



The Wildcat

May 13, 2022

Deadline for the May 20, 2022 Wildcat will be
Wednesday, May 18th, 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, May 16th

3:00 - 4:00 Imagination Arts Academy of Colorado

Tuesday, May 17th

9:15 - 12:30 Grade 2 Field Trip to Lakewood Heritage Center

3:00 - 3:50 Taekwondo in Gym

3:00 - 4:00 Science Matters: Blast into Space in Art room

Wednesday, May 18th

Thursday, May 19th

3:00 - 4:30 KidStage in Music Room

6:30 - 7:30 KidStage Program in Gym

Friday, May 20th

9:00 - 11:00 Field Day for Grades K-2

12:30 - 2:30 Field Day for Grades 3-5



2022 – 2023 Westridge Elementary School Calendar

Teachers Report	August 10
First Day of School	August 16
Kindergarten Orientation	August 16 & 17
First Day of School for Kindergarten	August 18
Modified Contact Day (Student Assessment Day)	August 29
Modified Contact Day (Student Assessment Day)	September 2
No School – Labor Day	September 5
No School - Teacher Work Day	September 23
Conferences, regular school day (conf. 3:15 – 8:00)	October 17
Conferences regular school day (conf. 3:15 – 8:00)	October 19
No School - Teacher Work Day	October 20
No School - Fall Break	October 21
End of 1 st Trimester	November 11
Report Card Distribution	November 18
No School - Thanksgiving Holiday	November 21 –25
No School - Winter Break	December 21 – January 4
No School –Teacher Work Day	January 4
Students Return	January 5
No School – Martin Luther King Day	January 16
No School - Teacher Work Day	February 17
No School – Presidents’ Day	February 20
End of 2 nd Trimester	February 28
Report Card Distribution	March 10
Conferences, regular school day (conf. 3:15 – 8:00)	March 14
Conferences, regular school day (conf. 3:15 – 8:00)	March 16
No School – Spring Break	March 20 – March 24
Modified Contact Day (Student Assessment Day)	April 24
Modified Contact Day (Student Assessment Day)	April 27
No School - Teacher Work Day	April 28
End of 3 rd Trimester	May 26
Last Day for Students / Report Cards (12:30 dismissal)	May 26
Last Teacher Work Day	May 30

Hello Westridge!

It is incredible that we are closing in on the last days of the school year. I want to take a moment to say that our students are amazing humans. The Westridge staff is so focused on meeting students where they are emotionally, socially and academically each step of the way. This is a huge reason why Westridge continues to be a school where kids are celebrated, loved and recognized. I also want to share that our staff is grateful to each of you for trusting all of us with your precious kids each and every day.

There is a lot happening right now at all grade levels so stay connected with teachers and please feel free to visit us, volunteer and join us at Field Day on May 20!

Giving Thanks Form: <https://forms.gle/i1khpEBWp5DNopiZ8>

LIBRARY UPDATES

- **All library books are due for the school year.** Please turn in all books if you have not already.
- The library did a non-fiction refresh this year! All of those free books that came home were from that section of the library. We were very lucky to have added hundreds of new titles to this section this year!

2022-2023 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Our School Supply List for 2022-2023 can be found here on our school website, under School Supply List.

Our Westridge PTA is once again partnering with Educational Products, Inc. to provide prepackaged school supplies. Please see the flier posted below for more information and how to order.



SAVE THE DATE: Friday, May 20th, 2022:

This year's Field Day will be held on Friday, May 20th. Kindergarten through 2nd grade will participate from 9:00 am-11:00 am. 3rd grade through 5th grade will participate from 12:30 pm-2:30 pm.

5TH GRADE CONTINUATION:

5th Grade Continuation will be held on Wednesday, May 25th at 8:45 A.M. 5th grade students will be dismissed immediately following Continuation.

EARLY DISMISSAL ON LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:

The last day of school for 2021-2022 will be on Wednesday, May 25th. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 P.M.



**Jeffco Public Library Summer Reading Program: Dive Deep
Registration opens May 1! Reading minutes count-June 1 - July 31**

Dive Deep into a summer of learning and possibilities with Jefferson County Public Library's Summer Challenge. Discover oceans of resources available to help you learn and explore all summer long. Don't forget to come up for air as you challenge yourself to dive deeper than ever before. [Register via Beanstack.](#) The summer reading program is free, encourages kids to keep reading all summer and they can win lots of cool prizes too!



Jeffco Food & Nutrition Services

2022-23 SCHOOL MEALS UPDATE

What can families expect for the 2022-23 school year?

STARTING IN AUGUST 2022, MEALS WILL NO LONGER BE PROVIDED AT NO COST TO ALL STUDENTS.

Meals will be charged based on Free, Reduced & Paid Meal eligibility

Money is added to student accounts using www.SchoolCafe.com

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUR FAMILY TO COMPLETE A FREE & REDUCED MEAL APPLICATION

Applications for the 2022-23 school year will be available on July 1, 2022

Applications submitted before this date will be valid for the 2021-22 SY, and a new application for the 2022-23 SY will need to be submitted in July

Online applications may be completed on www.SchoolCafe.com - you will need an account, and may not complete an application as a "Guest"

Paper applications are also available from the following:

Your student's school, or the Food & Nutrition Services office - 809 Quail St., Building 1, Lakewood

WHAT WILL MEAL PRICES BE IN THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR?

Meal prices for the 2022-23 school year have not yet been determined. Food & Nutrition Services is working closely with the District to make this determination and, once meal prices have been set, families will be notified of changes (if any).

WHAT WILL MEAL SERVICE LOOK LIKE IN THE 2022-23 SY?

Students will come thru the line, and eat in the cafeteria

Students will use their PIN numbers when receiving meals and a la carte items
Please make sure your student knows his/her PIN number!

Menus will be posted on www.SchoolCafe.com

Here, you may also place restrictions on your student's account regarding what they may purchase as a la carte and/or how frequently they may do so

Product and labor shortages may continue to affect menu items and availability

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JEFFCO FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES

Meal Balance Notice



DID YOU KNOW?

When your student has a negative meal balance (meaning, they owe money for food they have consumed)...

...that negative balance continues to grow, and follows them throughout their time at Jeffco?

...they are unable to purchase a la carte items during school lunch (i.e. a bottle of water, or an extra slice of pizza) even with cash in hand?

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GO TO www.SCHOOLCAFE.com TODAY!

Log in to www.SchoolCafe.com today!

Here, you can pay your balance, add money to your student's account, or even set restrictions on purchases.

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QUESTIONS?

Q. How do I have a negative balance when meals have been free for two years?

A. *Negative balances continue to grow and follow a student during their time in Jeffco. The negative balance likely preceded the pandemic.*

Q. I cannot pay this debt right now. Do you offer a payment plan?

A. *If you require a payment plan, we can accept payments of any size until your balance is paid off. Interest will not accrue.*

Q. What if my student has a negative balance and is graduating this year?

A. *Please have your senior check their account balance in the cafeteria before graduation. If they have money in their account, they can spend it, request a refund, or make a donation. If your student has a negative balance, please pay the amount owed by check or cash in the cafeteria, or online at www.SchoolCafe.com. If you have any questions, please email JeffcoSchoolFood@jeffco.k12.co.us or call 303-982-2174.*

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Westridge PTA Happenings

May 13th, 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.

STREET

AMERICAN STORE

RALLY FOR Westridge Elementary School

Fri., May 13 - Sun., May 22

IT'S OUR RALLY TIME
to help maximize our annual donation from AFW!

**BETTER YOUR HOME,
BETTER YOUR SCHOOL**

Mention our school or ID: **WRDGE4** at Check-Out:
2-4% of your purchase supports our school.
Purchases anytime of the year always count too!

\$500 Gift Card
Earn a chance to win a \$500 Gift Card if purchases are made during an AFW Store Rally.
*Excludes items at AFW Store Rallies for all schools throughout the year!

PTA Dates to Know:

Monday, May 23rd: **Jog-A-Thon Prize Distribution**

Monday, May 30th: **Last day to order EPI school supplies**

Jog-A-Thon Prizes!



Monday, May 23rd is Jog-A-Thon prize distribution day! Great Job Westridge! See more info in Happenings

EPI School Supply Packs

Order your EPI school supply packs by **May 30th**, information below!



Be sure to get your **Skate City** Summer skate card! See details in Happenings!

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.



WILDCATS RUN THE WORLD

Thank you Westridge! Together, our community raised \$22,887 through the 2022 Jog-a-Thon!

Prize day is Monday, May 23rd

Classroom Prize Winners

- Highest percentage of laps completed (K-2): Mrs. Whelan
- Highest percentage of laps completed (3-5): Mrs. Kissinger
- Highest percentage of funds raised per student: Mrs. Fehr

Top 3 Student Fundraisers

- Caiden D.
- Caitlin P.
- Beckem B.

Thank you to our event volunteers!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped with event set up, classroom leads, lap counters, event day operations & event clean up! It was truly a team effort and made for a wonderful event day!

Thank you to our Jog-a-Thon sponsors!

Rocky Mountain Remodels	Littleton Contemporary Dance Center	Nekter Juice Bar Littleton	Rocky Mountain Backflow	Foothills Park & Recreation District
Red Hen Createry	Pure Chiropractic	Boondocks Food & Fun	Chipotle Mexican Grill	Denver Center for the Performing Arts
Denver Zoo	Jen Naber: Thirty-One Consultant	Mad Greens	Meow Wolf	Noodles & Company
Oregano's	Pretty n Pressed Polish Strips	Tattered Cover Book Store	Trader Joe's	Wings Over the Rockies



Fri., May 13 - Sun., May 22

IT'S OUR RALLY TIME

to help maximize our annual donation from AFW!

BETTER YOUR HOME, BETTER YOUR SCHOOL

Here's How It Works:

- 1. PURCHASES ANYTIME** of the year help our school! **BUT**, help us "rally" to maximize our annual donation up through Sun., May 22! Purchase ONLINE at AFW.com, at any AFW location, or by phone.
- 2. AT CHECK-OUT**, mention our school or ID: **WRDGE4** and AFW will donate 2% on all purchases and anything Beautyrest or Serta will be matched 2%; up to 4% total back to our school.
- 3. Invite Others To Participate:** Friends and family members can help too! AFW delivers to almost anywhere in the U.S.

COMMUNITY
all together now

To learn more about AFW School Rewards, go to www.AFW.com/SchoolRewards or call 303-933-3975.



ALSO: When shopping during the AFW Store Rally for our school, you will be entered to win an American Furniture Warehouse \$500 gift card, plus AFW will match \$500 back to our school if you win. (Drawing will be held end of Dec., 2022 - 1 winner from all AFW Store Rallies for all schools throughout the year.)

Buy a *SkateCity* Summer Card for \$5

Skate for \$1.00 Admission during any regular public session through the summer!

Your School receives \$2 back for every card you sell!



www.skatecitycolorado.com



*Excludes Adult Night or Special Sessions

*Skate Rental not Included

Summer Membership Card SKATING SCHEDULE

Valid skate sessions listed below:

May 31st -- August 12th, 2022

SUNDAY: 12-2, 2-4, 4-6, 6-8 PM
MONDAY: 12-2, 2-4, 4-6 PM
TUESDAY: 12-2, 2-4, 4-6 PM
WEDNESDAY: 12-2, 2-4, 4-6, 6-8 PM
THURSDAY: 12-2, 2-4, 4-6 PM
FRIDAY: 12-2, 2-4, 4-6, 6-8 PM
SATURDAY: 12-2, 2-4, 4-6, 6-8 PM

Skate Rental \$3.00

(Excludes Memorial & Independence Day)

Regular Admission \$7.50 • Extra Sessions \$2.50

- * CARDS also valid Saturdays & Sundays thru September
- * SUMMER CARDS purchased with your school - \$5/each
- * SUMMER CARDS purchased at Skate City - \$12/each
- * BUY a CARD for everyone in the family!
- * One card valid per person, per session
- * Summer Cards are valid at ALL Skate City locations

THESE \$5.00 SUMMER SKATING NON-TRANSFERABLE MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL BE SOLD AS A FUND RAISING PROJECT BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH:

Westridge Elementary

Summer Membership Cards will be available for purchase in the main office before and after school through May 18th. Cards will also be available for purchase using the online link/QR code below and picking up your cards directly at Skate City upon confirmation!

Click [HERE](#) to purchase your Skate City Summer Membership Cards

https://us.partywirks.com/storefront_express/main/vendor/skate_city_colorado/520/inquiries/3698



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