



WESTRIDGE ELEMENTARY

January 15 - 19

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.iefcpublicschools.org/>

[Westridge Family Calendar 2023-2024](#)

[Westridge Community Events Calendar 2023-2024](#)

[Westridge School Store](#)

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| Monday, January 15 | No School |
| Tuesday, January 16 | 2:35 – 4:00 Taekwondo - Gym 2:35 – 3:35 Science Matters – Art 2:35 – 3:35 Wize Robotics – C3 |
| Wednesday, January 17 | 2:35 – 3:35 Imagination Destination 4 th and 5 th 2:35 – 3:35 Overtime Athletics - Gym |
| Thursday, January 18 | 8:00 – 10:00 Spelling Bee - Gym 2:35 – 3:35 Wize Robotics – C3 5:00 – 7:00 Skate City Night |
| Friday, January 19 | 2:35 – 3:35 Destination Imagination 2 nd and 3 rd 2:35 – 3:35 Imagine Arts – Art 6:30 – 9:00 Movie Night - Gym |

January GT Family Learning Opportunity

New Structure for our January GT Family Learning opportunity!

This January we will be offering 6 different learning opportunities for parents, PLUS an open Q&A session on 1/24/24. The presentation format will be asynchronous as these topics will be pre-recorded and available starting on 1/19/24. Families can view the sessions they choose and follow up with any additional questions for our presenters on 1/24/24 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Please visit our event webpage [HERE](#) for specific topics and descriptions. The links on this webpage will go live starting on 1/19/24.

SAC

On January 9, 2024 the School Accountability Committee met to discuss staffing, class size, and budget. Those three topics are tightly related. I started to present some research about class size and ultimately said that we can find any research study that defends whichever side of the issue you believe in, therefore, our conversation needs to be more about our values and how we can use our resources to align to values. The commonality I heard in the parents' shares is that they want strong relationships between their student, teacher, and the family. There is a consideration that it is difficult to have the time to build those strong relationships as the class size increases. As principal, I agree with that sentiment. That obviously ties to staffing because we will have to make adjustments overall to uphold our value of strong relationships with the teacher, student, and family. Thank you for sharing. I will update you all on budget in early February. Our next SAC meeting is at Dakota Ridge High School with the area schools on February 5 at 6 pm. Always feel free to submit your thoughts that you'd like discussed at SAC using [this form](#).

Previous submissions:

- Can we paint the exterior doors? **Yep! This is planned for spring break.**
- We would like to discuss communication standards from teachers to families. **It is so important to Westridge staff that families feel connected. Please express your desire to your child's classroom teacher and I know they will want to work on a plan for better communication with you if it's not working currently. We are willing to compromise on a system that works for teacher and family :)**
- I want to talk about the math curriculum. **I bet you're not the only one! That is why we are hosting a math night (see invite below)**

Intent to Return

Enrollment projections is what helps me plan our budget for next year. It is extremely helpful for families to fill out their enrollment information. Thanks for going into Enroll Jeffco to fill out your enrollment for next school year.

[Click Here](#)



2024-25 School Year Enrollment *NOW OPEN!*



Math Night

We invite you to be part of our math community. Come to Math Night to hear an overview of the curriculum, experience a lesson with our teachers, and participate in a discussion about the curriculum. Your kids can come and watch a movie with staff members while you engage in math.

Westridge, along with Jeffco schools, has adopted a new math curriculum, Illustrative Math. This curriculum resource challenges us all to shift our ideas about the role math plays in students' lives today and in the future. As a staff, we feel excitement for what we've seen from student engagement and for what's possible. We also have a healthy dose of hesitation because our past experiences in teaching and learning math are different from the current reality of our experience with Illustrative Math.

When: January 24 @ 4-5

Where: Westridge Gym and Classrooms

What: Engage in learning and discussion about Illustrative Math. Grown ups for math night ; kids for movie night

[RSVP if you're coming, here](#)

We look forward to it!

Warmly,
Westridge Staff

★ Celebrating Achievements

We love celebrating our students' accomplishments, big and small. If your child has achieved something special outside of school, let us know! Whether it's earning a scouting badge, learning a new instrument, or excelling in a sport, we want to celebrate their successes together. We are going to use a digital screen by the front office to display their success. You can send a digital picture or just an email about the success to Mrs. Thanos at amanda.thanos@jeffco.k12.co.us. Send anytime! [News from the Library](#)

News from the Library



FREE BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY

We are cleaning out our shelves to make room for new titles. We use a district process to get rid of our books and once we have completed that process we can give away titles to families.

Starting next week and for the next couple of months, we will have book give away days in the library where kids can pick a couple of books they would like to take home. These books are yours to keep and do not need to be returned. We hope you enjoy them!

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are cleaning out our shelves and are in need of volunteers to help delete titles, peel off barcodes and stamp. The time commitment is very flexible! You can come in anytime that works for you in the school day. You can even take a stack home and bring it back. If you are interested please email me: christi.reed@jeffco.k12.co.us
Thank you!



Grub Club

In 2015, there were more than 2,400 students in Jeffco Schools who didn't have a permanent home or a hot meal to go home to at night. As educators we know this affects their ability to perform in the classroom, and as human beings we know what this can do to a student's spirit. Every spring, we lead Grub Club in order to ensure all students experiencing homelessness or emancipation in Jeffco can have food and hygiene products throughout the school year.

Grub Club 2024

JCEA, JESPA, and Jeffco PTA are partnering again with the Jeffco Action Center now through March 8, 2024 to help ensure our students have food. We have expanded our collection of items through monetary donations. A \$25 donation fills 1/4 of a box of goods. Any monetary donations helps fill a box for a student in need.

Each articulation area is assigned specific items to collect – remember these items must be portable and, if they require cooking, must be able to be heated in their container. **Please no canned items that require a stove or can opener.** See the flier below for the Dakota Ridge articulation area, including collection items and monetary donation links.

Collection boxes will be located in the foyer of the school.

Crackers/snacks should be SNACK PACK size.

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ACTIONCENTER
COMMUNITY • COMPASSION • CONNECTION

**GRUB CLUB
FOOD DRIVE**

**DECEMBER 1, 2023 -
MARCH 8, 2024**

DAKOTA RIDGE AREA SCHOOLS

HELP US COLLECT!
CRACKERS/SNACKS

Goldfish
Cheddar

Or scan to
donate \$\$
directly

jcea

Please:

- pay attention to expiration dates
- provide pop-top openings, not everyone has a can opener



SCHOOL SPIRIT

Skate

Westridge Elementary

\$7

Admission

Thursday

January 18th

5-7pm

\$4

Skate
Rental

\$5 Meal Deals Available

Bring your friends and family for a GREAT private school skate party event, just for the students, staff, family, and friends from the school!



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303.795.6109



www.skatecitycolorsdo.com

There will be a grade level participation competition. Please make sure to sign in at the front door.

WESTRIDGE MOVIE NIGHT

Brought to you by the Westridge PTA

Friday, January 19th

Doors open at 6:00 pm - FREE movie at 6:15 pm



- In the gym – bring your pillows and blankets -
- Popcorn, snacks, and drinks for 50¢ - \$1.00 -
- Children **MUST** be accompanied and supervised by an adult, and feel free to invite friends and others outside of Westridge – Everyone is welcome! -
- Bring in Terracycle items to recycle if you have them -

We hope to see you there!



SOUTH JEFFCO COYOTES FOOTBALL 2024 FOOTBALL EVALUATIONS

**2024 DATES:
FEBRUARY 11TH
MARCH 3ND
APRIL 14TH**

**TIMES:
10AM-11:30AM ROOKIES (1ST - 3RD GRADERS) AND 4TH GRADERS
12PM-1PM 5TH & 6TH GRADERS
2PM-3:30PM 7TH & 8TH GRADERS**

**LOCATION:
COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
6201 SOUTH PIERCE STREET - LITTLETON - 80123**

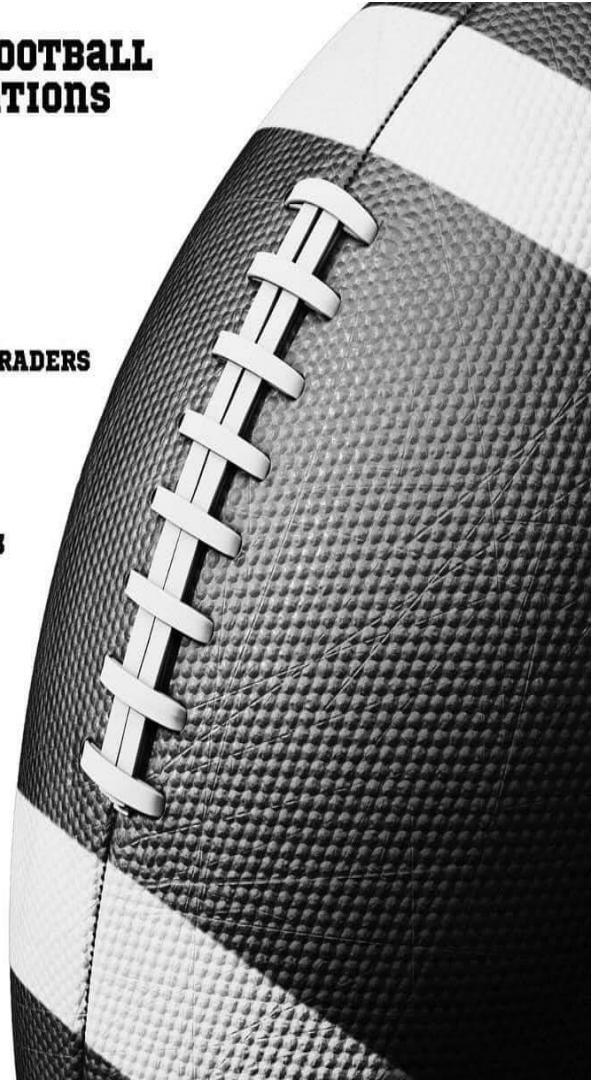
**REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:
SNEAKERS AND A WATER BOTTLE**

**PARTICIPANTS MUST BE REGISTERED:
VISIT SOUTHJEFF.ORG**

**DISCLAIMER:
TIMES AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DUE TO WEATHER AND FACILITY CONSTRAINTS.
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES.**



**QUESTIONS:
John Basinger 720-291-3290
CJ Cain 720-229-6551**



Westridge PTA Happenings

January 10, 2024

Westridge PTA Mission Statement

Westridge PTA is to provide a collaborative resource for Westridge parents, teachers and staff to communicate, access services and information, which promote the education and well being of all Westridge students.

PTA Meeting Schedule:



February 13, 2024
March 12, 2024
April 9, 2024
May 14, 2024

Dates to Know:

Wednesday, January 10th:
Yearbook cover contest starts
Thursday, January 11th:
Qdoba Restaurant Night 4-8pm
Friday, February 2nd:
Yearbook cover contest ends
Friday, February 9th:
Valentine's Day Dance and Silent Auction

King Soopers Community Rewards



Register your King Soopers savings card and support Westridge!

PTA EVENTS!



Mark your calendar for all of the fun and upcoming school events that PTA is hosting!



Skate Night, Valentine's Dance and silent auction, movie night, Grown up breakfasts, Science Fair, Jog-A-Thon, Bike Rodeo and



MORE!



Be sure stay in the know through Happenings or check for information in Friday folders...

[Westridge PTA](https://westridge.memberhub.com/store/items/104922)

Click here to join the Westridge PTA:

<https://cowestridge.memberhub.com/store/items/104922>



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 January 10th
and **ends** on Friday, February 2nd at 3pm.

Your design **MUST** include:

- The school name (Westridge Elementary)
- The school year (2023-2024)
- 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!

QDOBA IS BRINGING FLAVOR TO OUR COMMUNITY



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THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 4PM-8PM

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Westridge Elementary School

2024

**Valentine's
Red Carpet
Dance**



Friday

February 9, 2024
6:00 to 8:00pm

**Dancing, Karaoke, Crafts,
Snacks and Silent Auction**

Volunteers Needed!

\$15 Per Family - \$10 Parent/Child

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



**Valentine's Dance & Silent Auction
Volunteers Needed**

**<http://bit.ly/3S3tOgy>
SIGN UP NOW!**

**Friday,
February 9, 2024**

Link: <http://bit.ly/3S3tOgy>



Westridge Elementary PTA

10785 W. Alamo Pl.
Littleton, CO 80127
(303)982-3975

Hi!

A local neighborhood K-5 elementary school needs your help!

The Westridge Parent/Teacher Association* (PTA) is hosting a silent auction and is seeking support from the companies, services and organizations of our community. As a business or service in our community, we are asking, will you make a donation to support our students?

The proceeds from this event will allow our PTA to continue providing as much support and assistance to the faculty and staff as possible – so they can continue doing their great work of keeping our students safe, supported and educated.

If you'd rather make a donation, please use the below QR code. Donations due 2/01. Auction on February 9th.



Please reach out to Matt Pollett (217-871-6262 email: pollettm@hotmail.com) with any questions and to provide your donation information.

Thank you for supporting our students, faculty, and staff.

Matt Pollett
Vice President - Westridge PTA
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217.871.6262

*Westridge Elementary PTA which is a non-profit, 501 (c)(3)

EIN 84-1067804

**Westridge Elementary is recycling the
Unrecyclable with TerraCycle!**



Help us go **GREEN** and earn **GREEN** by recycling your hard-to-recycle trash! Westridge is proud to share that we have a TerraCycle recycling hub for common things we toss in the trash that can't be recycled locally. The blue recycling bin with the TerraCycle logo is located across the hall from the main office. Students, parents, staff and faculty are invited to use it. The best part? Just by dropping off trash, you help us raise funds for our school! **We'll use our earnings to fund new outdoor recess equipment and classroom supplies!**

-To date, Westridge has recycled over 845 pounds of trash!

In the 2022/2023 school year we recycled 26 lbs of juice pouches and 53 lbs of squeeze pouches, and that is just from collecting in the cafeteria at lunchtime!

Approved TerraCycle Items:

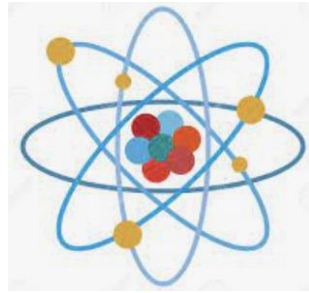
- **All Kroger brand packaging including: flexible plastic packaging from Simple Truth, Private Selection, Kroger, Comforts, Pet Pride, Luvsome, Abound and any other Kroger Co. brands**
 - **ALL brands of squeezable pouches and caps**
 - **ALL brands of plastic and foil drink pouches and straws**
- **ALL Bimbo USA packaging. Brands included: Bimbo, Thomas, Orowheat, Sara Lee, Entenmann's, Ball Park and Boboli**
 - **Little Bites brand flexible plastic packaging**
- **ALL Garnier brand skin and hair care packaging, including flexible plastic pouches, bottles, pumps, lids and tubes/caps**
- **ALL brands of reusable plastic and glass food storage containers/lids, including #5 takeout containers/lids (NOT single-use branded food packaging, e.g. yogurt or sour cream containers)**
 - **ALL brands of empty toothpaste tubes and caps, toothbrushes, toothpaste/toothbrush outer packaging, empty floss containers, deodorant containers and caps, mouthwash bottles and caps**

Tips for dropping off recycling:

- Start collecting accepted items in a box or bag at home and bring it in once it's full.
 - Please make sure to only drop off accepted items (listed above).
- Items don't have to be sparkling clean, but please remove as much product (e.g., toothpaste from tubes or juice from pouches) as possible.

THANK YOU!!!

**Save the date: Science Fair
April 17, 2024**



During school hours for kids, after school for parent visits.

The goal of the Science and Innovation Fair is to get all kids excited about science and innovation. With this goal in mind, students may bring anything that sparks their interest or any project they already completed that they are proud of.

Entries can include (but are not limited to):

- Traditional science fair projects, with or without trifold display,***
- Projects the students completed for school, this year or any year,***
- Innovative toys your kids love and want to know more about in order to explain how it works to the rest of us,***
- Amazing crafts your child has done that they want to share with their peers,***
- Anything your student is excited to share!***
- The sky's the limit. We want students to have fun, share their interests, and feel proud of their work!***

Contact Benny Siljenberg : BSiljenberg@gmail.com with questions

**Save the date: Bicycle Rodeo
May 1st, 2024
After school**



The Bicycle rodeo will introduce and educate children to bicycle safety skills and fun tricks.

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