



Westridge Wildcat

December 5-9

Please call the Attendance Line for Absences and Tardies
303-982-3950 Option #1

Main Office Number 303-982-3975
Visit our Website!

<http://westridge.jeffcopublicschools.org/>

[Westridge Family Calendar 2022-2023](#)

This Week's Events at a Glance

Monday, December 5, 2022	3:00-4:00 JC Jackman – Art Room 3:00-4:00 Taekwondo Club – Gym 5:30-8:00 Band and Orchestra Concert – Dakota Ridge
Tuesday, December 6, 2022	3:00-4:00 JC Jackman – Art Room
Wednesday, December 7, 2022	3:00-4:00 JC Jackman – Art Room
Thursday, December 8, 2022	3:00-4:00 JC Jackman – Art Room
Friday, December 9, 2022	3:00-4:00 JC Jackman – Art Room

Start and End Time for 2023-2024

Westridge will start school at 7:45 and end at 2:35 next school year. We are excited about having a little bit more time each school day to enrich our students' learning!

Health Aide

We have invited a new staff member to our Westridge Team! Ms. Noelle Torres has become our new health aide. She has school-aged children herself and has been a health aide in the district previously. She is generous and sweet. We are grateful to have her in the clinic!

Tours

There are many families out there looking for their new school home. We are happy to showcase what is great about Westridge. For families who can't come to our information night tonight, we are hosting tours in December and January. If you know of a family interested, please share that we will have tours on December 13 and January 11. They can call to schedule a time at 303-982-3975.

Donuts with Grownups!

We love having community events! We can't wait to mingle with many of you. We will have three donuts with grownups throughout the year, so if you can't make this one, we will see you next time!

Band and Orchestra

Come support our fifth grade band and orchestra students for their first big concert! It will be at Dakota Ridge on December 5. Orchestra starts at 5:30 and Band starts at 7:00.

Kiss and Go Line

Our kiss and go line is used more frequently in the cold, snowy months. Thank you in advance for helping that line move smoothly by pulling up as far as you can and not parking in the kiss and go line. If you have a preference to watch your child to the door, please use the parking lot and walk with them.

Kindergarten Video

The wonderful Mrs. Reed made a video to introduce our kindergarten. [Here is a link](#) if you want to take a peek (maybe your cutie is in it!)

Art Room Supply Needs

Mr. Crock is looking for donations of Handy Wipes/Wet Wipes for students to clean up after art projects. Donations can be sent with your student or dropped off in the office. Thank you.



WESTRIDGE ELEMENTARY

Driven to be better together
We have a lot to celebrate in the academic and
social/emotional areas.

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We Achieve at High Levels on Academic Testing
On CMAS, we are in the 91st percentile in reading in the state!

High
Expectations
for Academics

Achievement

Assessment	Reading/Writing	Math
MAP (nationally normed)	69th percentile	67th percentile
Acadience (nationally normed)	80% meeting benchmark	N/A
CMAS (state normed)	91st percentile	79th percentile

97%

Percentage of students who feel
that they have a positive
relationship with their teacher

Percentage of students who feel
that their teacher pushes them to
reach their goals.

95%

86%

Percentage of families who say
the staff support their child's
success

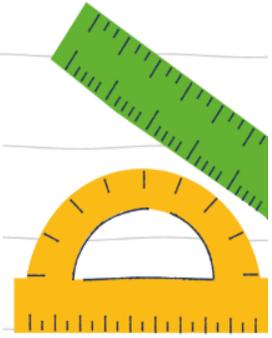


Percentage of families who say
Westridge works
collaboratively with families for
their child's success

91%



WESTRIDGE ELEMENTARY



Information Night and Kindergarten Round Up

Come join us for a presentation from our principal, hear from current parents and students, and meet a few of our teachers. We will tour the school, too!

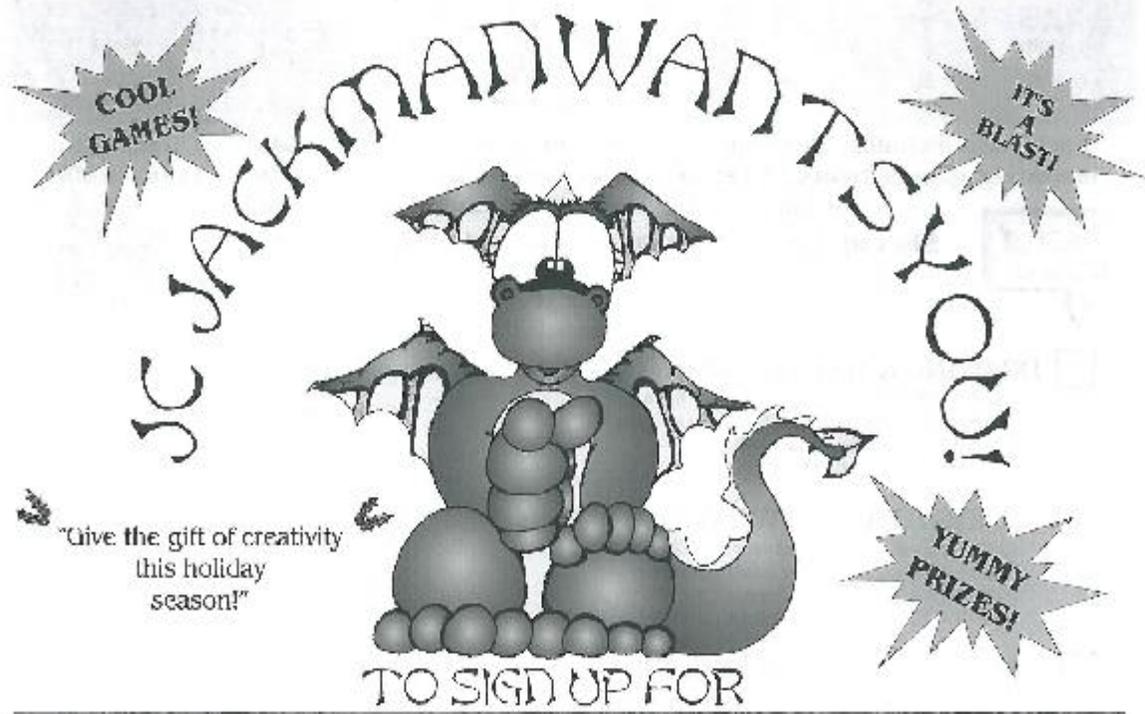
November 30, 2022



KINDERGARTEN AT
6:00
1ST-5TH GRADE AT
6:30



Located in our gym and
various classrooms



"Give the gift of creativity this holiday season!"

TO SIGN UP FOR

THE CREATIVE CHALLENGE

"Promoting creativity in a way that allows children to explore their imagination, follow their dreams, set goals and enjoy life with a positive self-esteem!"
-JC Jackman-

- WHO: You! Your brothers, sisters, moms, dads, Anyones O's... not the dog.
- WHAT: The Creative Challenge! Are YOU ready for it!
- WHERE: WESTRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
- WHEN: After school TIME 3:00 to 4:00 DEC. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
- WHY: To have way-cool fun & take The Creative Challenge!
Author & Illustrator, JC Jackman is challenging YOU never to be bored again by brushing-up and exploring your creative talents like

DRAWING * ACTING * SCULPTING * BALLOON ART
&
CREEPY CRAWLY ANIMAL ADVENTURES



SPACE IS LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!



WWW.JCJACKMAN.COM

(Any questions please call JCJ ADVENTURES # 303-503-1389)

★ Live the Adventure! ★

THE CREATIVE CHALLENGE 2022

-Registration Form-

Each class includes: enrollment, instruction with Author / Illustrator * JC Jackman, materials, games, treats and as much creative fun and excitement as you can handle!

Just check all the classes you would like to attend!

Sign up for all five classes and get **ONE CLASS FREE!**



"Perfect gift for your favorite little artist!"

NEW CREEPY CREATURES!

JC Jackman

DRAWING & ILLUSTRATING CLASS FEES \$15

"YOU CAN DRAW IT!" Learn to draw like a pro. Brush up the artist in you, with drawing activities, easy fun games, projects and more!
* 3:00-4:00 12/5/22 MONDAY

"He is very professional even for his age and is a real star. He is an artist who is so creative, made us laugh and any time a high requirement... JC's classes are fun and great, it's not a typical and entertaining presentation!"

- All 4th grade, General
Zachary Wilson Public School

ACTING-TO BEL..OR WHAT? CLASS FEES \$15

Lights, camera, Action...and you're a STAR! Costumes, props, staging and more, experience them all through games and improv.
* 3:00-4:00 12/6/22 TUESDAY

JC has some wonderful presentations at school and has presented at several events where he is a really cool role model and his magical uses of imagination for more. He is a delight to work with and I would highly recommend him and his work for any event!

Cand Whiggett
Community Relations Manager
James Lee North
Bookshelves

CREEPY CRAWLY ADVENTURE CLASS FEES \$15

Enter the world of spiders, snakes, and creepy things, in this LIVE, hands on, adventure. See, touch, and learn all about these amazing creatures.
* 3:00-4:00 12/7/22 WEDNESDAY

CLAY CREATIONS CLASS FEES \$15

Sculpting tricks of the trade! Create your own masterpiece to take home, such as figurines, collectibles, jewelry & toys in bright beautiful colors! Your imagination is the limit to what you can make.
* 3:00-4:00 12/8/22 THURSDAY



ARE YOU READY FOR IT?
JCJ ADVENTURES

303-303-1389

BALLOON ART CLASS FEES \$15

Twist...speak...twist...twist... A-LA! Learn the art of balloon twisting, not just your basic balloon animal, we are talking Lions and Tigers and Bears OH MY! Let's see what YOU can create!
* 3:00-4:00 12/9/22 FRIDAY

✂ Sorry, no refunds for missed classes.

* Please return this slip with payment (CHECKS PAYABLE TO JCJ ADVENTURES) to school so we may reserve your classes **NO LATER THAN 12/02/22!** Classes will be filled on a "first come ~ first serve" basis; so sign up today! If a class is full you will be notified by phone.

DRAWING-\$15 ACTING-\$15 **CREEPY CRAWLY Adventure-\$15** CLAY-\$15 BALLOON ART-\$15

CHECK US OUT ONLINE
WWW.JCJACKMAN.COM

TOTAL # CLASSES	CLASS FEE	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE
<input type="text"/>	× \$15.00 = \$	<input type="text"/>

NAME: _____ AGE: _____ PHONE: _____ #
 ADDRESS: _____ WORK: _____ #
 PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ (CLASSROOM MESSAGES: _____)
 After class student will be: PICKED UP BY: _____ WALK DAYCARE

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO - JCJ ADVENTURES

Westridge Spirit Wear



The deadline for spirit wear orders has been extended to Friday! The store link is:

<https://wedecoit.com/westridgeelementary/shop/home>

Orders will be available for pick up at the school the week of December 12th (more details to follow!)

2022 Westridge Holiday Ornament



(wood, actual size 3" high x 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ " wide)

\$8.00 each

Please see an example hanging in the window by our main entrance.
Ornament(s) will be sent home with your student unless otherwise noted.
(Limited quantity available.)

2022 Westridge Holiday Ornament Order Form

Student's Name _____ Teacher _____

Ordered by _____ Phone # _____

Quantity _____ (\$8.00 each)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

(Cash or check made payable to WESTRIDGE ELEMENTARY PTA)

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL STEM Clubs

STEM (Science - Technology - Engineering - Math)

Enrichment Programs



Pop! Bang! Fizz! - A little of this, a little of that, some wild reactions is where it's at! Make a slushy treat to eat and see Soda Slobber. We'll make water disappear and play with snow that never melts. Then - make some Slime that looks alive! You won't believe that our mixing fun can teach some science before it's done. With a Pop, or a Bang, or even some Fizz, you have become a chemistry whiz! **Starts 1/10/23**

Super Science Smorgasbord - It's a Grab Bag of Science. Make a Science Matters Hopper that can jump 12 feet; create your own rock collection and explore the Rock Cycle; see a cloud in a bottle; become a Science Illusionist and use science to amaze your friends with science tricks. With a little of this and a little of that it's fun for everyone. **Starts 2/21/23**



Countertop Chemistry - Turn your kitchen into a lab with these experiments that you can do at home. See our Cool Blue Light and explore luminescence, make your own gooey worms, and make an Invisible Friend using chemistry. Of course, play with polymers. We'll also make some kitchen chemistry that you can eat. Please note: this camp will include dairy and gluten and chocolate. It's home science that teaches. **Starts 4/4/23**

Westridge Elementary

- Class meets on Tuesdays from 3:00-4:00 pm
- Each session meets for 5 weeks
- Grades K-6
- Price: \$91 for each session
- Registration deadline one week before start of club



Register at:
www.ScienceMatters.tv



Find us on social media!
#ScienceMattersinAmerica

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1-866-KIDZ FUN (1-866-543-9386)



**IT'S ALMOST TIME TO
PLAN FOR 2022-23!**

It's almost time to EnrollJeffco! Enrollment for the 2022-23 school year is open on Monday, January 10. Enrolling early is great, not only because you can cross it off your to-do list, but it also helps our District prepare for next year's staffing, budget, student resources, and more.

FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO ENROLL:

1

LEARN ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

jeffcopublicschools.org/schoolfinder

With School Finder, you can check out our updated school profile for information about our school, such as contacts, school data, programs offered, and virtual info night details.

2

ENROLL FOR SCHOOL

enrolljeffco.org

Beginning January 10th, whether you are returning to us or applying for the first time, EnrollJeffco will provide all the information you need to enroll in Jeffco Public Schools for the 2022-23 school year!

CURRENT STUDENTS:

You can update your contact information in the Infinite Campus Portal. If assistance is needed with usernames and passwords, please utilize the [Personal Account Manager](#).

NEW STUDENTS:

Visit www.enrolljeffco.org to complete all steps of enrollment. You will enter contact information, enroll for school, and all other steps all in one place! Feel free to contact our school directly with any questions.

There will be several email communications throughout the enrollment and registration process. Make sure you continue to check your email!





Ken Caryl Middle School Gifted & Talented Shadow Day

December 13, 2022
7:30am-10:00am

Use this form to get more information
and sign up your future KCMS Spartan

<https://bit.ly/22KCMSGTShadow>

**MONDAY
DEC. 5, 2022**

KEN CARYL MIDDLE SCHOOL

**SPARTAN
INTEREST
NIGHT**

5:30-7:00PM

**INFORMATION
SESSION WITH
PRINCIPAL
GAGNON**

**LEARN
ABOUT OUR
PROGRAMS**

**MEET OUR
TEACHERS**

**TOUR OUR
BUILDING**



WHY D'EVELYN?

What is it that sets D'Evelyn apart?

OPEN HOUSE
DECEMBER 1ST
BETWEEN 5PM-7PM

Hear From Students, Teachers, Administration, Parents & Alumni!

For More Info Visit: develyn.jeffcopublicschools.org

*last tour starts at 6pm

**Information meeting to follow at 7pm

Westridge PTA Happenings

November 30, 2022

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.

Looking ahead...

The Westridge Valentine's Day dance is back in 2023!
If you are interested in assisting with the planning, please consider the PTA Valentine's Dance committee.



For all details and information, see link below for Amanda Krische's email
THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts!

Dates to know:

Friday December 2nd:
SPIRIT DAY!

Friday December 2nd:
Donuts with Grown Ups
7:45-8:20 am

Monday December 5th:
Restaurant Fundraiser
@Panda Express 10:30 am-9:30 pm



- Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.
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- Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com.
- Use the link below and select Westridge Elem PTA – it's that easy.

Donuts with Grownups
December 2nd, 2022 AND March 10th, 2023
7:45 am to 8:20 am, Westridge Cafeteria



The Westridge Elementary Community Breakfasts are back! We will host 3 breakfasts during the school year, two for the students' special people (parents, older siblings, family figures - dates above), and one dedicated to their grandpeople (in April/May 2023).

Please pick one of these dates to come to the school and enjoy Starbucks Coffee, donuts, Canadian bacon, fruit, and milk. **The first event will be held Friday, December 2nd, 2022 from 7:45 am to 8:20 am in the school cafeteria (extra seating in the art room).**

This is a great opportunity for your child to spend some quality time with their special someone! They will have the opportunity to show their classrooms and the school. This event is FREE but will be capped at 300 participants.

Please please help make this breakfast possible by donating food for the event using the same SignUp Genius. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054baeac2da4fb6-donuts>

Please contact Aurelie Schoemann at aurelie.schoemann@gmail.com with any questions.
Thank you!

Panda Express Fundraiser



Fundraiser for

Westridge Elementary School

20% of event sales will be donated

Funds raised are given directly to our wonderful teachers to purchase classroom supplies



When

Monday, December 05, 2022

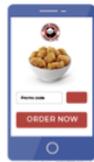
Time: 10:30 AM to 9:30 PM

Where

Panda Express located at:

**7850 W Quincy Ave Littleton CO 80123
(303) 933 - 0808**

How to Order



Online

**PandaExpress.com or the App.
Enter 344743 in the fundraiser code box**

or



In-Person

**Bring paper flyer or show it on
your smartphone**

Order ahead or on the event day Monday, December 05, 2022



**Health
and Safety**

Committed to your health and safety. Panda Express is recognized as **America's safest restaurant brand.**

Westridge Team Spotlight: 'Getting to Know You' Fourth Grade:



On a cool, crisp fall day several hundred years ago (ok maybe not quite that long), I was born right here in beautiful Colorado! Being the oldest of three children I took on the role of "boss of everything" - or at least I tried. :) I attended Columbine Hills Elementary, Ken Caryl Jr. High and then graduated from Columbine High School knowing that I wanted to be a teacher when I grew up! So off to the University of Northern Colorado I did trek! **See Ms. Ortiz Full Bio: [Heather Ortiz](#)**

[Ortiz](#)



I am a Colorado native, and grew up right here in Jefferson County where I graduated from Wheat Ridge High School. I continued my education in Colorado, attending Colorado State University where I earned a degree in Human Development and Family Studies, and then the University of Colorado at Denver, where I earned a master's degree in Educational Psychology. **See Ms Huffman's Full Bio: [Laura Huffman](#)**

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I moved to Glendale Heights, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, at a very young age and spent my childhood in the Chicago land area. I left Chicago to start a career in Naval Aviation. During 26 wonderful and fulfilling years, which included volunteering to teach various English language learners abroad in several different continents (this is when I fell in love with teaching kids.) I also traveled the world, having the tremendous pleasure of being exposed to and interacting with unique cultures. In the military, I continued to develop my teaching skills, teaching aviation technology and maintenance to older adolescents. **See Mr. Tate's Full Bio: [Michael Tate](#)**

Do you want to learn more about our Westridge staff members? You can view all of the bios [here](#).