



WESTRIDGE ELEMENTARY

February 26 – March 1

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 26	2:35 – 3:20 Spanish
Tuesday, February 27	2:35 – 3:40 Taekwondo – Gym 2:35 – 3:35 Wize Robotics 2:35 – 3:35 Science Matters - Art
Wednesday, February 28	2:35 – 3:35 Overtime Athletics – Gym 2:35 – 3:45 Destination Imagination 4 th and 5 th
Thursday, February 29	2:35 – 3:35 Wize Robotics 6:30 – 7:00 2 nd and 3 rd Grade Music Performance
Friday, March 1	Spirit Day – Wear Your Westridge Gear 2:35 – 3:35 Imagine Arts – Art 2:35 – 3:35 Destination Imagination 2nd

Math Homework

After math night and conferences and collaboration with our school's instructional leadership team, we are making an effort to have consistent homework practices for math. Here's what you need to know:

- Homework will come home a week at a time.
- Teachers will communicate which day of the week students will turn in homework and it will be the same from week to week.
- Teachers will be sending practice problems from the previously taught sections of the Illustrative Math curriculum.
- Families will be able to choose which days of the week you want to work on homework in order to support busy schedules aside from school.

Assessment Days

Upcoming assessment days are on May 3 and May 6.

- K-3: Families will sign up for an hour time slot for children to come do assessments for only that hour.
- 4 and 5: All students will attend school on May 3 for testing. We will have lunch, recess, and AMP on that day. On May 6, teachers will send a request to sign up for a time slot for as needed testing. If your child is on a READ plan, we will be requesting testing.

★ Celebrating Achievements

[There are new celebrations!!](#)

We love celebrating our students' accomplishments, big and small. If your child has achieved something special outside of school, let us know! 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!

WatchDOGS

We are looking for male role models to join us specifically during fifth grade recess. The students would like to be able to utilize more of our grounds, but we don't have the adult supervision needed. If you're a WatchDOG during recess, you would supervise the soccer field area. Please email Carla Cowan to arrange a day, or two...or more!

carla.cowan@jeffco.k12.co.us

Fifth grade recess is 11:15-11:35

ADAYWITHOUTHATE

2024 T-shirt Order Form

A Day Without Hate is a student-led, grassroots organization that promotes nonviolence, respect, and unity within our schools. Help your child join his/her fellow students district wide to help end school violence and promote peace. By encouraging students to be tolerant, friendly and kind, and teaching them that there are non-violent solutions to problems, hopefully as a community we can create a better world. The price of the T-shirt is \$6 for both youth and adult sizes. Please make your check payable to the school and return your order form by Friday, March 8th, 2024. Your child will receive his/her shirt by the week of April 15th and can be worn on Thursday, April 25th for Jeffco students or Friday, April 27th for other districts.

Youth (\$6) S (6-8) _____ M (10-12) _____ L (14-16) _____

Adult (\$6) S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____ 4XL _____ 5XL _____

Total Shirts Ordered: _____ Check Amount: _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher's Name: _____



A limited number of shirts will be available on-line at www.daywithoutatejeffco.com on April 18th. A \$15-\$18 UPS shipping charge will apply.



SPRING ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS



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WESTRIDGE ELEMENTARY

WEDNESDAYS: SPORTS SPECTACULAR

GRADES: 3-5

STARTS: MARCH 27TH | ENDS MAY 15TH

COST: \$135 PER CHILD (8 WEEK PROGRAM)

TIME: 2:35PM - 3:35PM

Let's Play! Save the best for last by finishing up the school day with Sports Spectacular, a variety athletic program that features different sports throughout the session. Participants will practice skills and play games in both traditional sports and playground favorites. The Sports Spectacular Variety Program features the best "to-do" list ever – Basketball, Soccer, Flag Football, Kickball, Capture the Flag, Wiffle Ball, Bump and Bite, Knights and Dragons, Numbers Game, Tag Games, Safe Base and MORE! OTA covers all the bases with our emphasis on playing, teamwork, sportsmanship, and fitness. Don't miss out on the FUN!



REGISTER TODAY!

www.otathletics.com/castlerock

Email questions to andrew@otathletics.com



SPRING ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS



WESTRIDGE ELEMENTARY

THURSDAYS: DOUBLE PLAY- SOCCER AND KICKBALL

GRADES: K-2

STARTS: MARCH 28TH | ENDS MAY 16TH

COST: \$105 PER CHILD (6 WEEK PROGRAM)

TIME: 2:35PM - 3:35PM

SHOOTING STARS SOCCER

GOAL!!! Take your game to the next level! Join us for Shooting Stars Soccer and learn to play Soccer like the pros!

KABOOM KICKBALL!

Join OTA for this playground favorite! Knock it out of the park with a big kick and use those same feet to motor around the bases.

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PARTNERING WITH FAMILIES
TO HELP STUDENTS THRIVE



You're invited! Join us for a half-day experience that provides an opportunity to connect with other families, engage with district leaders and gain valuable insights to support your student's academic and social growth.

**Saturday,
March 2**

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Summit Ridge
Middle School



Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Travis Gayles, MD, PhD,
Chief Health Officer, Hazel Health

Register to reserve your spot!
jps.click/summit-jeffco

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Childcare will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Interpretation services are available upon request and subject to availability. Session details can be found on the Summit Jeffco webpage.



JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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 banner features the logo for 'the ACTION CENTER' with the tagline 'COMMUNITY • COMPASSION • CONNECTION'. Below the logo, it reads 'GRUB CLUB FOOD DRIVE' in large, bold, white letters. To the right, there is a circular inset photo of two young girls looking at a box of food. The banner has a blue background with a purple wavy border at the bottom.

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

DAKOTA RIDGE AREA SCHOOLS

HELP US COLLECT!

CRACKERS/SNACKS



A photograph of a bag of Goldfish Cheddar crackers, showing the brand name and 'Cheddar' flavor.



Or scan to donate \$\$ directly



Please:

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

Westridge PTA Happenings

February 21, 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:



March 12, 2024

April 9, 2024

May 14, 2024

Dates to Know:

**Wednesday,
February 21st:**

**Applebee's
Fundraiser**

**Friday, March 1st:
Westridge SPIRIT
DAY!**

**Friday, March 15th:
5th Grade
Yearbook
Dedications Due**

[Westridge PTA](#)

Click here to join the Westridge PTA:

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



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

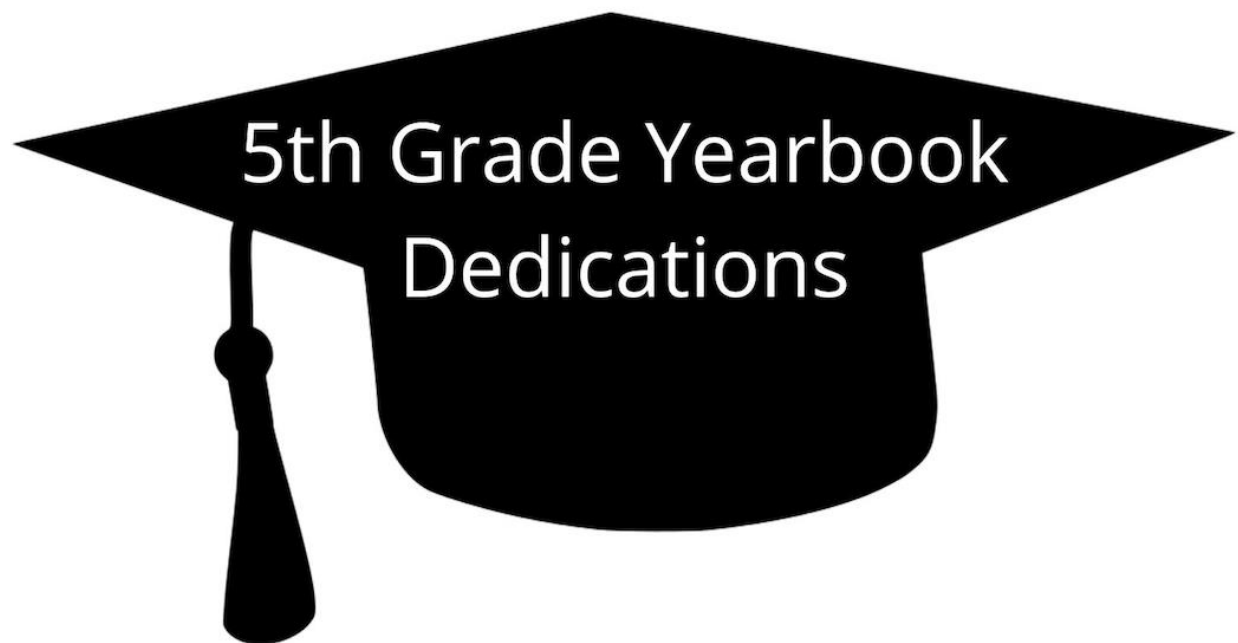


♥ 15% Donated Back

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

🕒 RSVP below

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



Submit a dedication for your 5th grader now!

Please include a baby photo and short note about your student to be included in the yearbook.

All entries due Friday, March 15th!

Submit to:

westridge.yearbook@yahoo.com

Westridge 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 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:

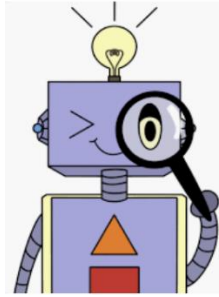
- PLEASE be sure to ONLY drop off accepted items (listed above).
- Items do not have to be sparkling clean, but PLEASE remove as much product as possible (e.g., applesauce or juice from pouches).

*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.

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