

Westwood Elementary Newsletter 2016-2017

Mr. Jay Lutt, Superintendent & Preschool - 3rd Grade Principal
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OCTOBER

School will start at 9:15 a.m. every Monday through-out the school year!

This time will be used for professional development for our staff.

"Rebels Got Game" Homecoming 2016

Coronation is being held Sunday, **October 2nd** at **5:00 p.m.** in the Westwood Gymnasium. Homecoming Friday will take place on **October 7th!** The Homecoming Parade will begin at **1:30 pm.** It will follow its normal route starting at the Ray Nordstrom Sports Complex and ending at the school. If your child is riding on a float in the parade, please send a note to the office to let us know who they are to go with and if they are returning to be with their class at the pep rally. The community **pep rally** will follow in the gym at **2:30 p.m.** The Homecoming football **game** versus Woodbury Central will kick off at **7:00 p.m.** Please come and support the Westwood Rebels! ***Remember if you do plan to attend any of our games or activities, please be a respectful spectator, have a seat, watch the game/activity and cheer on the Rebels!***

6th Grade Field Trip

The sixth grade students will be going to the KCAU TV station and SCPD on Tuesday, **October 4, 2016.** Students have been studying tornadoes, thunderstorms, and hurricanes in science this year. To assist with the understanding of these topics, students will be taking a behind the scenes look at KCAU. They will also be speaking with a police officer about the effects of Tornadoes and Thunderstorms.

Wednesday, October 5th

Westwood Walks Day! All students in grades PK-6th are encouraged to walk or bike to school on **October 5th.** Permission slips were sent home with your child and needed to be returned by Sept. 21st in order to participate.

1st Grade Field Trip - Thursday, October 6th

The first grade students will take a tour of the Palmer Candy Store, Coated Kernels by Jolly Time Popcorn, Peters Park to eat their sack lunch, and finally to the musical performance of *The Elves and the Shoemaker* by the Morningside Theatre Department. All of these places are located in Sioux City. Westwood Elementary School will purchase the tickets to the performance at no cost to parents. A permission slip has already gone home with the 1st graders.

Nurse Notes

Please keep your child home if they are ill. Children who have symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea, body aches, or fever of 100 degrees or higher should stay home. They are able to return to school once they have been fever-free (without the use of fever reducing medications) for 24 hours. If your child sees a doctor and the doctor puts your child on antibiotics; your child may come back to school 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics. Remember – ***hand washing is a must!***

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3rd Grade dives into animals and their natural habitats.

During the months of September and October, the 3rd graders from both Mrs. Jordening's class and Mr. Collins' class are exploring many different animals and their habitats. 3rd grade students will not only be learning about these animals and their natural habitats but will also be participating in, as well as completing hands on activities that go along with these animals and their habitats. Students will engage in numerous activities that challenge them to explore the lives and habitats of many animals. This exciting unit will conclude with an adventure to the **Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, Nebraska**. 3rd grade students will be taking this adventure on **Wednesday, October 12th**. Students will be leaving at 8:45 in the morning and will return to school around 3:15 in time for the end of the school day. While on this trip, students will have the opportunity to see the animals and habitats they have been learning about first hand. Both classes are eagerly awaiting their opportunity to do this and continue to work hard learning all about different animals and their habitats.

No Pre-School on Thursday, October 13th

Picture Re-take Day: Wednesday, October 19th

The end of our 1st 9 Weeks is Thursday, October 21st!

A few reminders:

We welcome parents to come and eat lunch with your child but we do have a few reminders:

When you arrive, please ring the bell at the door and after entering come to the office. We ask that you 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 (*exact change is always appreciated!*) when you arrive. Please do not bring in any outside food or drink, enjoy school lunch with your child!

Also, if you are picking your child up early from school or at bus time we ask that you check into the office and either wait in the office or the commons for your child. Classes are still in session until dismissal; your child's teacher will send them to the office to be picked up. This also helps us if a bus driver calls in looking for a student, we can let the bus driver know if they were picked up early by a parent and not still in the building thus holding up our bus departures. If you need to make a change for your child, please try to let us know before 2:00 p.m.

Love & Logic Early Childhood Parenting Meeting

Tuesday, October 25th, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Elementary Commons. Informational fliers were sent home with the preschoolers in September.

Opus Honor Choir Festival

Great job to the following 5th and 6th grade students for auditioning for this year's Opus Honor Choir Festival! The students worked hard learning their scale, America and La Danza by Rossini. **5th grade:** Yadira Angulo, Alexis Benjamin, Kennedy Benjamin, Tre Gamboa, Ella Hanner, Devin LaBrune, Nathaniel MacClure, Becca Mitchell, Lily Scott, Elisabeth Terry and Jayna Tucker. **6th grade:** Jackson Dewald, Conner Tentinger and Hannah Versch.

Best of luck to everyone! Results will be announced in mid October.

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Elementary Healthy Choices Week ~ Mrs. Smits, Counselor

We've got SWAG (Students Who Achieve Goals)!

During the week of **October 24-28**, elementary students will be celebrating Healthy Choices Week. We will have a daily theme as listed below:

Monday – “BRIGHT COLORS DAY” My future is bright!

Tuesday – “SUPERPOWER DAY” I have the power to make healthy choices.

Wednesday- “BE ACTIVE!” I am involved in healthy activities.

Thursday - “Camo Day” Fight for good health.

Friday- “Rebel Pride” Show your Rebel Pride!

Students may dress up each day to coordinate with our theme, however; no masks or face painting.

We really appreciate your support in this celebration of making Healthy Choices!

Accelerated Readers

We are off to a great start! Our “Young Rebels” are reading and testing!

Halloween Parties

Halloween parties will be held the last hour of the day on **Monday, October 31st**. Your child may bring a costume to change into just before party time. Please no face painting or look-a-like weapons. The teacher will inform you if your student is on the party committee.

Weather Notifications:

Our JMC message center uses the phone number identified as your “primary” number to make the phone call or text message if we are delayed or cancelled due to weather. 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.

Hy-Vee Receipt Collections

The Westwood Student Council is going to begin collecting Hy-Vee receipts from the Sioux City or South Sioux City Hy-Vee's or the Hy-Vee Drug Store. For everyone \$100 dollars collected the school will receive \$1 dollar! Please have your students bring in their receipts to their classroom teacher. These receipts will be collected by the Student Council and totaled to declare an overall classroom winner. The classroom winner will receive a prize at the end of the year.

Here are a few guidelines that need to be followed:

Receipts must be from the Sioux City or South Sioux City Hy-Vee stores or the Hy-Vee Drug Store on Pierce St. dated August 1, 2016 – April 28, 2017. Groceries - Prescriptions - Floral - Photo Shop - Catering & more! (No - gas, fuel, stamp, money order, Western Union, lottery, or gift cards).

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Back to school means fun with friends on the playground!



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