

Westwood Elementary Newsletter 2016-2017

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2016-17 School Year off to a Great Start!

Dear Westwood Families,

Welcome back to school! Thank you for coming to registration and open house. The open house is an exciting time and we had an unbelievable turnout! We are looking forward to a GREAT year at Westwood!

It's the people that make Westwood special and I would like to introduce you to our new staff. In the elementary it is a pleasure to introduce Corrine Weece as our new art teacher, Chase Collins as our new third grade teacher and Taylor Wurth as our new Physical Education and Success Coordinator. Our new associates in the elementary are Michelle Domer, Stephanie Dorale, Gina Duffy, Heather DeWald and Roger Siegfried. In the secondary Jamie Van Cleave is the new 7-9 resource teacher and Steven Schaffer is the new Wings teacher. Sarah Clayton is our new nurse and Marissa Grantski is our new nurse associate.

This summer provided time for many improvements in and out of the buildings. As always, I welcome you to visit our facilities and see our improvements. The district provides a beautiful facility that Bob Brouillette and crew keep top notch.

Our PK-6 elementary enrollment is up to 344 students! That is 18 more students than we had at the beginning of last year. That means we have a few changes. If you know anyone that would love to work at the school we have associate/paraprofessional openings.

Included with this newsletter is the Walk to School Day promotion that we will do again this year on October 5th. This is the national Walk to School Day. We had a great group participating last year and hope to have even more this year!

Please remember that the school handbook is available on our district website as well as many other important documents. There are also links to the school's Facebook and Twitter accounts on the district's website. Please don't hesitate to call or stop in our office with questions.

Looking forward to an exciting year of learning,

Mr. Lutt

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

School dismisses @ 2:30 p.m. on Friday, September 2nd!

No school on Monday, September 5th, Labor Day. Have a safe and fun weekend!

School Pictures Wednesday, September 14th, 2016

Wednesday, September 14th, is school picture day! Picture order forms will be sent home on **Tuesday, Sept. 6th** with your child.

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Homecoming T-Shirts!

The High School Student Council is selling Homecoming T-Shirts for \$10.00 each: "Rebels Got Game" is the slogan on the shirts. Orders are due by September 14th to the office. Homecoming is the week of Oct. 2nd. More information on Homecoming will be in our October newsletter!

Elementary Fees

Book rent: \$50.00 per student (\$37.50 for reduced) Breakfast: \$1.50 a day (\$0.30 reduced) Lunch: \$2.30 (reduced \$0.40) Semester milk for preschool: \$30.60 Semester milk for kindergarten: \$40.50

You may send book rent or lunch fees at any time to the elementary office. If you want to apply for free or reduced lunches, you may do so at any time of the school year, we have those forms in the office. We also have the option to pay lunches online, however; there is a \$2.00 charge for this transaction. Lunch notices will be sent home via email or if we do not have your email address a paper copy will be sent home with your student once they have \$10.00 or less in the family account. Sloan town bus transportation fees for your child(ren) if you choose to use our bus service is as follows: **full year both ways: \$100.00, one way full year: \$50.00; reduced fee (per your lunch application) both ways full year: \$74.00, one way full year: \$37.00; free lunch status fee (per your lunch application) both ways full year: \$50.00, one way full year: \$25.00**

A few reminders:

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.

Due to federal funding for our lunch program, please do not bring in any "fast food" lunches or soft drinks in competition with our school lunches.

If your child is ill or has an appointment, please call the office and let them know. The office will email the teacher and let him/her know where your child is today. If you have an appointment please ask for a "school excuse" to be turned into the office once your child returns. This will be coded in for the State of Iowa for your child's attendance.

Box Tops, Pop Can Pull Tabs & Hy-Vee Receipts

Westwood will be collecting Box Tops for Education, Hy-Vee receipts and pop can pull tabs this year. Your child will be bringing home a note regarding the Hy-Vee receipts with more information. **We no longer collect Campbell Soup labels or milk caps. Thanks for your support!**

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Dear Parents:

In order to continue to improve the health and safety of our students, our Safe Routes to School coalition is going to be holding another **Westwood Walks** day. Our first one day event was held last spring. All students in grades PK – 6th are encouraged to walk or bike to school on October 5th. Those that are bussed will have the opportunity to also participate. The busses will be dropping students off at Eastview Drive and N Shannon Drive. Adult volunteers and high school students will be assisting students south on Eastview Drive to the sidewalk on the Northside of the school property and then to the North playground. All students who walk or bike to school should meet on the North playground. A Go Breakfast will be provided upon arrival.

If your child(ren) would like to participate in Westwood Walks, please complete the enrollment and consent form, and return it the office by September 21.

For the safety of the students and the volunteers, the students must abide by the following expectations:

1. There will be volunteers leading the walk and there will be volunteers at the end of the line. Students must stay between volunteers.
2. No running is permitted.
3. Students must be aware of traffic at drive-ways, intersections and other thoroughfares. Volunteers will be there to assist students across the intersections.
4. Students must be respectful of other students, volunteers, the neighborhood and neighbors.
5. Students must follow the expectations. If they don't they will be given one verbal warning and if the behavior persists they will have to go to the office upon arrival to the school.

Your child(ren)'s participation in Westwood Walks is completely voluntary, free, and you are not required to volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering, please indicate your interest on the enrollment and consent form. **VOLUNTEERS ARE ESSENTIAL** for safety and program success!

Thank you,

Mr. Lutt

Westwood Walks Enrollment Form

1. Please print information below:

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| a. Child's Name: _____ | Grade: _____ | Bus#: _____ |
| b. Child's Name: _____ | Grade: _____ | Bus#: _____ |
| c. Child's Name: _____ | Grade: _____ | Bus#: _____ |
| d. Child's Name: _____ | Grade: _____ | Bus#: _____ |

Parent Consent Form

I wish for my child(ren) to participate in Westwood Walks. I realize that my child(ren)'s journey to school is still my responsibility even though he/she will be participating in Westwood Walks. If my child(ren) does not get on the bus on October 5th, I understand that transportation to school will be my responsibility. I have reviewed the student expectations with my child(ren).

Yes, I am interested in volunteering and would like to walk with the kids.

Name (printed) of parent/guardian: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____

Email address: _____ Phone number: _____