

Westwood Intermediate School . . .



a supportive community focused on working together to ensure our students' academic, social, and emotional growth to achieve the Spring Lake Park Essential Learning Outcomes.

From the desk of the principal ... Mr. Larson

Thursday of next week is a two hour early release. The students will be dismissed at 1:15. This is our second of three early releases during the school year. We are very fortunate to have this time as a staff to continue to grow professionally and to meet the needs of kids. On Friday, 1/27 there is no school for kids. Thursday and Friday the staff will be evaluating how students are doing based on both DIBELS data and NWEA data. The staff will determine if what they are doing in their classrooms, small groups, and specific interventions for kids are working. They will also plan out next steps in kids learning. In addition to this each professional learning community will provide an update on their reading and math goals. Finally, the staff will use time to prepare for conferences the following week.

Due to the early release the schedule needed to be changed - here are the lunch times for kids:

| | Lunch | Recess |
|----------|---------------|---------------|
| SI 1 / 2 | 10:30- 10:50 | 10:50 – 11:05 |
| *SI K | 12:00 – 12:25 | 11:45 – 12:00 |
| 4A | 11:35 – 11:55 | 11:55 – 12:10 |
| 4C | 12:15 – 12:35 | 12:35 – 12:50 |
| *5C | 12:20 – 12:40 | 12:05 – 12:20 |
| *5B | 12:25 – 12:45 | 12:10 – 12:25 |
| 4B | 12:35 – 12:55 | 12:55 – 1:10 |
| *5A | 12:45 – 1:05 | 12:30 – 12:45 |

*indicates recess first



Rollerblading

The department of Energy (PE) is organizing the upcoming roller blading unit. Information will be available at your child's conference along with a permission slip. The cost is \$6. This is a very popular unit. The school provides some safety equipment for kids to wear. We do not provide helmets for sanitary reasons. We encourage kids to bring a bike or hockey helmet to wear during the unit. Please turn in your permission slips and fee for the unit at conferences or send it to school with your child.

Winter

Well it is finally here. Reminder the primary aged students need to have snow pants, jackets, hats, mittens or gloves, and boots. If they are not properly dressed we ask that they stay on the sidewalk area or blacktop area especially when there is snow or in this years winter wet and muddy. Intermediate students do not need snow pants they are encouraged, but they should be wearing jackets, boots, hats, mittens or gloves. We do not keep kids inside unless the temperature is below zero or a wind-chill factor of -10.



Lock In

The lock in is this Friday from 6:00 - 8:30. Students can be dropped off beginning at 5:45. The event is for Westwood Intermediate Students only in grades 4 and 5. Pick up is from 8:30 - 8:45. You will need to come inside the building to sign out your child and or their friends if you are giving them a ride home. This is a popular event so get your tickets ahead of time.

Student Council has voted on the next Theme Day, and chose 80's theme. Students may dress in their favorite 80's themed attire on Thursday, January 26th.

PTO Corner

The next meeting is March 1st.
There will be no Meeting in February.
6:30—Media Center—child care provided
February 17th is the grades 4 and 5 Movie Night.
We are in need of a volunteer to coordinate the event.
(This is an easy event to coordinate.)

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Upcoming Events for Jan. & Feb.

- Jan. 20- Gr. 4&5 Lock in
- Jan. 26- Early Release Day-- dismissed at 1:15
Theme Day- 80's
- Jan. 27- No School
- Jan. 31- K-8 Evening Conferences
- Feb. 2- K-12 Evening Conferences
- Feb. 3- No School- Daytime Conferences
- Feb. 9- Gr. 5 Choir Concert 7pm WWCAfé

Heat up with Chili's January Dine to Donate

Bring your voucher into Chili's of Blaine (109th and Hwy 65) when you dine and Chili's will donate a portion of the food and beverage sales back to Westwood School! Vouchers are posted online. http://www.springlakeparkschools.org/schools/wwi/wwi_news.asp

Kindergarten Information Sessions

These are optional parent informational meetings to learn about the district's kindergarten program prior to Registration & Roundup.

Choose either the optional evening or morning sessions.

Thursday, January 19, 2012

6:00– 8:00pm, Westwood Cafeteria

Monday, January 23, 2012

9:45am– 12noon, Spring Lake Park High School Fine Arts Center

Conferences

The week of January 30th we will have our second conferences. Notices will be going home with students on January 18th with your scheduled date and time. Please call the office at 763-784-8551 if you need to reschedule your time.



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