



Westview Wildcat Gazette

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May 2018
Roaring with Pride

Principally Speaking...

May is here and the end of another school year is quickly approaching. What a great year this has been! Thank you for sharing your children with us and the support you've given in their academic success. As we have just 18 ½ school days remaining before we break for the summer. I wanted to remind you the last day of school for this year is **Friday, May 25th** and please note this is an Early Release day with students being **dismissed at 1:30pm** for the summer.

The 2018 MAP Testing period has almost concluded! Our students worked extremely hard in their testing sessions! Thank you parents for making MAP Testing a priority, as noted by the low number of make-up tests administered this year. Our students worked extremely hard during their testing sessions congratulations to our 3rd – 6th grade students for a job well done!

CHROMEBOOK COLLECTION

Student Chromebooks will be collected on Tuesday, **May 22nd** by your child's teacher for the summer. Students will be turning in **Chromebooks AND the power cords** on this day and then Chromebooks will be redistributed to students in the fall. If your child is attending summer school or has registered for the 5th / 6th Online Summer course, then they will be able to keep their Chromebook on the 22nd and then turn them in at the end of the summer school session. If you have questions, please contact the WVE office for information.

If a damage claim has not yet been made on your child's Chromebook and they have even just cosmetic issues, such as broken keys or damage to the plastic housing – you may want to have your child turn it in to have this damage fixed before our Chromebook collection date. If the one-time insurance coverage has not been used this school year then it will be able to be utilized to correct these issues.

Start Up Information for the 2018 – 2019 School Year

The LSR7 School District will continue the online registration process for the 2018 – 19 school year. As you start to plan for the 2018 – 2019 school year, you can anticipate receiving an e-mail from Mr. Boulden towards the end of July. This e-mail will outline this new process for all students. If you have a neighbor move in over the summer, please share the enrollment information with them. If they have questions about school, please encourage them to contact the office for information. The Westview office will be open until June 1st and will reopen on July 16th. From June 2nd through July 15th you may leave a voicemail for me at 986-1355, as I will check my voicemail regularly over the summer break.



**Enjoy your summer!
2018 – 19 classes
begin on August 15th!**

Parent Requests

This is the time of year we begin to plan for the next school year. If you have a request that you feel you should share with Mr. Boulden regarding your child's placement for next school year, forms are available in the office upon request and completed forms need to be submitted to the Westview Office by Thursday, May 10th. All requests must be in writing and no verbal requests will be taken into consideration.

Please, avoid requesting a specific teacher, it is much more helpful if you detail your child's learning style or special situation to assist in the placement process.



MAY is finally here! MAP testing is almost completed and the end of the year activities are beginning.

Our character trait for the month of May is Appreciation. We have so many things to be thankful for as we come to the end of another school year. As I think back to my years at Westview, I remember our 6th graders as kindergarteners. They were so excited to start school and had so many things to learn about being a student. Now those same 6th graders are heading to middle school in a few short months and a new group of kindergarteners will be starting. It has been wonderful being the counselor at Westview and I know Mallori Adams, next year's counselor at WVE, will feel that same excitement of starting a new school year. I appreciate all of our staff, students and parents and am so thankful that I've had the opportunity to be a Westview Wildcat!

On May 23 we will host our Career Day. Every class will have an opportunity to participate in learning more about different careers. Last year we had a number of interesting career topics. It will be nice to see what this year brings. If you would like to participate in this event, please contact Mrs. DeSelms at 986-1356.

Below are some safety tips for your children. We've talked about the tips earlier in the year during counselor lessons but I wanted to give a refresher for summer.

Make Your Whereabouts Known

The adult who's taking care of you needs to know where you are at all times. Know your safe spots? Safe spots are places where you can stop if you need help, like the houses of kids you know, your parents, friends, houses, stores, restaurants, police stations, libraries, and fire departments.

Avoid Places That Aren't Safe

Let Grown-Ups (and Only Grown-Ups) Help Strangers

It's nice to help people. But remember: Strangers should ask adults, not kids, for help.

Stay Away From Strangers' Cars

Make a Lot of Noise If You're Scared

It's been another amazing year for Westview. As summer approaches I hope you are able to have fun and relax with each other as you look forward to August and the next school year starting!

Please feel free to call me at 986-1356 or email me at Kristie.deselms@lsr7.net if you have any questions or concerns.

Kristie DeSelms

Art Classes

by Stella Walker

Greetings from the Art room!

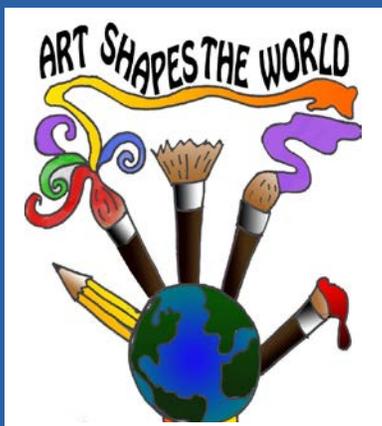
It has been another amazing year at WVE! I am so proud all of my students and their creative thinking!

We will be busy creating art and looking at art until the last day of school. 6th Graders will be bringing home their art portfolios full of everything they created their last year at WVE. Their Graffiti projects are AWESOME! I am just now finishing some of our clay projects, I hope they all make it home safely.

I have had a great year with all of my students, I loved starting an afterschool art club and I am looking forward to continuing ART CLUB next year as well.

I hope all of you have a safe and super summer. Have fun and make lots of art. Keep those creative juices flowing and I will see you in August.

Ms. Walker



Music Classes

by Kristin Chandler

May in the Music Room

May brings along big changes in the music room. As many of you know, I am expecting baby #3 in July. My husband and I have recently made the tough decision that I will no longer be teaching at WVE and I will stay home next year with our children.

I have truly enjoyed the three years I have spent at Westview. I am going to miss the students and staff so much. I know in my heart this is the best decision for our family, but leaving Westview is going to be hard! Thank you all so much for your support during my time at Westview - Go Wildcats!

Mrs. Chandler





Fun & Fitness

Physical Education Classes

by Jeremy Witzke

The end of the school year is fast approaching and that means Field Day and Track Meet Day are coming up soon!

The K-3 Field Day will be held on Friday, May 18, 2018. Students will be participating in a variety of activities all day long. I am still in need of volunteers to help with the many activities. Below is a link to our Field Day Sign Up Genius page, please consider volunteering to help make this day a great time for the students!

[Field Day 2018 Sign Up Genius](#)

The 4-6 students will be participating in our 8th Wildcat Relays on Tuesday, May 22 at Lee's Summit North Athletic Complex. The students will participate in running events and field events. We will need volunteers to help with the many events throughout the day. Below is a link to our Track Meet Sign Up Genius page, please consider volunteering to help make this day a great time for the students!

[Wildcat Relays 2018 Sign Up Genius](#)

I wanted to wish our PE student teacher, Mr. Henderson, good luck in his teaching future. Mr. Henderson has been with me in the gym for the entire spring semester. He has done a great job with the students and I believe the students have also enjoyed him. Mr. Henderson's last day will be Thursday, May 10.

The final month of PE should be fun for our students, we have a variety of kickball-style games lined up and lots of Frisbee throwing. PE should start going outside more often, so please make you're your student dresses appropriately for PE this month!

LSR7 District Information

Two elected to LS R-7 Board of Education

Julie Doane and Ryan Murdock were elected to the Lee's Summit R-7 Board of Education on April 3. The two winners received the following number of votes: 5,756 for Mrs. Doane and 4,700 for Mr. Murdock.

Four candidates were on the April 3 ballot, also including John Schuler, receiving 3,165 votes, and Michael McMenus receiving 1,928 votes.

The Board members will be sworn in during the April 12 Board of Education meeting. Mrs. Doane has served on the Board of Education for three years and is currently the vice president. Incumbent Board member Adam Rutherford did not file for re-election and will be stepping down from the Board on April 12.

Darci Willis featured in LS R-7 'Equity Minute' video

Videos highlight staff members for outstanding work

Darci Willis, early childhood teacher at Westview Elementary, is highlighted in the latest "R-7 Equity Minute," a video series available on the district's [YouTube channel](#).

Mrs. Brown's 60-second video is available at [this link](#). The videos highlight Lee's Summit R-7 staff members for outstanding work in the area of equity and ensuring that every student is successful.



Board of Education names new administrators for 2018- 19 at April 12 meeting

The Lee's Summit R-7 Board of Education approved the employment of several new administrators for the 2018-19 school year. The staff members will begin their new jobs on July 1.

They include Dr. Deborah Delsemme, assistant superintendent of human resources; Dawn Smith, assistant superintendent of equity and student services; Wesley Metz, chief financial officer; Dr. Jerrod Fellhauer, Underwood Elementary principal; and Jennifer Kevern, Trailridge Elementary principal. To read more about each new administrator, visit our [webpage](#).



Anne Braun named R-7 Teacher of the Year

Excellence In Teaching winners honored at April 11 event



Anne Braun, a fifth- and sixth-grade teacher at Woodland Elementary, was named Lee's Summit R-7 School District 2018 Teacher of the Year during a surprise announcement at an April 11 community reception. The reception also recognized 12 R-7 teachers who had been named Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce Excellence In Teaching Award winners earlier this spring.

Excellence In Teaching winners include Matt Buxton, Lee's Summit High School; Kelly Bailey Eames, Lee's Summit Elementary School; Nicole Gilbert, Highland Park Elementary School; Jamie Harrel, Hawthorn Hill Elementary School; Shawn Harrel, Summit Technology Academy; Lauren Hollingsworth, Lee's Summit North High School; Dr. Kevin McCormick, Summit Technology Academy; Sherri Norton, Lee's Summit North High School; Janelle Pugh, Highland Park Elementary School; Kristen Shackelford, Sunset Valley Elementary School; Cliff Thurmond, Lee's Summit West High School and Woodland Elementary School; and Kelli Wilson, Lee's Summit High School.

LS R-7 Before- and After-School Services reduces tuition for 2018-19 *Decrease ranges from 18 to 34 percent for school district child care*

The Lee's Summit R-7 School District's award-winning child care program is making significant reductions to tuition rates for the 2018-19 school year with the changes designed to provide affordable access to quality care to more families. Known as BASS (Before- and After-School Services), the program serves children in preschool, elementary and middle school. BASS enrollment for 2018-19 begins April 30.

Tuition for full-time before- and after-school care is decreasing by 18 percent. Tuition for families choosing before- or after-school care will be reduced by 34 percent. Tuition for the 2018 summer program has also been reduced, and the deadline to enroll in Summer Learning Institute and BASS Summer Camp is April 23. In addition, enrollment fees will decrease from \$80 to \$40 per child with the family enrollment fee dropping from \$105 to \$65.

Monthly tuition fees will vary depending on the number of days that children are enrolled in Before- and After-School Services. For example, monthly fees for next year will range from \$239 for December to \$387 for April.

For more information about the tuition reductions for Before- and After-School Services, visit <http://bass.lsr7.org/programs/> and select "2018-19 Bass Enrollment Flyer." BASS offers Kids Country at all elementary schools, 3LYNX for middle-school students and KC Cubbies for preschool students as well as SummitRise, a free service for elementary students on late-start Wednesdays.

All LS R-7 high schools offer summer camp opportunities *Camps are available for elementary through high school*

Looking for summer camps ranging from athletics to robotics for your elementary, middle or high-school student? Check out the many summer camps available at all three Lee's Summit R-7 high schools on our [flyers webpage](#).

Lee's Summit R-7 families invited to use My School Bucks to track their children's school meals

Web-based program provides records of student purchases, account balances and payment options

Lee's Summit R-7 School District families have the opportunity to track their children's school lunch and breakfast purchases, check meal account balances, receive low-balance alerts and pay for meals through a web-based program known as My School Bucks. The convenient meal online payment and monitoring program is available on the R-7 Nutrition Services webpage (upper right portion of page) at <http://leessummit.schoolnutrition.com>.

By using My School Bucks, families have a safe and secure option for managing their children's school breakfast and lunch payments via their digital devices. Parents receive their own secure login and create a password using their student's ID number. The option to track accounts, monitor student cafeteria purchases, check balances and receive low-balance e-mail alerts is free. A \$2.49 transaction fee is charged for online payments.

Dr. Dennis L. Carpenter launches LS R-7 Superintendent's Blog

Dr. Dennis L. Carpenter, Lee's Summit R-7 School District superintendent, launched a Superintendent's Blog during January. The blog, called "The Learning Changes Daily," shares his personal learnings, candid thoughts and reflections. It can be found at [this webpage](#).



Mark your calendar for last day of school -- May 25

Pending any additional inclement weather days, the last day of classes for 2017-18 is Friday, May 25. Visit [our calendar webpage](#) for more important dates.

Check out our new 'Equity Minute' video series

The Lee's Summit R-7 School District launched a video series this year known as "Equity Minute." The 60-second videos are available on the district's YouTube channel and via this webpage: <http://www.lsr7.org/district/equity-minute/>.

The videos highlight staff members for outstanding work in the area of equity and ensuring that every student is successful.

Do you follow Dr. Carpenter on Twitter?

Dr. Dennis L. Carpenter, Lee's Summit R-7 superintendent, is on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/EquitySupt1>.

LS R-7 Board of Education videotapes regular monthly meetings

Videotaped meetings available on district's YouTube and City of LS access channels

Lee's Summit R-7 Board of Education regular monthly meetings are broadcast online and via the City of Lee's Summit's governmental access channel. The meetings are available on the district's [YouTube Channel](#) and on the district's [BoardDocs webpage](#).

The Board of Education meetings have been broadcast online since December 2016. Beginning in summer 2017, they are also available on the City of Lee's Summit governmental access channels -- AT&T U-verse 99, Spectrum (previously Time Warner) 2, Comcast 7 and Google TV 143. The Board meetings are being broadcast on the LSTV, Lee's Summit governmental access channel, on the following schedule: noon Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Saturdays and 9 p.m. Sundays.

For a schedule of Board of Education meetings, visit our Board [webpage](#).

School supporters invited to subscribe to electronic newsletter focusing on legislative advocacy

The 'R-7 Advocacy' electronic newsletter provides interested individuals with relevant and timely information about legislative activities. Through this electronic communication, we will also occasionally ask subscribers to consider contacting their elected officials about specific proposed legislation that would impact Lee's Summit R-7 students.

If you would like to subscribe to this newsletter, please visit <http://tiny.cc/h7gyny> or e-mail Janice Phelan at janice.phelan@lsr7.net and ask to be added to the list. The R-7 Legislative Platform is available at <http://tiny.cc/rggyny>. This website also includes a list of area elected officials and a Toolkit for Advocacy, developed with the assistance of the Missouri School Boards Association.

Will you tell us your story about student success through R-7 Story Project?



Do you have a story about your child that you'd like to share focusing on his or her success in school? As part of "The Story Project," Lee's Summit R-7 is featuring personal stories about our students and their accomplishments in school. We are looking for stories about a specific incident or an individual school staff member making a positive difference for your child.

The stories may be about children from birth through high school and may be submitted by parents and guardians of both past and present students. Stories should be 200 words or less and should go to janice.phelan@lsr7.net. You may also contact Janice Phelan to provide general information, and she will draft your story for your review.

For more information about The Story Project, visit the [website](#).

Sign up to receive 'R-7 News Update,' your weekly source for district news

"R-7 News Update" is published weekly by the school district and is a great source of information for parents and community members alike. Visit our website at <http://tiny.cc/pahyny> to sign up for the electronic newsletter and stay informed.

Families encouraged to visit website featuring student-related flyers

Lee's Summit R-7 families are encouraged to frequently visit the district's informational flyers web page to learn about a wide variety of family and children's activities and events. The website includes student-related informational flyers from the R-7 School District as well as Missouri not-for-profit organizations and is located at <http://ow.ly/URe3k>.

R-7 on Facebook

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