption Rate |
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| | 2020-2021 IPV Immunization Rate | 2020-2021 IPV Exemption Rate |
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| | 2020-2021 Varicella Immunization Rate | 2020-2021 Varicella Exemption Rate |
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WHAT'S NEW WITH GRUB CLUB 2022?

All Monetary Donations!! A \$25 donation fills ¼ of a box of goods

1. Donate directly to Action Center...
 - a. This enables participants to provide no-contact support for Grub Club during the COVID-19 pandemic
2. <https://bit.ly/2022ActionCenterGrubClubDrive>
3. OR scan the QR code below to make a donation!



← **SCAN ME!**

DON'T FORGET TO INDICATE WHICH SCHOOL YOU'RE ASSOCIATED WITH IN THE COMMENTS SECTION OF THE DONATION FORM!

PLEASE SHARE this effort and donation link on your SOCIAL MEDIA platforms AND contact friends and family out of state. We have an incredible opportunity to gather support for this vital program BEYOND the educator universe!

Grub Club is sponsored in partnership by:



Action Center Grub Club Drive
Summer Camp and Spring Break Camp
at University of Denver



Dear Potential Parents/Guardians of P.A.S.S. Camp,

We have officially opened our P.A.S.S. CAMP registration for this summer. We are so excited for the opportunity to bring fitness, social interaction, and well-being into the lives of your kids. It is true that our program sells out, and although it is challenging to plan so far ahead, I hope you consider this program as an option for a fulfilling summer experience.

What is P.A.S.S. CAMP?

Pioneer Athletic Super Summer (P.A.S.S.) Camp is a weekly sports and wellness summer camp for campers ages 5–11. Entering its 28th summer at DU, P.A.S.S. Camp is a DU summer tradition for the University and the Denver community.

P.A.S.S. Camp focuses on sportsmanship, teamwork, and the fundamentals of sports. Campers will have the opportunity to experience the NCAA Division I varsity fields, courts and rinks that the Denver Pioneers call home.

<https://ritchiecenter.du.edu/sports/2020/5/5/pass-camp.aspx>

We also have Sports filled Day Camps available on February 21st and 22nd and also Spring Break March 28th - April 4th.

Wishing you health and vitality!

Dr. Reggie Gwinn

Youth Program Manager University of Denver

Westridge PTA Happenings

February 11th, 2022

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.

- March 8, 2022
- April 12, 2022
- May 10, 2022

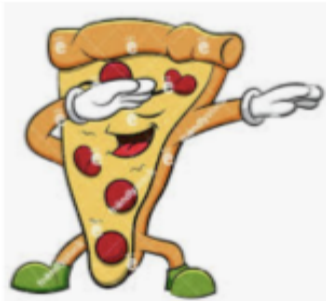
PTA Dates to Know:

**Thursday, February 24th:
Papa John's Restaurant Day!
Monday, March 7th: 5th
Grade Yearbook Dedications
Due**

Restaurant Day



**Join us at the next restaurant fundraiser at Papa John's!
Thursday, February 24th
11am-9pm...All info in Happenings**



Don't forget to Terracycle! All information and accepted products below...

5th Grade Yearbook Dedications

If you have a student in 5th Grade, be sure to get yearbook dedications in by Monday, March 7th! Thank you!



More info about ordering your 2021-2022 Westridge Yearbook coming next week!

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.



COLORADO OWNED & OPERATED

SCHOOL NIGHT FUNDRAISER

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

Thursday, February 24

**20% of sales will be donated to
Westridge Elementary**

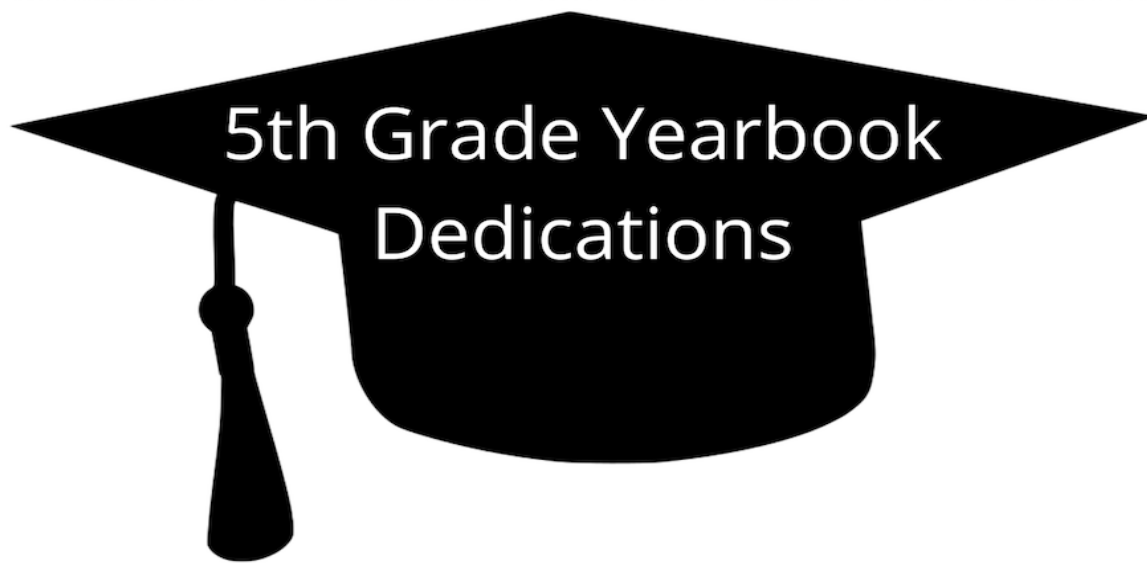
**When ordering, mention or enter promo code:
SCHOOL3
to receive credit.**

**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.

LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED



Submit a dedication for your 5th grader now!

Please include a baby photo and short note about your student to be included in the yearbook.

All entries are due Monday, **March 7th.**

Submit entries to
westridge.yearbook@yahoo.com



Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up on March 15th and 17th!

Help us provide a delicious meal to all teachers and staff who will be working long evenings. Please consider partnering with us in this effort!

See link below to donate! Thank you!

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



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. Bring your items to the classroom or 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!



All Burt's Bees products.



Only Aussie brand bottles.



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

All Bimbo USA bread, buns,
Brands include Thomas,



Ball Park, Boboli.

bagels, and English muffin bags.

Oroweat, Sara Lee, Entenmann's,



All oral care product brands and packaging they came in. **Any** aluminum and plastic drink pouches.



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