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West's Monthly News



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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ◇ Friday, October 7— **No School**—Institute Day
- ◇ Monday, October 10 thru Friday, October 14 - Fire Prevention Week
- ◇ Friday, October 14— Walk Fundraiser - "Many Minds One Mission" - * Details have been coming home in WOW folders.
- ◇ Thursday, October 27— **Early Dismissal**— 1:00 p.m.
- ◇ Thursday, October 27th - Teachers will let you know about the Classroom Parties for Halloween. Parade time will be announced later. Kindergarten will not be walking in the parade, they will be on their field trip.
- ◇ Friday, October 28—**No School**—Vacation Day

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PROGRESS

"If there is no struggle, there is no progress."

-Frederick Douglas-

WSO/PTO MEETING

What? West School Organization Meeting (P.T.O.)

When? Monday, October 10, 2016

Time? 7:00 p.m.

Where: West Learning Center

**Parents, please join us if you can!
(Babysitting provided)**

WEST MANY MINDS, ONE MISSION FUNDRAISER Friday, October 14th, 2016

Many Minds, One Mission Walk Fundraiser Still Needs Your Help!

We are getting close to our annual walk fundraiser here at West! The official date is October 14th and we are still in need of volunteers. If you are willing to help on this date, please contact Heather Ralph at heatherralph03@yahoo.com or by phone at 219-617-9532.

We are also in need of some supplies for the walk day activities. If you are willing to donate any supplies, please go to our Sign-Up Genius site to sign up. Our Sign-Up Genius site can be accessed at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c45a8af23a1f94-many>.

Walk Fundraiser Accepting Donations On-line! This year, West Elementary will again be accepting on-line donations. This type of donation works extremely well for family and friends living out of the Sycamore area. To access this site, go to <https://sycamore.revtrak.net/tek9.asp?pg=products&specific=jjpgpr0>.

Donations can also be taken with cash or a check made out to the WSO.

No School on Friday, October 7th

This is just a reminder that students will NOT be in attendance at school Friday, October 7th. This is an institute day for the teachers. School will resume on Monday, October 10th.

Weather Change Reminder

As the weather begins to change, please make sure that you remember to send your child with a light jacket or sweat-shirt. We will continue to go outside so it is important that the students have something with them in the event it is a little cooler outside.

REMINDER: WE ARE USING THE "VIRTUAL BACKPACK" PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR CURRENT INFORMATION REGARDING ACTIVITIES, NEWSLETTERS, AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET OR WANT PAPER COPIES SENT HOME, PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW. THANK YOU!

INTER_STATE STUDIO RE-TAKE DAY—Mark your calendar!

Thursday, November 3rd is retake day. If you are not happy with the fall pictures, you may turn your entire packet in on retake day and have them taken again.

If you did not order your child's picture, you may still do so online. www.inter-state.com/order Use: order code: 09157SA

Website Redesign Launched This Week!

Sycamore Community School District #427 launched a redesigned website this week. The redesign features a new look, easier navigation, expanded content, and a mobile-friendly design. Today, the new look and design launches. Over the coming months, we will add and revise content as well as make the site even easier to navigate.

Any bookmarks you may have to specific content on the current site will need to be updated when the redesigned website launches. As part of updating the navigation and making the site more accessible, web links were updated to reflect the content of the page. If you experience any problems, have suggestions, or have feedback on the redesigned website, please send an email to communications@syc427.org.



SunnyD BOOK SPREE! EARN FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR CLASSROOM
(20 book limit per class)

SunnyD is proud to support children and their teachers. For every 20 SunnyD UPC labels sent in to your child's teacher, they are qualified to get free books for the classroom. For every 20 labels received, per classroom, SunnyD will donate 20 free books! This offer expires on 11/30/16. (excludes shrinkwraps and individual cans. Collect the UPC's and send them in!

REMINDER: We collect these items all year long!



Pop tabs, and General Mills Box Tops.



Students may bring these items into school office

anytime or put them in the bins that are provided in the hallway. **Thanks in advance!**

Drop Off Reminder:

As stated in the student handbook, there are specific drop off times that are permitted each day:

- **Walkers:** Walkers are not permitted on school grounds until **8:15 a.m.**
- **Parent Drop Off:** Parents should not drop students off before **8:10 a.m.**

No student should arrive at school before 8:10 a.m. unless they are riding a bus. If you bring your child to school, please do not come onto the playground, as we want the children to learn who the staff members are and to know who to go to for any questions or concerns. The following areas are designated student drop-off sites: Archie St., Alma St., Fair St. (but NOT in the circle drive, the back parking lot, or between the "No Parking Between Signs" on Fair St.), and Sunset Blvd. PLEASE DO NOT STOP ON FAIR ST AND DISMISS YOUR CHILD TO CROSS TO THE PLAYGROUND! ALL students should be let off and use the crosswalk for their safety and the safety of others.

Breakfast: If your child eats breakfast at school, please be sure they are on time. Breakfast is served 8:05—8:20. Remind them to eat breakfast before going to the playground.

Illness: If your child feels ill in the morning, but has no fever or diarrhea, they may come in anytime that they are feeling better. Sometimes the feeling passes and they are ready to return.

SCHOOL LUNCH FEES FOR 2016-2017

Please check online to see if your child has a lunch balance, as all fees need to be up to date . We truly appreciate it.

There are still a few students' whose lunch status changed on 10/1. If you haven't updated the application this year, you may want to check your status. We want to be of assistance if we can. Questions ? Please call Vickie in the school office at 815.899.8199.

Remember, if an account is – negative more than \$5.00 your child will receive a cheese sandwich. Auditors will be monitoring this. We need parents to do the same, please.