

# The Wildcat

February 18, 2022

Deadline for the February 25, 2022 Wildcat will be Wednesday, February 23th, at 8:30 A.M.

Please call the Attendance Line 982-3950 - Option #l if your child will be absent or tardy from school. Office #982-3975 Jeffco Web Page:

http://westridge.jeffcopublicschools.org/

#### Monday, February 21st

No School - Presidents' Day Holiday

#### Tuesday, February 22nd

3:00 - 3:50 Taekwondo in Gym

3:00 - 4:00 Science Matters - Bloopers & Practical Jokes in Art Room

6:00 pm Equity & Diversity Task Force via Google Meets

#### Wednesday, February 23rd

10:45 - 11:45 Grade 2 Virtual Field Trip: Denver Mint 10:45 - 1:30 Food Truck: El Jefe's Smothered Brats & Tots

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

#### **Thursday, February 24th**

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

12:45 - 3:00 Grade 5 Guest Presentation: Denver Water

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

#### Friday, February 25th

2:00 Conference Sign Up Genius Link Opens

Dear Westridge Families,

As we move into new norms related to masks and ways of gathering, our staff is also assessing how to shift with these changes. Since we no longer perform health screens at classroom doors, it is not necessary for the "soft start" process to remain in our schedule.

Therefore, starting on Monday, February 28, 2022, we will move away from our soft start routine. Students should arrive at classroom doors at 8:25 for the first bell. They should not arrive before 8:15 unless they are a part of the 100 Mile Club. This will help to curb negative early morning behaviors that have been increasing in the hallways. It also affords teachers more planning and preparation time before students enter the building. The new approach will allow for staffing in our hallways so that all students have the opportunity to open the school day with support and success.

For children who need to run out their energy before the school day, 100 Mile Club is a positive outlet for students arriving earlier in the morning.

#### To summarize:

Monday, February 28th:

- Westridge moves back to the 8:25 First Bell. Tardy Bell is at 8:30 AM.
- Students who arrive early should register for 100 Mile Club.
- There will be no outdoor staff supervision until 8:15 AM. Students who are not registered for 100 Mile Club should not arrive prior to 8:15 AM.

Digital Citizenship: At Westridge, students are engaged in discussions about ways to ensure positive and appropriate use of devices and technology in the school setting and while at home. Please also realize that it is our responsibility as adults to model the appropriate use of social media, district devices, and ways that we share our experiences with the outside community about our school, staff, and students. As Principal, I encourage you to have regular talks with your student about staying within the boundaries of content that is age appropriate so that this message travels back to the school setting as well.

Parent Teacher Conferences are the Week of March 15. Parents register through our Sign Up Genius which will open the afternoon of Friday, February 25th. Conferences will be held in person. Please note that if you are not feeling well, it is best to reschedule. Thank you!

#### 2021-2022 Family Calendar Changes

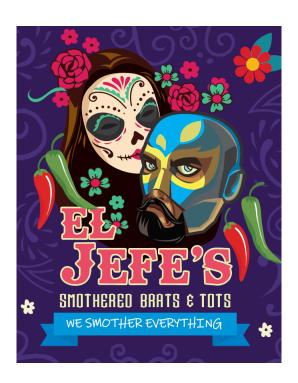
The Board of Education recently approved converting two student-contact days to non-student-contact days on the 2021-22 Family Calendar.

These non-student contact days will take place on March 28, 2022 and April 22, 2022.

These days will be used by educators to work on planning, assessing student work, data collection and analysis, and other tasks relevant to their positions that benefit student learning.

#### **2021-22 FAMILY CALENDAR**

# ADULTS ONLY, NO STUDENTS PLEASE.... JOIN US FOR EL JEFE'S FOOD TRUCK at WESTRIDGE ELEMENTARY on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022 10:45 AM - 1:30 PM



https://www.eljefessbt.com/menu

Paper copies of this T-Shirt Order Form should have been 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.

## **ADAYWITHOUTHATE**

#### 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	LXL2XL	_3XL4XL5XL
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.



### 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!



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:













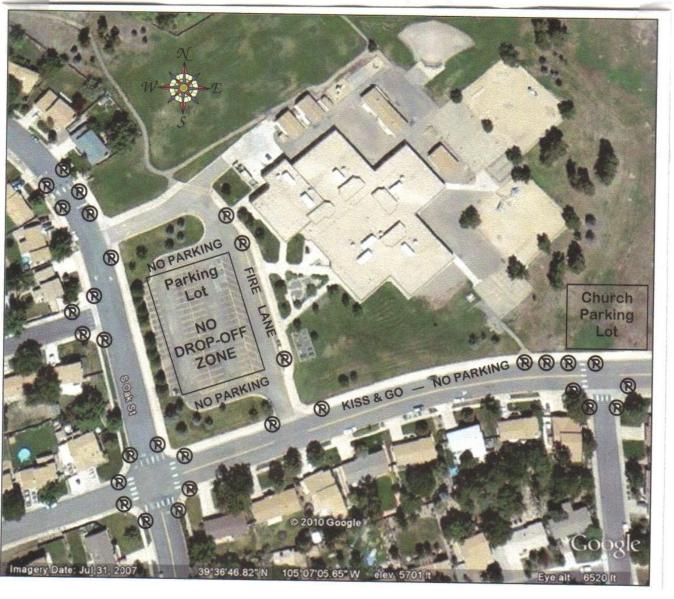
#### FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL CHILDREN

- 1. NO U-TURNS ON ALAMO from either side of the street. This is a posted county regulation.
- 2. WATCH YOUR SPEED. Please remember, this is a school zone. The speed limit is 20 miles per hour.
- 3. PULL FORWARD AT KISS & GO. Please pull as far to the west as possible. This may mean going around cars that are dropping children at the east end. Do not stop and let your child(ren) out where there are cones.
- 4. KISS & GO IS FOR QUICK DROP-OFF. Once your child(ren) has exited the car, you need to leave the kiss & go area. You may not sit there and watch your child walk to class. As the driver, you are not to exit the car. Children must exit the car on the passenger side. If you cannot adhere to these rules, you need to make alternate plans for drop-off.
- 5. NO DROP-OFF IN THE PARKING LOT. If you are entering the parking lot, you must park in a legal parking space and walk your child(ren) across to the sidewalk in front of the school. Children may not walk across the parking lot and/or through the bus zone without an adult.

#### COLORADO STATE LAW PROHIBITS PARKING IN THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

- a. On a sidewalk
- b. Within an intersection
- c. On a crosswalk
- d. Within 5 feet of a public driveway

- e. Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- f. Within 20 feet of a crosswalk
- g. Within 30 feet of any traffic signal, stop sign or yield sign.



#### **Westridge PTA Happenings**

February 18th, 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



Papa John's Thursday, February 24th 11am-9pm...All info in Happenings

#### Custom Yearbook Pages

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Create your very own custom pages for the 2021-2022 Westridge Yearbook! Order yearbooks by **APRIL 1st!** 



#### PTA Dates to Know:

Thursday, February 24th: Papa John's Restaurant Day! Friday, March 4th: SPIRIT DAY Monday, March 7th: 5th Grade Yearbook Dedications Due

#### 5th Grade Yearbook Dedications

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





#### **Teacher Dinners**

Parent Teacher Conferences are coming soon. Please consider helping provide a meal for our wonderful teachers! See information below!

#### Westridge Scholarship

Now accepting Westridge scholarship applications! Please see all info below!



#### 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.



# 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

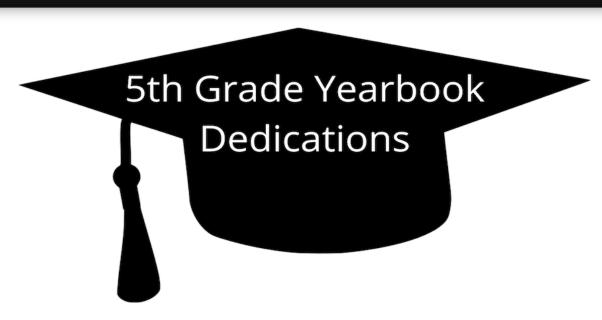
When ordering, mention or enter promo code:
SCHOOL3
to receive credit.

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 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/BA3MOE 4BU4BZIVHGTAJIURD6



#### **Westridge Elementary Offering Scholarship**

The Westridge Elementary PTA is now accepting applications for a \$1000 scholarship to be awarded to a former Westridge Elementary student preparing to further their education after high school. **The**deadline for applications is March 20, 2022.

If you have any questions and to receive the application, email: WestridgePTAScholarship@gmail.com

### **Create Your 2 Free Custom Yearbook Pages For**

### **Westridge Elementary**





#### **Add Photos**

Add your favorite photos from your phone, computer, Instagram, Facebook, Google or Dropbox account, and have them printed in your copy of the yearbook.



#### Sign Books

Make your friends smile by sending them a message (can include a photo or sticker) that they can add to their custom pages or ask them to send you one!



#### **Add Memories**

Answer questions about your year and capture your very best moments. You can even include a photo to go along with them.



#### **Design Your Page**

Add all of your memories to your two free personal pages that will be printed in your unique copy of the yearbook. Need more room? You can add more pages!

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

Yearbook Price: \$22.00
\*Does not include sales tax, if applicable
Deadline: Apr 1

Need help? Contact www.treering.com/help

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