



The Wildcat

May 20, 2022

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 23rd

Jog-a-thon Prize Distribution
12:00 - 12:35 Grade 2 Picnic on field
5:30 - 7:00 Grade 5 Showcase in classrooms

Tuesday, May 24th

12:00 - 2:00 5th Grade End of Year Celebration
3:00 - 3:50 Taekwondo in Gym

Wednesday, May 25th

8:45 - 9:45 5th Grade Continuation on back patio
11:00 - 12:00 Kindy Picnic
12:30 Early dismissal on students' last day

Hello Everyone,

Thank you so much for joining us at Field Day yesterday! We were able to make it a wonderful day for students, and the weather worked out as well!

The last day of school is May 25, 2022. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 on this last day.

Celebrate staff retiring:

Congratulations and best wishes for the future to Lisa Skidmore, Laura Bell-Rivera, Polly Davis, and Debbie Whelan!!

Staff moving onto new adventures:

We wish these valued staff members much happiness in their new endeavors!

Abby Fehr, 3rd grade teacher - moving to Nebraska

Judy Elton, Learning Specialist - transferring to Dennison Elementary

Renee Campbell, Occupational Therapist - being reassigned to other Jeffco Public Schools

Becky Hassell, School Psychologist - returning to retirement and consulting work

Jill Swisher, Cafeteria Manager - moving to Maryland

Amber Kilgore, Area Nurse Consultant - transferring to new position within Jeffco Public Schools

Jon Bromfield, Instructional Coach - transferring to Pomona H.S.

Jon Stein, Principal - transferring to be new Principal in Boulder Valley School District

Though it seems as though many are leaving this amazing school, please know that we conducted some incredible interviews and will be fully staffed with excellent new staff members for next year. It will no doubt be a fantastic year to continue the legacy of Westridge!

LOST AND FOUND:

Our lost and found is on tables outside the Music Room. Please stop by to see if your child is missing an item. Any items not picked up by Wednesday, June 1st, will be donated to charity.

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.

Westridge Retirements

Dear Westridge Family,

I have been a parent and a teacher in this school for over 24 years and it has been the best experience of my life. I am grateful for being part of this community and meeting so many of you and your families. Through teaching Pre-K, Kinder, 1st and 2nd grades I have come to love the littles and am hopeful that I will see them grow when I come back to be a guest teacher.

I look forward to traveling, camping, hiking, and boating with my husband and my two labs! I hope my next adventure is as rewarding as this past one has been.

Sincerely,
Polly Davis

grew in their year of Kindergarten. Thank you as a community for being on my team, supporting and helping me along the way.

I will be starting a new chapter of my life and spending more time with my family and grandchildren still getting my hugs and "kissing brains."

Westridge Community, thank you again for the amazing ride and experiences!

Sincerely,
Debbie Whelan

Westridge Families,

Thank you for trusting me with your greatest treasures. As I reflect upon my choice to enter education, I realize that I was mostly inspired by my own elementary teachers (all of whom I can still name) and so I have always understood my responsibility deeply. Coming from a Jeffco k-12 education, I received self-confidence, love of learning, and respect for self, others and the greater society; all elements that I hope to have instilled in my students. Some of my favorite teaching experiences have been my 12 years here at Westridge--thanks to the joyful students, helpful parents, and strong sense of community. I live in this area and enjoy seeing past students and families outside of school, so do not hesitate to say hello! In my next life chapter, I plan to continue to sing and dance, read and travel more, and discover brand new hobbies.

Very warmest regards,
Laura Rivera

Dear Friends,

It is with mixed emotions that I am writing this note to tell you that at the conclusion of this school year, I will be retiring from Westridge Elementary. This has been a difficult decision for me, as I love my work life and work family, but I believe now is the right time for me to make this choice.

My first experience at Westridge was with the PTA in August of 1989. I enjoyed my involvement with the PTA, which led me to be recruited to be hired as the Clinic Aide in December 1991. For more than 30 years, I have loved being your Clinic Aide, Enrollment Secretary, and Principal's Secretary. Together with all of you, we have made Westridge a safe, nurturing and welcoming place for students, staff and community. Westridge will always have a special place in my heart.

I thank you all for making my time here such a fulfilling experience. I wish you all the best and I will miss you dearly.

I am looking forward to seeing what the next 30 years bring! More time with family, new activities to get passionate about, new adventures to go on, and a lot of life yet to live!

Sincerely,
Lisa Skidmore

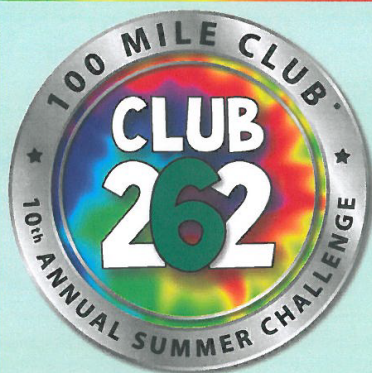
Dear Westridge Community,

Thank you for sharing your most precious packages with me for the last 23 years. It has been an unbelievable honor and reward for me to watch the lights come on as your children blossomed and



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



KEEP MOVING ALL SUMMER LONG!

Want to keep your kids, families, and **EVERYONE** moving and having fun this summer? Club 262 is the answer!

We challenge kids, their friends, and the entire family to run or walk a total of 26.2 miles from June 1st to July 31st. Up for a bigger challenge? Complete 262 miles!

Get those miles in wherever you want; on a trail, at the beach, or even an amusement park. Let us know how you're joining in the summer fun by sharing with us @100mileclub on social media!

All participants will get our **BEST** Summer Swag Pack ever, including sunglasses, headband, drawstring bag, finisher medal, t-shirt, and so much more! **Everything is included for just \$20!**



Learn more and join the fun at:
100mileclub.com/club262





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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



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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DAKOTA RIDGE HS VOLLEYBALL DR Volleyball Future Eagles Camp

June 7-23 Tuesday & Thursdays 9-11AM

Who: Going into 3rd through going into 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>



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7 HIGH SCHOOL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, 2 RUNNER-UP FINISHES AND
COUNTLESS LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS & DOING IT AS THE COMMUNITY BASE
PROGRAM FOR 4 HIGH SCHOOLS!

2022 PROGRAM OFFERINGS

ROOKIE TACKLE PROGRAM
FOR AGE GROUPS: 1ST—3RD GRADE

TRADITIONAL TACKLE PROGRAM
FOR AGE GROUPS: 4TH—8TH GRADE

FLAG FOOTBALL PROGRAM
FOR AGE GROUPS: 1ST—4TH GRADE
For Girls and Boys

CHEER PROGRAM
FOR AGE GROUPS: 1ST—8TH GRADE

MINIMIZE GAME DAY TRAVEL— NO NEED TO TRAVEL TO BROOMFIELD, BRIGHTON, BOULDER, AND ARVADA!
LOWEST COST TO PLAY YOUTH SPORTS—AVG. SAVINGS \$65 TO \$115
PLAYER SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES IN NEED!
INCLUSION TRAINING FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES
ALL COACHES ARE USA FOOTBALL CERTIFIED!

~*~*~ DID YOU KNOW? ~*~*~

South Jeffco Sports Association provides boys and girls of all backgrounds an environment that builds confidence, develops character and acquires skills needed to achieve their fullest potential in becoming productive, community minded, and responsible athletes.



2022

SUMMER CAMP! ARTS AND CRAFTS SEWING & FIBER ARTS BUILDING & DESIGN MIX IT UP!STEAM

Ages 4yo - 14

ART AND MIXED

Half Day: 9:00-12:00 \$45 day \$190 wk Full day: Choose 2 half day camps
Half Day: 12:30-3:30 \$45 day \$190 wk 2 -12:30 LUNCH BUNCH Free
Full Day: 9:00-3:30 \$75 day \$380 wk Extended Day: 3:30-4:30 available
Use code: Fullday2022 \$15 day discount
Use code: Fullweek2022 \$40 week discount

SEWING & SPECIALTY*

Half Day: 9:00-12:00 \$225 week **Half Day:** 12:30-3:30 \$225 week
(Skateboard Design, Tiny House, Builders Workshop, Worldwind)

**REGISTER ONLINE AT:
REDHENCREATERY.COM**

Aspen Grove Shopping Center
7301 S. Santa Fe Dr #718
720-598-CRE8 (2738)
info@redhencreatery.com





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6/17
La Familia
An Encanto inspired camp!

6/24
Soul/RnB/Hip Hop
Groove and get funky!

7/1
Intro to Contemporary Dance
Learn why dancers LOVE this style!

FUN FRIDAYS!
6/17, 6/24, 7/1, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5
DIFFERENT THEMES!

Summers are for **DANCING!**
Join LCDC for 2 Sessions this summer.
Session ONE 6/13 - 7/1
Session TWO 7/18 - 8/5
Schedule, pricing and registration is on our website
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7/22
Musical Theatre
Become a triple threat!

7/29
Creative Movement-Choreography
Learn the tools to create your own dance!

8/5
Lyrical
Combine Jazz and Ballet to explore this expressive style!

Experience a new style each Friday! Small studio performance at the end of each camp. Levels Explore/Level 1 and Levels 2 & 3 (approx. ages 5-7 & 8-10). Email us at info@littletondancecenter.com

FRIDAYS • 9:30-11:30A • 2 LEVELS
\$45/CAMP • 10% FOR ALL 6

REGISTER ONLINE WWW.LITTLETONDANCECENTER.COM
LITTLETON CONTEMPORARY DANCE CENTER
8601 W CROSS DR | LITTLETON, CO 80123 | 303.973.3474



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TICKETS | www.littletondancecenter.com

LITTLETON CONTEMPORARY DANCE CENTER

Spring Show 2022
6/4/22 | 11:00A & 2:00P
COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL
6201 S PIERCE ST | LITTLETON, CO

Westridge PTA Happenings

May 20th, 2022

www.facebook.com/groups/257696868179603

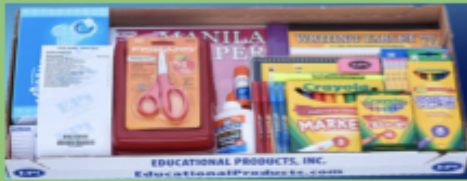
www.WestridgePTA.com



PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

EPI SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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



PTA Dates to Know:

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

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

Westridge Jog-A-Thon

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



Skate City Summer Skating Passes

Get your SKATE on at Skate City this Summer! See flier below...



Join PTA for the **2022-2023 school year!** See 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.



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 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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Get Connected... Stay Connected!



Our PTA
does that?

Jog-a-Thon

Valentine's Day Dance

Movie Nights

Breakfasts

...And SO much MORE!

Restaurant Nights

The Westridge PTA needs YOU to
help us create a 'NEW' PTA!

We are entering a year of
transition and would love for you
to GET CONNECTED!!!

So join us as we Pass the Torch to
GET CONNECTED...and...STAY
CONNECTED!

www.WestridgePTA.com

More
members,
more events!

New Year,
new PTA!