

Westwood Middle School Weekly News Update

Principal's Perspective Insights from Paula Hoff



As always, I am looking for ways to improve every element of our school. Below you will find one idea that I have to better communicate the day to day events at Westwood Middle School. I look forward to trying it out and hearing what you think!

Great new way to know what is happening at Westwood Middle School!

When you ask the question in the evening "What did you do today at school?", do you sometimes get "nothing" as a response? We have an idea to help you know more about what goes on at school on a regular day to day basis. Jump into the 21st Century and follow me, the Westwood Middle School principal, on Twitter. If you don't have a twitter account, you can set one up at twitter.com. If you already have one, just join us.

Once you have your account, request to follow SLPWMSPrincipal. Once you get started, you will receive regular messages about the activities and events that are happening in our school.

I hope this helps families have a deeper understanding of some of the many things that happen at our school!

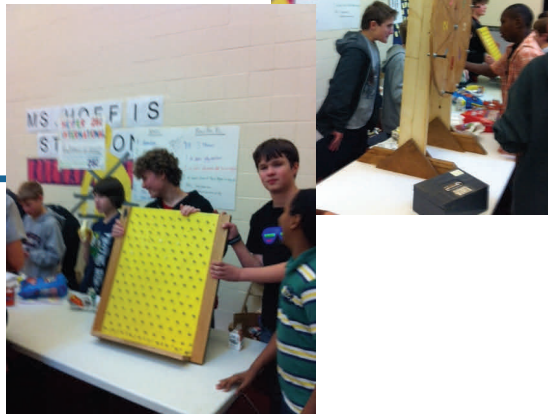
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Upcoming Events/Meetings



- Information and Enrollment Night, 6:00-7:30 pm, District Services and Welcome Center
- Feb. 20 - 21 - NO SCHOOL
- Thurs., Feb. 23 - 8th gr. and HS Joint Choir Concert, 7:00 pm, FAC
- Mon., Feb. 27 - 8th gr. Parent Meeting - review Explore test results, 6:30 pm, Media Center
- Fri., Mar. 9 - NO SCHOOL
- Mar. 12 - 16 - NO SCHOOL
- Wed., Mar. 21 - Spring Casual Pictures and 8th gr. Panoramic Pictures
- Tues., April 3 - Spring Musical, 7:00 pm, Cafeteria
- Thurs., April 5 - Spring Musical, 7:00 pm, Cafeteria
- Fri., April 6 - NO SCHOOL
- Tues., April 17 - Welcome to 6th Grade Orientation, 6:30 pm
- Fri., April 17 - Early Release Day, 12:45 pm
- Tues., May 15 - Jazz Café, 7:00 pm, Cafeteria

Students in Ms. Miller's World Culture classes continue their lunch period fundraiser for Heifer International. This organization donates cows, goats, water buffalo, and many other types of animals to communities in poverty.



Important Phone Numbers

Main Office
763-784-8625

Fax
763-783-5394

Attendance
763-795-6440

Health Services
763-783-5410

Panther Planet
763-783-5387

Counselors

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763-795-6321
kharr1@district16.org

Meggan Lotze, 7th gr.
763-795-6323
mlotze@district16.org

Heather Krier, 8th gr.
763-795-6322
hkrier@district16.org

Parent Portal

- Online access to secure and timely information about your child's class schedule, attendance, report card, and transcript.
- Up-to-date contact information and email addresses will ensure that you receive alerts as well as news updates and newsletters.
- For more information, or to sign up for an account, visit "Parent Portal" on our website.
- If you need technical assistance:
- Call 763-795-5901 or email portal@district16.org

Do you have neighbors, family, or friends who may be interested in learning more about the **SPRING LAKE PARK SCHOOLS?**

Spread the word about

INFORMATION AND ENROLLMENT NIGHT

Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012
Stop by anytime between 6:00 and 7:30 pm

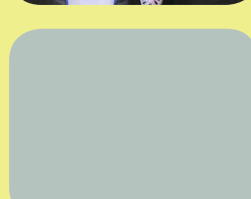
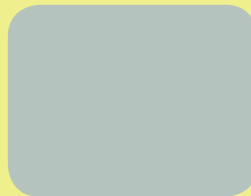
District Services & Welcome Center
Spring Lake Park School District
1415 81st Avenue NE, Spring Lake Park
763-786-5570

First Class. World Class. The Spring Lake Park Way.

We will be a World-Class Learning Community of Choice aligned around improving student learning.

We will ensure personalized instruction in which all students are valued, inspired, and have a sense of belonging.

We will develop the academic, life, and career skills necessary for all students to be college-ready and succeed in the 21st Century.



Considering enrolling? Just want to learn more?

This is your opportunity to informally visit with school principals, the superintendent, and representatives from our programs.

Globally-competitive schools

- Northpoint Elementary (K-3), Blaine
- Park Terrace Elementary (K-3), Spring Lake Park
- Woodcrest Elementary (K-3), Fridley
- Westwood Intermediate School (4-5)
- Westwood Middle School (6-8)
- Spring Lake Park High School (9-12)
- Learning Alternatives Community School

Innovative initiatives and programming

- Personalized Learning
- Technology-Rich Learning & Teaching
- Half-Day, Full-Day, and Spanish Immersion Kindergarten
- Spanish Immersion Program (K-3 for next year)
- Spanish Preschool
- Lighthouse Program for the Highly Gifted
- Gifted and Talented Services
- Online Opportunities
- Opportunities in Emergency Care
- Early Childhood & Child Care Opportunities
- Athletics & Activities

Ready to enroll?

We'll help you do so this evening.