

# Westwood Elementary Newsletter 2016-2017

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## NOVEMBER

**Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 6th**  
*Remember to turn your clocks back Saturday night 1 hour!*

**Monday's 9:15 a.m. Classes Start – Professional Development for Teachers**  
The exception to this is **Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** due to conferences.

### **AR (Accelerated Readers) August-September**

Our AR students are off to a great start! 1,893 points were earned to kick off the year! Fourteen students joined the 25 point club; three joined the 50 point club with Logan Bata & Jackson Dewald earning a trip to B & R's Pizza Post in Sloan for a pizza lunch with Mr. Drees for reaching 100 points. Our top 3 readers are: 3<sup>rd</sup> Cael Matthias, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jackson Dewald and 1<sup>st</sup> Logan Bata. Earning the End-of-the-Year Party, students need to make their classroom goal for 5 of the 8 months. Keep up the good work!

### **Veteran's Day November 11<sup>th</sup>**

The elementary students will begin their day after attendance is taken by going out front to the flagpole with their class and saying The Pledge of Allegiance. An assembly for upper grade students will follow.

### **Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> Parent-Teacher Conferences**

**Monday** school will be held as a **regular day** with an **8:35 a.m. start, no late start**. Classes will dismiss both **Monday & Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.** with conferences starting at 4:30 p.m. Scheduled conference times slips will be sent home with your child on **Monday, November 7th**. Please contact your child's teacher if you do not receive one, your child's teacher will send another one home with him/her.

### **Elementary Book Fair**

It's Book Fair Time! Join us for our annual fall book fair in the **4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science Room (watch for signs!) on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>- 4:30-8:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>- 4:30-8:00 p.m. during conferences**. If you would like to help with the Book Fair, contact the elementary office. Thank you for your past patronage, your support of the book fair helps us buy books for our Accelerated Reader program for the school, not to mention getting some great books for your own home library!

### **Thank you!**

We'd like to thank the local fire departments for their very informative visit last month. Our students learned many valuable life-saving lessons! We appreciate the volunteers for taking their time from their busy schedules.



### **Buddy Bench Given in Memory of Jamie Dicks**

The Westwood Community would like to thank the family of Jamie Dicks for the memorial Buddy Bench that was purchased for the Westwood Elementary playground. Jamie's example of friendship and kindness is remembered and cherished. We sincerely appreciate this gift given in honor of Jamie.

**Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2:30 Dismissal**  
**No school Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and**  
**Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, for Thanksgiving Vacation.**

### **Opus**

Congratulations to Westwood's' **first-ever 5th grade student to make Opus Honor Choir; Jayna Tucker.** Jayna will be working hard to learn the other songs for the honor choir to take place in Ames, IA on November 16<sup>th</sup>. ***Congratulations again to Jayna Tucker!!***

### **Weather Notifications:**

JMC offers a message center to their program allowing us to use the contact information in the program to make calls, send SMS (text) messages, and send emails as well. You will also receive a secondary notification in the form of a phone call informing you of any weather related cancellations or delays. Our program uses the phone number identified as your "primary" number to make the phone call. To check your primary information, use your login or call the office to make sure your contact information is up to date. It's also a good idea to have an **alternate plan** in place for your child if early outs should happen, please let us know if you have not done so already. Thanks!

**Remember:** Our policy for going outside at recess is if it's **above ten degrees**, factoring in wind chill, ***we will go outside.*** Please be sure your child is dressed to go outside; ***warm clothing is a must for them to be on our buses and playground.***

## A few reminders:

We welcome parents to come and eat lunch with your child but we do have a few reminders: We ask that you **check in** to the office, **sign in**, **wear the visitor badge** provided for you and **sign out** when you leave. Lunch is \$3.45 which you may take off your child's account or you may pay in the office when you arrive. Please **do not bring in any outside food or drink**, enjoy school lunch with your child!

If you are picking your child up early from school or at bus time please check into the office. Classes are still in session until dismissal; your child's teacher will send them to the office/commons to be picked up. At times bus drivers call in looking for a student this way we let the driver know if the child was picked up early and not still in the building thus holding up our bus departures.

## Nurse Notes ~ Reasons to Keep Your Child Home:

Your child has a temperature of over 100 degrees. *(He/she must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.)* Your child has vomited or had repeated diarrhea within the last 24 hours. *(He/she must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.)* Your child has any untreated communicable disease. *(Such as pink eye, strep throat, chicken pox, etc.)* We have had reports of increased cases of strep throat in the area. Your child should see a doctor if they have the following symptoms: Fever that may begin suddenly and is often the highest on the second day, chills, red, sore throat that may have white patches, pain when swallowing, and swollen, tender neck glands. He/she may return to school fever free and 24 hours after the start of antibiotics.

## Spectators

Remember to display good sportsmanship at any activity, whether we are at home or away, as you are representing Westwood. Students are expected to sit and cheer Westwood on to victory!



You'll notice a new addition to our playground fence as you come down Rebel Way. Thanks' goes to our Westwood Student Council and friends for this latest addition, it looks *AWESOME!*

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