



WESTRIDGE ELEMENTARY

February 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.iefcpublicschools.org/>

[Westridge Family Calendar 2023-2024](#)

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

[Westridge School Store](#)

Monday, February 5	2:35 – 3:20 Spanish
Tuesday, February 6	2:35 – 4:00 Taekwondo - Gym 2:35 – 3:35 Wize Robotics – C3 6:30 – 7:30 PTA Meeting - Library
Wednesday, February 7	2:35 – 3:35 Imagination Destination 4 th and 5 th 2:35 – 3:35 Overtime Athletics - Gym
Thursday, February 8	2:35 – 3:35 Wize Robotics – C3 2:35 – 4:05 KidStage - Music
Friday, February 9	2:35 – 3:35 Destination Imagination 2 nd 2:35 – 3:35 Imagine Arts – Art 6:00 – 8:00 Valentine's Dance

Spring Conference Sign Up


Spring Conferences will be held on Tuesday, February 13 and Thursday, February 15. Please use the links below to sign up for conferences. If you do not sign up for conferences by Monday, February 5, a conference time will be assigned to your student.

Spring Conferences 23 - 24	
Sign Up Genius Links	
Kindergarten	
Ms. Funk	Ms. Funk's Sign Up Genius
Ms. Levin	Ms. Levin's Sign Up Genius
1st Grade	
Mrs. Fecht	Mrs. Fecht's Sign Up Genius
Mrs. Thompson	Mrs. Thompson's Sign Up Genius
Mrs. Westfall	Mrs. Westfall's Sign Up Genius
2nd Grade	
Mrs. Aranjó	Mrs. Aranjó's Sign Up Genius
Mrs. Ferdig	Mrs. Ferdig's Sign Up Genius
Mrs. Lundgren	Mrs. Lundgren's Sign Up Genius
3rd Grade	
Mrs. Lawrence	Mrs. Lawrence's Sign Up Genius
Mrs. Navant	Mrs. Navant's Sign Up Genius
Mrs. Stevenson	Mrs. Stevenson's Sign Up Genius
4th Grade	
Ms. Ortiz	Ms. Ortiz's Sign Up Genius
Mrs. Ruggles	Mrs. Ruggles' Sign Up Genius
Mr. Tate	Mr. Tate's Sign Up Genius
5th Grade	
Mrs. Kissinger	Mrs. Kissinger's Sign Up Genius
Ms. Morgenthaler	Ms. Morgenthaler's Sign Up Genius
Mrs. Olis	Mrs. Olis's Sign Up Genius
AMP	
Mr. Crock	Mr. Crock's Sign Up Genius
Mrs. Christensen	Mrs. Christensen's Sign Up Genius
	Ms. Gross's Sign Up Genius

Spring Pictures February 7



Flyers went home in Friday Folders as well.



Class GROUP photos



Dr. Gail Condon, Principal **Sample Elementary School** 2013-2014
Mrs. Armando, Fourth Grade Class *Mrs. Dye, Teacher Assistant*

FRONT ROW: Katherine Han, Sean Hamilton, Jacobson Gill, Bryan Timon, Norma Salgado, Katherine Miller
SECOND ROW: Mrs. Butitta, Celeste Wilson, Joshua Peterson, Jonathan Gibbons, Pedro Casarero, Sophia LaFleur, James Sheppard, Emily Perez
THIRD ROW: Dylan Tevethore, Abigail Smith, Nathan McCune, Joseph Njiru, Allana Abramo, Yorlani Marcano





Professional Class Portraits

Westridge Elementary School
 Van Gogh School Photographers will be taking pictures on:
Wednesday, February 7, 2024

This year Van Gogh School Photographers will be offering a classroom group photo. **Due to COVID virus we are asking that all payments are to be made online this year to minimize the handling of currency.** If you are unable to pay online, simply fill out the order form and return payment to your school prior to the ordering deadline. Thank you for your cooperation.

1 - CLASSROOM GROUP PHOTO



NEW ONLINE INDIVIDUAL PORTRAIT PROGRAM


All students will be photographed individually on class picture day. Within 10 working days after picture day, information will be sent home with instructions on how to preview and order your child's individual portrait online. (All individual portraits will be shipped directly to the parents home)

To pay by CREDIT CARD go to:
www.ordervgco.com and click on "Before Picture Day":
Enter your school code: 30034814


THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR SCHOOL THROUGH YOUR PURCHASE OF PICTURES.

ORDER FORM
 Pay Online or Check or Cash

1 - CLASSROOM GROUP PHOTO



\$12.00



Need help ordering? Call 303-679-9003

NUMBER OF CLASS PHOTOS DESIRED _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$

Pay by CASH or make CHECKS payable to:
 Made su DINERO o CHEQUES a nombre De:
Van Gogh School Photographers

Payment by check is your express authorization that returned checks may be electronically re-presented and that we may draw a check on or electronically debit your account for a fee of \$30.00 in some cases.
EXACT AMOUNT REQUIRED! Pay separately for each student!
 ENVÍE EL DINERO EXACTO! Pague separado por cada estudiante!

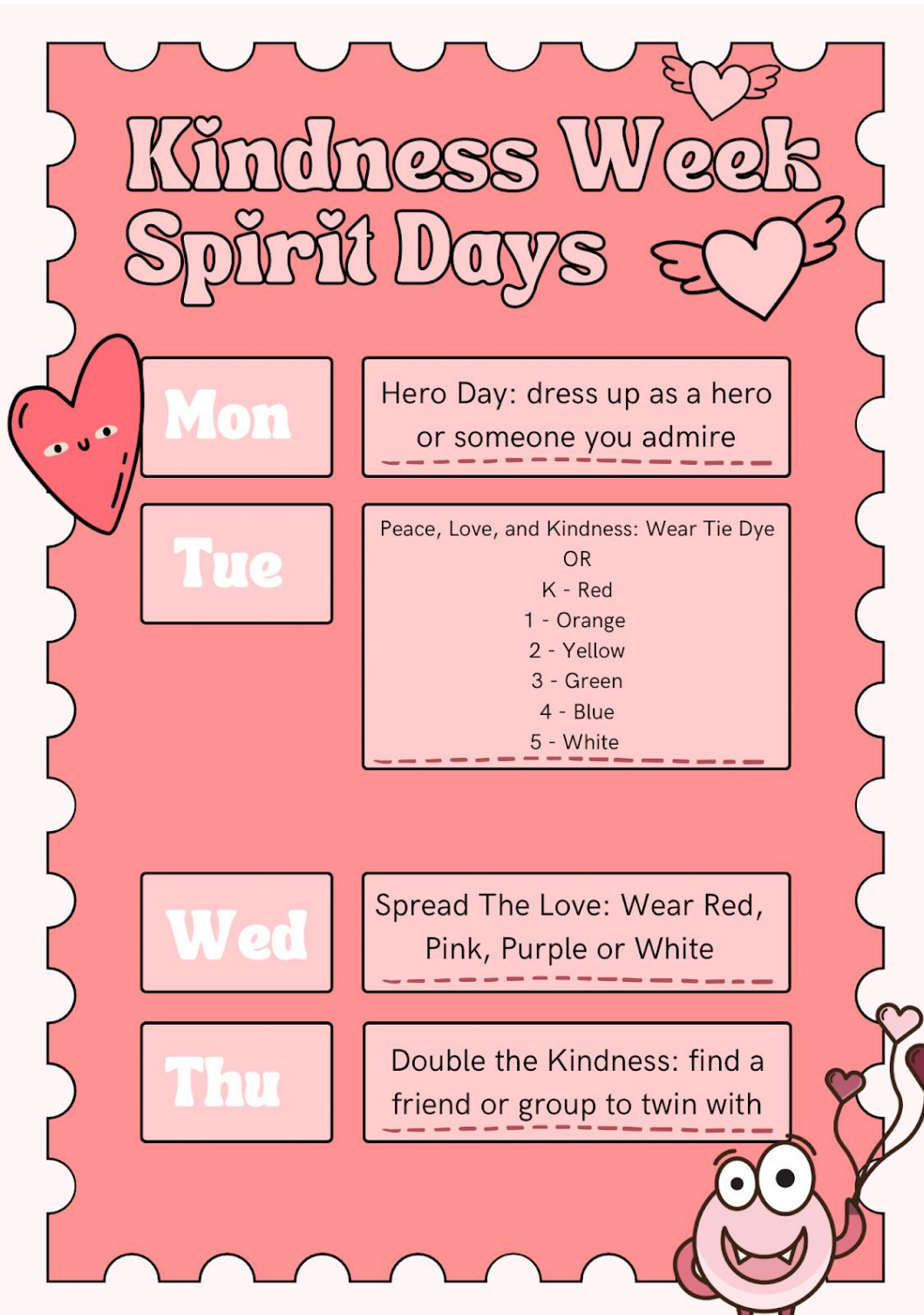
Please fill out completely. Por favor complete en su totalidad.

Student Name _____
 Teacher _____
 Grade _____
 Daytime phone _____
 Email _____

30034814: Westridge Elementary School

Kindness Week

Westridge will be celebrating Kindness Week February 12-February 15! As part of the celebration, we will have a spirit week.



The poster features a pink background with a scalloped border. At the top, the text 'Kindness Week Spirit Days' is written in a bubbly, outlined font. There are two winged hearts: one in the top right and one to the right of the title. On the left side, there is a large red heart with a face. At the bottom right, there is a cartoon character with a large smile and eyes, holding a string of hearts. The poster is divided into four rows, each representing a day of the week with a corresponding activity.

Kindness Week Spirit Days

Mon	Hero Day: dress up as a hero or someone you admire
Tue	Peace, Love, and Kindness: Wear Tie Dye OR K - Red 1 - Orange 2 - Yellow 3 - Green 4 - Blue 5 - White
Wed	Spread The Love: Wear Red, Pink, Purple or White
Thu	Double the Kindness: find a friend or group to twin with

Family Survey

Below is a link to complete a survey about family school partnerships. The survey is anonymous and will take around 15 – 20 minutes to complete. The results will be compiled into school level climate reports. These reports will be used by district leadership and school staff to continue the positive work of our schools while identifying and addressing current needs. **The family survey opens Tuesday, January 16 and closes Friday, February 23.** Thank you for taking the time to give us feedback!

Survey Link: surveys.panoramaed.com/jeffco/family

Coffee With the Principal

Join me February 7th right after drop off (7:45 am)

Yard Signs

If you'd like to have a sign saying that you're the proud home of a Westridge Wildcat, please come by the front office to pick up a sign! Your child can come grab one at the end of any day as well.

Dakota Ridge Articulation Area SAC Meeting

Join us February 5th at 6:00 pm to hear from all of our Dakota Ridge Area Schools. Our Social and Emotional Learning Specialists will be presenting, as well as some of our district professionals. This will occur at Dakota Ridge High School.

Math Night

FAQ

Video of Presentation

A couple of slides that are not in the video:



What to expect?

- Your student may become frustrated when the teacher doesn't immediately help them solve a problem... productive struggle!
- Homework will look different
- The complexity of tasks may increase from what you are accustomed to.



How can you help?

- Read family support documents or watch the videos to familiarize yourself with each unit.
- Ask your student each day what they figured out during math time.
- Fluency Practice.
- Productively communicate with your child's teacher.
- Reinforce productive struggle when engaging in math work at home. Remind your student that working hard to understand and figuring things out helps their brain grow!



Fluency in Mathematics

Grade	Standard	Expected Fluency
K	K.OA.A.5	Add/Subtract within 5
1	1.OA.C.6	Add/Subtract within 10
2	2.OA.B.2 2.NBT.B.5	Add/Subtract within 20 (Know single digit sums from memory) Add/Subtract within 100
3	3.OA.C.7 3.NBT.A.2	Multiply/Divide within 100 (Know single digit products from memory) Add/Subtract within 1000
4	4.NBT.B.4	Add/Subtract within 1,000,000
5	5.NBT.B.5	Multi-digit multiplication
6	6.NS.B.2 6.NS.B.3	Multi-digit division Multi-digit decimal operations
7	7.NS.A.1,2 7.EE.B.3 7.EE.B.4	Fluency with rational number arithmetic Solve multistep problems with positive and negative rational numbers in any form Solve one-variable equations of the form $px + q = r$ and $p(x + q) = r$ fluently
8	8.EE.C.7 8.G.C.9	Solve one-variable linear equations, including cases with infinitely many solutions or no solutions Solve problems involving volumes of cones, cylinders, and spheres together with previous geometry work, proportional reasoning and multi-step problem solving in grade 7

News from the Library

Hello Wonderful Parents-

Our Book Fair is coming up the week of Feb.12-14. I am in need of some volunteers to help me run the fair. If you're interested, please sign up at the following link. Thank you for your help! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA8AF22A5FE3-47455980-book>

Thank you to all the amazing parents that have pitched in and helped us with books in the last two weeks! You are amazing and have helped us make some great progress. We continue to need help, so please let us know if you'd be willing to pitch in!

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.



the
ACTION CENTER
COMMUNITY • COMPASSION • CONNECTION

**GRUB CLUB
FOOD DRIVE**



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

DAKOTA RIDGE AREA SCHOOLS


HELP US COLLECT!

CRACKERS/SNACKS



Please:

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



Or scan to donate \$\$ directly





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:

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



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
 (720) 532-4400 (call or text)



ONCE A WEEK

Thurs 2:35PM – 4:05PM

Feb 8	KidStage Class
Feb 15	NO CLASS
Feb 22	KidStage Class
Feb 29	NO CLASS
March 7	KidStage Class
March 14	KidStage Class
March 21	NO CLASS
March 28	KidStage Class
April 4	KidStage Class
April 11	KidStage Class
April 18	KidStage Class
April 18	Show 6:30PM



TUITION

\$195/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 appropriate for 1st graders and up. Please note: Kids must take the time outside of class to memorize lines.

Would you be able to find beauty....in a beast? Join Belle, a simple country girl, and a colorful cast of characters and she embarks on the biggest adventure of her life. Finding herself alone in a dark and scary castle, Belle meets the Beast, an intimidating monster who's not exactly polite. Follow their journey to friendship as Belle realizes that what truly matters is the beauty you possess inside. This hilarious adaptation has fantastic roles for boys and girls!

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL STEM Clubs

STEM (Science - Technology - Engineering - Math)

Enrichment Programs



Totally Toyriffic: Science and Toys. What could be better? Become a Toy Technician as you learn the science behind many popular playthings. Explore science through the world of toys like the humming harmonica, gyroscopes, and tops. Build your own game and power an electric circuit with nothing more than the touch of your hand. Our science workshop is filled with toys that teach. Come and experience the power of play!

Class dates: 2/27/24, 3/5/24, 3/12/24, 3/26/24, 4/2/24
Price: \$96



Under the Sea: Plunge into this club as we submerge into all of the wonders of the ocean. We will travel way down from the ocean floor up to the sandy shore, discover spectacular sea creatures, collect and classify shells, and much more. Get ready to soak up all the knowledge and adventure of the treasures of the sea.

Class dates: 4/16/24, 4/23/24, 4/30/24, 5/7/24, 5/14/24
Price: \$96

Westridge Elementary

- Class meets on Tuesdays from 2:35 – 3:35 pm in the Art Room
- Grades K-6
- Registration deadline one week before club starts



Register at:
www.ScienceMatters.tv



Find us on social media!
#ScienceMattersinAmerica

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



Friday, February 9th, 6-8:00pm

**Don't miss your chance to bid on some
spectacular items!!!**

Here is an updated *Sneak Peek...*

Jeffco Sheriff - Swag Basket and a RIDE TO SCHOOL WITH A
SHERIFF!!

107.9 KBPI - 2 Tickets to Summer of '99 Tour at Fiddlers
Green

52eighty Distilling - Gift Basket

American Family Insurance - "Warm-me-up" and "Chuckwagon"
Gift Baskets

Arsnick Art Tattoo - Gift Certificate

Arvada Center - 2 Tickets to a Theater Production

Belliston Dance Academy - One Free Month

Boondocks - Activity Passes

Blue Spruce Brewing Co. - \$40 Gift Card and Crowler

Camp Galileo - Sweatshirt or Week of Camp

Cheryl Hall - Custom Greeting Cards

Colorado Railroad Museum - Family Four-Pack

Comedy Works - Admit 2 Passes

Courtyard by Marriott Denver Downtown - One Night Stay

Mr. Crock - Custom Painting

Dakota Ridge High School - (2) Swag Baskets

Denilleo Designs - Custom Painting

Denver Beer Co. - Gift Card and Shirt

Denver Museum of Nature and Science - Admission Tickets

Denver Zoo - Admission Tickets

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Dinosaur Ridge - Tour and Entrance for 4
Farmer's Engraving - Westridge Engraved Wine Glasses
Foothills Park & Rec. District - Complimentary Facility Passes
Garlic Knot - Free Large Cheese Pizza
Gold Crown Sports - 2 Scholarships for Summer Sports Camps
Highland Haven Creekside Inn - \$200 Gift Certificate
JRC Tumbler Designs - Custom Tumbler and more
Lariat Lodge - \$50 Gift Card
Littleton Contemporary Dance Center
Lodge Hotel/Casino - One Night Stay and Buffet for 2
Melting Pot - Lunch for 2
Libby Mouw - Knitted Gnomes
Nikole Bigley - 2 Facials
Pikes Peak International Raceway - 2 Tickets to an Event
Raccoon Creek Golf Course - Foursome w/Cart
Southwest Salon - Pedicure
SpringHill Suites Downtown - One Night Stay
Texas Roadhouse - Dinner for 2
Tiny Town - Admission and Train Rides for a Family of 5
Suzanna Price - Knitted Kid's Hat and Coin Purse
West Hill Grill - \$50 Gift Card
Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum - Individual
Plus Membership
Wonderland Artistry at Cheshire Ranch - 2 Pyrography
Designer Hats
...and more!!!

Westridge PTA Happenings

January 31, 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 6, 2024

March 12, 2024

April 9, 2024

May 14, 2024

Dates to Know:

Friday, February 2nd:
Yearbook cover contest
ends

Tuesday, February 6th:
PTA Meeting 6:30

Friday, February 9th:
Valentine's Day Dance
and Silent Auction

Through February 12th:
Online Little Caesars
Pizza Kit Fundraiser

Monday, February 12th:
Donuts with Grown-Ups

**Wednesday, February
21st:**

Applebee's Fundraiser

[Westridge PTA](#)

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!

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!

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/TF43A2GPQ5V0T/checkout/QFSSZBSMYO3JYC2Q43P2UYZR>

**The Valentine's Dance and Silent Auction Needs
You!**



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

Sign up to volunteer now↑!

**Valentine's Dance and Silent Auction:
Friday, February 9th
6:00-8:00 pm
@Westridge Elementary School**

Little Caesars Pizza Kits - until Monday 2/12/24

Westridge Elementary PTA has partnered with Little Caesars to raise money for our amazing teachers and staff! Join us for a family friendly fundraiser. Enjoy time together at home making pizza, crazy bread, & cookies. The kits are convenient and delicious, perfect to have on hand for busy days. They can be used right away or frozen to be used later.

Do you prefer ordering in? Purchase a digital code & pick up a HOT-N-READY meal at a Little Caesars location.

Our school earns \$6 profit for every kit and "meal deal code" sold. In 2023 we earned \$372. Can you help us increase our fundraiser profit this year?

Shop online using this link;

<https://fundraising.littlecaesars.com/products?support=34056eb2-1837-43bc-b69f-759761b94f96>

It's easy and only takes a few minutes to order. You can pay by credit card and the yummy Kits will be shipped right to your door by FedEx. The meal deal codes will be emailed directly to you with instructions for use. Please feel free to share the shopping link with all your friends and family near and far. It's the same price to ship 1 or 2 kits.

Thank you so much for your help!



JANUARY 13TH - FEBRUARY 12TH
SHOP THE QR CODE:



Donuts with Grownups

February 12th, 2024

7:15 am to 7:45 am, Westridge Cafeteria

Come join us for the second Westridge Elementary Community Breakfast of the school year! We will have one last breakfast dedicated to our students' grandpeople in April/May 2024.



Please come to the school and enjoy Starbucks Coffee, donuts, Canadian bacon, and fruit. The event will be held **Monday, February 12th from 7:15 am to 7:45 am** in the school cafeteria.

This is a great opportunity for your child to spend some quality time with their parent, sibling, grandparent, or other family figure! Once the bell rings, they will have the opportunity to bring their special person to class for a read aloud.

The book fair will also be held in the library so feel free to stop by on your way out.

This event is FREE but will be capped at 300 participants. Please **reserve your spot using the SignUp Genius** below and help us **by donating food for the event** using the same SignUp Genius.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BAEAC2DA4FB6-47441519-donuts>



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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BAEAC2DA4FB6-47441519-donuts>



5250 South Wadsworth, Lakewood, CO, US 80123
Wednesday February 21st - 11am-11pm

<https://www.groupraise.com/events/271251-westridge-elementary-pta-at-applebee-s>

Lakewood!

Eat to support

Westridge Elementary PTA



♥ 15% Donated Back

📅 Wednesday, February 21st / 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM

🕒 RSVP below

groupraise.com/events/271251 Applebee's
5250 South Wadsworth, Lakewood

Westridge is recycling the unrecyclable with TerraCycle!



Help us be 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 best part? Just by dropping off trash, you help us raise funds for our school! The recycling hub is located across the hall from the main office. There is a blue bin with the TerraCycle logo on it. Students, parents, staff and faculty are invited to use it!

Below are the ONLY items that we are currently collecting:

- All Kroger brands flexible plastic packaging including: 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, Oroweat, 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 used, CLEAN socks. NO stockings, tights or pantyhoses, please. Holes and stains are okay, but the socks must be clean!
- ALL SpinMaster and Vtech/LeapFrog toys, games and electronic devices (EXCEPT Kinetic Sand and Orbeez). SpinMaster brand flexible plastic packaging is also recyclable through the program.

When dropping off your recyclable products, **PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING:**

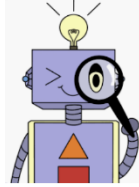
- PLEASE be sure to ONLY drop off accepted items (listed above).
- Items do not have to be sparkling clean, but PLEASE remove as much product as possible (e.g., applesauce or juice from pouches).

*Please note that we currently do not have the ability to recycle every product with a TerraCycle logo on it. ONLY the items listed above. Thank you for your commitment to our school and the environment!

Have questions or want to get involved?

Please contact Amanda Hruza: WestridgeTerracycle@gmail.com

**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 1, 2024
After school**



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

Contact Benny Siljenberg: BSiljenberg@gmail.com with questions