

The West School News

Community, Acceptance, Responsibility, Empathy, Safety

Brendan Dearborn, Principal

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WELCOME

Please join us in welcoming the **new staff** to the West School:

-Mrs. Lewin	ELL Teacher
-Mrs. Falcione	Computer Teacher
-Mrs. Kane	Computer Teacher
-Mrs. Frattasio	Adjustment Counselor
-Ms. Clay	Kindergarten Aide

CORI FORMS

Please remember you need to fill out a CORI Form if you wish to help out at the school or would like to chaperone your child's field trip. This year we will need the CORI Form, a copy of your license and a new confidentiality form filled out to complete the process. Please come into the office to complete these forms.

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

International Walk to School Day was a huge success for the West School Community. Approximately 173 students walked to school with family members, staff and community members. Thank you to all who participated, it was a wonderful way to start the day.

BIRTHDAYS

The West is going to continue its **non-food policy for birthdays** because of the numerous food allergies across grade level and the dietary restrictions many children have. This year we are acknowledging every child's birthday by announcing them over the loud speaker and with a birthday pencil. You are more than welcome to celebrate your child's birthday but we ask that no food items be sent in to do so. Below you will find a list of other ideas that can be sent in to celebrate your child's birthday, if you wish. We thank you in advance for your participation in this policy.

- Donate a book in your child's name
- Come in and read a story to the class
- Send in pencils, erasers, stickers, notepad or any craft item for the class.
- Any other creative idea you can think of.

***No balloons are allowed due to allergies**

CONFERENCES

On October 20th we will be having conferences for all West School families. This is an important opportunity for families to meet with the West School Teachers to hear how your child is doing and what you can do to help them be more successful. Please look for the conference form that was sent home yesterday.

Conference times 12:30PM - 3:30PM
6:00 - 7:30PM

MORNING MEETING

This year in each classroom, the teacher and the students will gather in a circle for a twenty or thirty minute meeting. During this meeting the students will greet each other, share important events in their lives with one another, participate in a group activity and read a message from their teacher. Teachers will integrate aspects of the curriculum into the routine, which will help students make the transition to school. It is a great way for each classroom to build a trusting classroom climate. Ask your children to tell you more about their morning meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES

10/10	No School (Columbus Day)
10/12	PTO Meeting 6:30PM
10/20	Early Thursday - 12:20PM Dismissal
10/21	Halloween Dance (6:00PM - 8:00PM)

S.M.A.R.T.S.

The S.M.A.R.T.S after school program for grades 2-5 will be starting November 7th. Please look for the registration forms that will be sent home with each child next week. If you have any questions, please feel free call the office.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Please feel free to contact the office if you have any questions or concerns. I would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss your child's success at the West Elementary.