



# Westridge Wildcat

January 9-13

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/>

Monday, January 9, 2023	
Tuesday, January 10, 2023	3:00-4:00 Science Matters – Art Room 3:00-4:00 Taekwondo - Gym
Wednesday, January 11, 2023	
Thursday, January 12, 2023	3:00-4:00 KidStage – Music Room
Friday, January 13, 2023	West Metro Fire visits during PE classes

[Westridge Family Calendar 2022-2023](#)

### 100 Mile Club

We will start up the 100 Mile Club on Monday, January 9. No 100 Mile Club this Thursday and Friday.

### Staffing Updates

We've had a couple of changes in our school community. Our facilities manager, Kathy, is changing careers. Caleb will be our new facilities manager for the remainder of the school year. Our health aide, Noelle, has decided to pursue nursing. We have that job posted right now and will interview soon. Our speech language pathologist, Kathy, has decided to leave the profession. That is a district placed position and we are waiting to hear who our new speech language pathologist will be. This semester we will have two student teachers. Laura Blakey will learn from Jodi Stevenson in 3rd grade. Megan Henry will be learning from Jenn Westfall in 1st grade. I want to always keep our family community in the loop, especially when it comes to having new faces around!

### Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders

- Please allow the kiss and go lane to flow. This is important for many families who have multiple drop offs, a disability, a newborn in the car, getting to work...and other needs. If you'd like to see your child to the door, please park elsewhere and walk with them.
- Our playground is closed from 8:15-8:25. We ask for students to line up by their classroom during this time.
- 100 Mile Club is a great option to get moving in the morning!
- Our bus lane is not to be used for drop off and pick up. We have that in place to keep an efficient traffic flow and protect our families who walk from the parking lot to the school.
- It is district policy to not allow dogs on campus.
- Be particularly careful out there tomorrow! We noticed when we were driving in, that the side streets are a little difficult to drive on with all this snow!

Sock Hop

We have another fun community event coming up! On February 10th we will host a Valentine's Dance and Sock Hop is the theme! These events are so important to foster our great, positive community. I hope to see many of you there!

Let's  
Shake  
Rattle & Roll

Westridge Valentine's  
**SOCK HOP**

FROM 6 - 8 PM

Skip the line.  
Pay ahead

\$10 - Couple  
\$15 - Family

Volunteer  
here

Friday **10TH**  
FEB

Dancing, Karaoke, Crafts, Silent Auction



# WORLD OF DESIGN

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**DATE:** 1/27-3/31

**DAYS:** Fridays

**SKIP DATES:** 3/17, 3/24

**TIME:** 3:00pm-4:00pm

**PRICE:** \$135

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# KidStage

Where Every Kid's a Star!



## Westridge Registration

<http://www.kidstage.net>

- Go to Locations at the top and pick "Colorado"
- Click on "Courses" at the top
- Left click in the blank box and select Jefferson County school district
- Schools are listed alphabetically

### THE PRODUCTION:

# BRAVE

Merida, a Scottish princess who enjoys archery and horseback riding, is told by her mother that her interests are not what a princess should be doing and that she has to marry. But Merida chooses to defy both her mother and tradition and change her fate. Merida follows the ancient forest wisps to seek help from an eccentric witch, who grants her an ill-fated wish. Now, Merida must discover the true meaning of courage and undo a beastly curse before it's too late.



### WHAT WE DO

KidStage is a theatre and acting class for kids! The curriculum includes concentration, teamwork, improvisation, movement, voice and basic theatre terminology. At the end of the class, KidStage kids will perform for peers and parents. All classes are taught by trained instructors, whose goal it is to teach your child about the excitement of theatre, improve your child's self-confidence, and to provide a safe, fun and interesting environment. KidStage will strengthen your child's confidence as well as build teamwork, leadership, reading, and vocabulary!



### QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

Kimberly Boulton  
[Kim.boulton@kidstage.net](mailto:Kim.boulton@kidstage.net)  
 (720) 532-4400 (call or text)



### ONCE A WEEK

Thurs 3:00PM – 4:30PM

Jan 12 KidStage Class  
 Jan 19 KidStage Class  
 Jan 26 KidStage Class  
 Feb 2 **NO CLASS**  
 Feb 9 KidStage Class  
 Feb 16 KidStage Class  
 Feb 23 KidStage Class  
 March 2 KidStage Class  
 March 9 KidStage Class

March 9 Show 6:30



### TUITION

\$185/per student



### ENROLLMENT & CLASS SIZE

The class size limit is 21 actors. Participants are selected on a first come, first served basis. This class is for appropriate for 1st graders and up. Please note: Kids must take the time outside of class to memorize lines.

# Westridge PTA Happenings

## January 4, 2023

### 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.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

Be sure to check out all of the information in the PTA Happenings and 'Dates to Know' ...there are so many exciting things coming up for 2023! Stay tuned!



### Dates to know:

Friday, January 6th:

**SPIRIT DAY!**

Monday, January 9th:

**Chipotle Restaurant  
Fundraiser 4-8pm**

Friday, January 20th:

**Yearbook Cover contest ends**

Monday, January 23rd:

**Smashburger Restaurant Day  
11am-9pm**

Friday, February 10th:

**Westridge Valentine's Day  
Dance and Silent Auction**



Earn money for Westridge every time you shop at King Soopers! Use the link below! **Follow these easy steps: Login to My Account, Click Community Rewards link below and Search for Westridge Elementary PTA or AU297**

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# DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR  
**WESTRIDGE  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

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**MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH | 4-8PM**  
**8100 W CRESTLINE AVE, DENVER, CO, 80123**

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ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **8DHJWBV**  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



# Yearbook Cover Contest

Hey Wildcats!

It's time for our annual yearbook cover contest!

Below are the guidelines for submitting your artwork.

Contest **begins** Wednesday December 14th  
and **ends** on Friday, January 20th at 3pm.

## Your design must include:

- The school name (Westridge Elementary)
- The school year (2022-2023)
- Artwork must be completed on 8 1/2" x 11" plain white paper
- Paper orientation must be **portrait** (paper goes up and down)
- Use bright and bold colors (no glitter or sparkles)
- Keep important parts of your design away from the edges of the paper so they don't get cut off if published
- Write your first and last name, grade, and teacher's name in **Pencil** on the **BACK** of your cover design
- Be creative and HAVE FUN!

Submit your finished artwork to the front office!





**Save the Date!**

Event name: Westridge Elementary x Smashburger  
GroupRaise Fundraiser

**Date: Monday, January 23rd**  
**Time: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM**

Location: Smashburger 8100 W. Crestline Ave.

Description:

Eat To Support Westridge Elementary  
Invite and share with friends and family!



## Getting to Know You: Meet Our Westridge Special Ed Team!



Mr. Weisel has been teaching for eight years, both in Colorado and abroad. This is his second year in Jefferson County Public Schools and first at Westridge Elementary. **Check out Mr.**

**Weisel's Full Bio:** [Drew Weisel](#)



Ms. Alt is a native of Colorado. She went to Colorado State University and got her degree in Exercise and Sport Science. After working in the field for 10 years, she decided to stay home with her kids. While her kids were in elementary school, she worked in an Autism Spectrum Disorder program on the side and fell in love with special education. **Check out Ms. Alt's Full**

**Bio:** [Heather Alt](#)



Hello Wildcats! My name is Torri Weese and I am the School Social Worker. I have an interesting path to mental health supportive services that began at CU Boulder (Go Buffs!). I majored in Philosophy and Speech Language Pathology services while working night shifts as a nurse aid at Boulder Community Hospital. After graduating, I worked primarily in clinical settings and specifically in the area of early intervention services. Overtime, I worked with food aversions, behavioral support services, traumatic brain injuries and was active in the community helping children and families communicate across environments. I discovered a strong interest in the area of pragmatics and social and emotional health. I decided to obtain my masters degree in Social Work. I completed graduate school at Walden University with Phi Alpha Honors. My interests include the outdoors, mountain biking, hiking, camping, sand volleyball, cooking and exploring various snow activities. I have a puppy named Tuesday, who is my world. I get to be the fun aunt to my amazing nieces and nephews that all live in Northern California.

**Check out Ms. Weeses' Full Bio:** [Torri Weese](#)

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