



The Wildcat

April 8, 2022

Deadline for the April 15, 2022 Wildcat will be
Wednesday, April 13, 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, April 11th

Science Fair Virtual Tours Available to watch
3:00 - 4:00 Imagine Arts Academy
3:05 - 4:05 Strategic Chess

Tuesday, April 12th

8:45 - 9:50 CMAS Grade 5 Math #1
9:30 - 10:35 CMAS Grade 3 Math #1
10:30 - 11:35 CMAS Grade 4 Math #1
12:50 - 2:10 CMAS Grade 5 Science #1
3:00 - 3:50 Taekwondo in Gym
3:00 - 4:00 Science Matters - Blast into Space in Art Room
5:30 - 6:15 Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Task Force
6:30 - 7:30 PTA Meeting

Wednesday, April 13th

8:45 - 9:50 CMAS Grade 5 Math #2
9:30 - 10:35 CMAS Grade 3 Math #2
10:30 - 11:35 CMAS Grade 4 Math #2
12:50 - 2:10 CMAS Grade 5 Science #2
3:05 - 4:05 Strategic Lego in Art Room

Thursday, April 14th

8:45 - 9:50 CMAS Grade 5 Math #3
9:30 - 10:35 CMAS Grade 3 Math #3
10:30 - 11:35 CMAS Grade 4 Math #3
12:50 - 2:10 CMAS Grade 5 Science #3
3:00 - 4:30 KidStage in Music Room

Friday, April 15th

From Principal Stein:

Save the Date: We will have an in-person Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Task Force meeting on **Tuesday, April 12, 2022**, from 5:30-6:30 and an in-person PTA meeting from 6:30-7:30. I welcome you to join us for these meetings. It will be so nice to be able to see everyone's smile!

The EDI agenda is the following:

- Welcome
- Setting Conversation Norms
- PBIS & Restorative Practices
- Literacy Expectations for All
- Closure

Restorative Practices : I believe that we can all come together to do great things for each other and our students. When we engage in conversations to resolve a conflict or a disagreement, we use questions like:

- What happened?
- What are the effects?
- Who is responsible for what?
- How will it be repaired (solution)?

We use these questions with our students to provide a structured conversation which leads to a positive outcome in which everyone feels heard and valued.

Assessment Days: Please look for details from your child's teacher regarding the upcoming Assessment Days taking place on **April 25 and April 29, 2022**.

5th Grade Continuation:

Continuation is May 25, 2022, at 8:45 a.m. and will be our time to salute our wonderful 5th grade students and give them a grand farewell. Details are to follow in the upcoming weeks. We plan to be outdoors for this event.

CLASSROOM PLACEMENT FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS:

We are often asked about Westridge's policy on parents' input into selection of a classroom teacher for the following year. These decisions are made very carefully by considering the best learning situation for all of our children. All of our teachers are caring, skilled professionals and are excited & highly qualified to teach at all grade levels; therefore, we discourage parent selection of teachers. When requests come to the office, parents often ask for a teacher who is structured, warm, flexible, and challenges kids. We believe all our teachers fit this description.

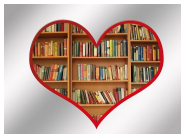
However, if you choose to fill out a Classroom Placement Form for Students with Specific Needs for the 2022-2023 school year, please note the following:

- Forms are available in the school office
- Forms are due to Dawn in the school office by Thursday, April 21, 2022
- Any form requesting a specific teacher by name will be returned to you
- No late forms will be accepted
- The final decision of classroom placement will be made by the Principal.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this process.

[Jeffco Summer of Early Learning \(JSEL\)](#) is a free, 6-week, intensive summer school program that focuses on increasing K-5 students' literacy skills. The 2022 program will offer in-person and remote options. Students will work with licensed teachers in small group settings (no more than 15 students in each class) and participate in both independent and guided reading activities.

Our Annual



Book Drop and Swap is Back!

It's time to clear off those bookshelves! Have you outgrown a lot of your books? Drop off your gently used books in the library next week, (April 11th- April 15th) and Mrs. Reed will then give you 5 book bucks for each book. We ask that you bring only books that are in good condition so that others will also be able to enjoy them.

Then, on April 18-20th, before (8-8:25) and after school (3-3:15) come in and buy/swap books with your book bucks! Every "new to you" book will cost 5 book bucks.

Remember if you are looking to swap for new chapter books it is always better to come earlier in the week!

****No adult or toddler books please.**



**DAKOTA RIDGE HS VOLLEYBALL DR Volleyball Future Eagles Camp
June 7-23 Tuesday & Thursdays 9-11AM**

Who: Going into 3rd through going in to 8th graders fall of 2022

Where: Dakota Ridge Main Gym, drop off at South Circle Entrance

When: Tuesday & Thursday Mornings June 7th-23rd 9-11 AM

Please be dressed & ready in the DRHS Main Gym with court shoes and knee pads on at 9 AM each day. Campers will be learning the DR philosophy, core values and skills. Cost is \$250 and includes a DRHS Camp t-shirt, prizes & 6 - 2hr sessions. Register on the DRSA web site.

<http://www.dakotaridgesports.org>

Westridge PTA Happenings

April 8th, 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.

- April 12, 2022
- May 10, 2022

PTA Dates to Know:

Monday, April 11th: **Virtual Science Fair Tours**
Tuesday, April 12th: **PTA Meeting 6:30-7:30p**
Thursday, April 21st: **Save the Date Westridge Jog-a-Thon!**
Thursday, April 21st: **Papa John's Pizza Day!**

WESTRIDGE JOG-A-THON!!!

The JAG is back! On **Thursday, April 21st** be ready to run your hardest to raise money for Westridge! Information below...



Science and Innovation Fair!

Virtual tours of the Science and innovation Fair are happening, **Monday, April 11th!**

Papa John's DAY



Thursday, April 21st, ALL day!
See details in Happenings...

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

**PTA Meeting on Tuesday,
April 12th 6:30-7:30pm in
library!**

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 SCIENCE AND INNOVATION FAIR



Monday, April 11, 2022 - Virtual
Tours

Projects will be available for virtual
Science and Innovation Fair tours!
The link will be sent to participants
to share with their family and
friends, and to all classrooms to
share in school.





Join Us!

PTA
Meeting

The next IN PERSON PTA meeting is Tuesday, April 12th
6:30-7:30pm...Join us in the Westridge Library. We hope to
see you there!

IN TODAY'S FRIDAY FOLDER!

WESTRIDGE

9TH ANNUAL

JOG-A-THON

FUNDRAISER

APRIL 21, 2022

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S FRIDAY FOLDER FOR EVENT INFORMATION, PLEDGE CARD, AND A PRE-EVENT BINGO ACTIVITY CARD. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS YEAR'S EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT RUTH BROWN AT RUTH@12HAPPYHABITS.COM.

Westridge Elementary PTA Jog-a-Thon Information Thursday, April 21, 2022

What is the Jog-a-Thon?

The Jog-a-Thon is an annual PTA fundraiser where students run, walk, or jog for 20-30 minutes. Students are encouraged to collect pledges and the funds raised will support our school's literacy programs. It is a day to celebrate healthy, active lifestyles and come together as a community in support of our school. With the funds raised from past Jog-a-Thons, the PTA has purchased almost 300 Chromebooks and several Mimio boards for Westridge Elementary.

How can I help my child(ren) prepare for the Jog-a-Thon?

A Jog-a-Thon and Earth Day bingo card are included in this packet. We encourage you and your child(ren) to select a few activities to complete before the Jog-a-Thon. Students who return a completed Bingo card (5 in a row) by Wednesday, April 20, 2022, will be entered to win a \$10 Nella's gift card.

I see there are destination goals. What's this about?

This year's Jog-a-Thon theme is "Wildcats Run the World." Leading up to the Jog-a-Thon, and in celebration of Earth Day, students will be learning about the seven natural wonders of the world. By selecting a natural wonder and setting a goal destination (and the associated number of laps to "reach" the destination), we hope students will get excited about setting and achieving a goal. All students who run *at least* the number of laps required to "reach" their natural wonder will be entered to win a catered Noodles & Company lunch with Mr. Stein (one student will be selected per natural wonder).

Since all students are participating, will they be required to collect pledges?

No. Although we will be encouraging students to collect pledges, we do understand this may not be feasible for all students. All students will receive a Westridge water bottle on prize day and additional prize levels begin at \$50. To achieve our school goal of \$25,000, we are encouraging all students to fundraise at least \$50.

How do we support the Jog-a-Thon?

There are several ways you can support the Jog-a-Thon.

- **Volunteer** – We will need several volunteers throughout the day of the event. Volunteers are needed for each classroom during their running time slot. Volunteers are also needed to help in various other locations throughout the event. Sign up to volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F49ACAD2DA5F58-jogathon>
- **Donations** – We are still accepting donations from companies to provide prizes, monetary donations, or goods that we can pass on to our students.

How will families be asked to raise money for the Jog-a-Thon?

Your student's pledge sheet is included in this packet. Students will use their pledge sheet to ask friends and family for sponsorship. Online donations are encouraged this year and can be made online at <http://app.memberhub.gives/westridgeiat>. Pledges can be made on a per lap basis or as a flat donation amount. After the student has completed the Jog-a-Thon, they will receive their lap card detailing the number of laps completed.

****Please note: if a sponsor pledges per lap online, their credit card will be billed automatically once we enter the number of laps completed.****

When will we receive pledge sheets?

Your student's pledge sheet is included in this packet. Students are also set up on our online donation site so that friends and family can sponsor them online: <http://app.memberhub.gives/westridgejat>.

How will the PTA use the funds raised?

Funds raised will be used to support Westridge Elementary's literacy program.

What can we expect on the day of the Jog-a-Thon?

All students will participate in the Jog-a-Thon. Students in kindergarten through 3rd grade will walk, jog, or run for 20 minutes around a 1/8-mile track. Students in 4th and 5th grade will walk, jog, or run for 30 minutes around a 1/8-mile track. Volunteers will record the number of laps each student completes. At the end of the day, students will receive a card with the number of laps completed.

When does the money need to be turned in?

To be eligible for prizes, all money needs to be returned or paid online by April 28, 2022.

Is there a school fundraising goal?

Our school fundraising goal is \$25,000. If we achieve our school goal, students will enjoy an in-school movie event! We are encouraging all students to fundraise at least \$50 to help us achieve this goal.

Are there prizes?

Yes! Prizes will be awarded at the \$50, \$100, \$150, and \$200 levels. The top three student fundraisers will also receive a prize.

- \$50 fundraised: Westridge Jog-a-Thon t-shirt
- \$100 fundraised: Westridge JUMBO beach ball
- \$150 fundraised: Personalized color changing cup
- \$200 fundraised: Students will have the opportunity to win a variety of prizes including Denver Zoo tickets, restaurant gift cards, Wings Over the Rockies tickets, Meow Wolf tickets, a Tattered Cover gift certificate, a Red Hen Createry basket, miniature golf vouchers, and more.

Are there classroom prizes?

Yes! Classroom popsicle parties will be awarded to the classrooms with the highest percentage of laps completed (K-2 and 3-5) and the highest percentage of funds raised per student (this teacher will also receive \$100 to spend on classroom supplies).

QR Codes for online Jog-a-Thon sites

Volunteer SignUp Genius QR Code



Online Giving Site QR Code

Additional questions?

For additional information, please contact Ruth Brown at ruth@12happyhabits.com.



WESTRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA
10785 W. Alamo Place
Littleton, CO 80127

Dear Community Member,

On April 21, 2022, Westridge Elementary's 440 students will participate in our 9th annual Jog-a-Thon fundraiser. The purpose of this event is twofold. The students are reminded of the fun and importance of living a healthy, active lifestyle while raising funds for the benefit of our school. Funds raised through this event will be used to enrich our students' classroom resources, after school activities, and improve our school's technology needs. Students will receive pledges to run, jog, or walk for 20-30 minutes.

In order to make this day a success, we are asking for support from our community. Students will receive prizes in exchange for the pledges they collect. Your donation will allow us to reward our students for their hard work.

Please help support this wonderful event by becoming a sponsor with a monetary tax-deductible donation to the Jog-a-Thon, coupons, vouchers, or prize items that can be used to reward students. For your generous donation, we will recognize your sponsorship in many ways.

For donations under \$150:

- Name in our school newsletter
- Name on our Jog-a-Thon website
- Name on our event banner
- Opportunity to distribute coupons or flyers

For donations over \$150:

- Name in our school newsletter
- Name on our Jog-a-Thon website
- Name on our event banner
- Opportunity to distribute coupons or flyers
- Name and logo on the back of event t-shirts

Thank you in advance for consideration of this request and support of Westridge Elementary's students and staff.
Sincerely,

Ruth Brown, Westridge Elementary PTA Jog-a-Thon Chair

**Please note: In order to ensure donor recognition, donations must be received by March 25, 2022.*

Donation amount: \$ _____

(For donations valued over \$150, please email Ruth Brown (ruth@12happyhabits.com) your logo artwork.)

Business or family name: _____

Contact name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Westridge PTA is a tax exempt 501 (c) (3) organization. All donations are tax deductible. Our tax ID is #84-1067804. Please make checks payable to Westridge Elementary PTA. Please mail this form, along with your donation, to Westridge Elementary, Attn: Jog-a-Thon, 10785 W. Alamo Pl., Littleton, CO, 80127. For more information, please contact Ruth Brown at 303-257-8012 or ruth@12happyhabits.com.

PAPA JOHNS®

Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.

Westridge Papa John's Restaurant Day!

When: Thursday, April 21st

Where: Papa John's Pizza

8555 W. Belleview Ave.

Denver, CO 80123

Mention Westridge and we receive a percentage of the sales!

