

Wildcat Gazette

March 2019

Westview Elementary

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Principally Speaking ...

As March has arrived and we head into Spring Break, I want to take time to thank our Westview parents and let you all know how special your children are to me and our team. I consider myself lucky to be able to be part of such a wonderful school community. Thank you for trusting the Westview team to teach and engage your children each day.

Students at Westview in grades 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades will be taking the annual MAP assessment in April. Your student's teacher will be sending home a schedule for their testing dates and times. Your cooperation when scheduling appointments to avoid testing times is appreciated as student's testing in their regular classroom setting is beneficial. Thank you!

Spring Break is also quickly approaching... there will be no school Monday, March 18th through Friday, March 22nd. Classes will resume on Monday, March 25th. I hope you are able to find some fun family activities during the break to enjoy together!

2019 – 2020 Kindergarten Registration

Yes, it's that time of year! If you or a neighbor have a child turning 5 before August 1, 2019 we look forward to registering our incoming kindergarten students for the 2019 – 2020 school year on March 28 from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. The online registration opens March 28 and can be accessed by visiting [Kindergarten Registration](#) For more information, preview this [flyer](#) and feel free to share with a friend or neighbor if their child will be attending kindergarten next year!



5th Grade Proudly Presents

"Grease" is the word ... join us on March 7th at 6:30pm to hear the smooth sounds and songs from our 5th grade students as they perform a few of the great musical renditions from "Grease". This is sure to be a slick performance you won't want to miss!



McTeacher Night

You are invited to join us at the Chipman Rd. McDonalds for McTeacher Night, March 5th from 4:00 – 8:00pm. Come and enjoy dinner or a snack and let our Westview teachers serve you! All proceeds will go to benefit Westview Elementary and students. Thank you for your support!



Knowledge is your Super Power!

Join us for our **Westview Family Math & Reading Night** on Tuesday, March 12th from 6:00 – 7:30pm for a fun night! We will begin our evening with a complimentary dinner being served from 6:00 – 6:30. Then the fun begins at 6:30 for an hour of fun family math & reading games! You may wear your favorite superhero attire too! (No masks please). We look forward to seeing everyone there!



Summer School 2019

Elementary Summer Learning will occur at six sites (Sunset Valley / Cedar Creek / Meadow Lane / Prairie View / Trailridge / Underwood) this June. Families will receive a course catalog later this month and registration is again online for this great extended learning opportunity. Look for more information coming later this month!





It Up Wildcats!

Art

Greetings from the Art Room and Happy New Year!!

It finally feels like we are getting into our groove after our winter break, and our wildcats are creating some spectacular masterpieces.

I am loving all the dragons inspired from the Chinese new year. It is always fun to learn about a different culture. The primary grades are filling their papers with lots of colorful hearts as we are getting ready for Valentine's day! I cannot wait for 2nd grade to finish their LOVE monsters. 5th Grade is in the process of turning snowflakes into kaleidoscopes, I am loving all of their bold color choices.

February is all about CLAY! We will be starting our clay projects very soon! Yay for Clay!!

Follow us on Instagram @ TheheartofWVE
Ms. Stella Walker

Music

The students had a wonderful time with Mrs. Jackie Harvey at the beginning of the year reviewing rhythms, discussing form in music and of course moving and grooving. She had a great time getting to know the students and staff of WVE. Mrs. Harvey was also able to start working with 5th grade on their program so please pay close attention to the information below!

Upcoming Events:

5th Grade Students - March 7th PTA Program

Location: Westview Elementary Gym. 6:15 pm Students arrive to their spots on the risers and program starts at 6:30 pm Students can wear 50's style clothing. Anything from the musical "Grease" would be perfect for this musical night. If your student was selected for a singing or speaking part, they should have a script so they can begin practice and perform the best they can in front of an audience. More information can be found on your student's schoology accounts.

If you have any further questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Miss Thurm at krystal.thurm@lsr7.net
-Miss Thurm

PE

Hello from the gym! This past month has been a calm month in PE for all grades. Students spent January learning how to do Speed Stacking or Cup Stacking. Yes, Cup Stacking! Believe it or not, this activity is beneficial to our students. Great for hand-eye coordination, learning patterns and routines, and learning to use both hands at the same time. Students learned the different stacks and then worked to perfect the stack and increase their overall speed.

February will bring a short basketball unit and the start of our Spring 2019 FitnessGram testing for the 4th, 5th and 6th graders. The K, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades will be concentrating on the basic locomotors skills and manipulative skills in PE. Students will be focussing on these skills in many different games.

Finally, please start to think about the month of May and our annual K-3 Field Day and 4th-6th Wildcat Relays. We will need parent volunteers to help make these two days a success. Once our cold, snowy winter days get passed us, I will set an solid date for these fun days!

Mr. Witzke



Counselor's Corner- March 2019



Even with a couple snow days, Kindness Week at WVE was a success! I was so happy to see so many acts of kindness being done around the school! We will be participating in our first WVE Day of Kindness in May.



Have you visited the LSR7 student well being page? You will find resources and support on many different topics! You can also visit this page for information on LS Cares Positive Parenting Practices classes, including upcoming topics on mindfulness and social media. Click the link below to visit the website.



For the month of March, we will be focusing on careers in our classroom counseling lessons.

[LSR7 Student Well Being](#)

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Kid President

District Information

End of the 3rd Quarter Has Been Adjusted

Due to the inclement weather we have experienced 3rd quarter, we will be extending 3rd quarter by a week to end on March 15th. Elementary progress reports will be available via email to parents/ guardians on March 29th.

Reminder: LS R-7 Kindergarten Round Up Dates

We are excited to welcome our new 2019 kindergarten students with our Kindergarten Round Up programming in March.

[2019 Kindergarten Round Up:](#)

Thursday, March 28, 2019

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Parents and students can attend. Kindergarten Round Up occurs at each elementary school in LSR7.

To be eligible to enter Kindergarten for the 2019-20 school year, your child must reach the age of 5 before August 1, 2019. Online enrollment information will be shared at Kindergarten Round Up and the online enrollment portal will be available after March 28th.

For language assistance or translations, contact: Shirley.Brown@lsr7.net or (816) 986-1006. Please visit the district website at www.lsr7.org; then “Schools” and “find a school” if you have questions regarding which building your kindergartener will attend. All other questions can be directed to the elementary school in your attendance area.

We are looking forward to seeing our new kindergarten students at Round Up - what an exciting time to see the next class of LSR7 students!

LSR7 elementary schools to offer salad bar for students and staff starting February 19

Starting Tuesday, February 19, 2019, the LSR7 Nutrition Services Department is launching salad bars in all 18 elementary schools. This step is part of an ongoing effort to improve healthy eating in our schools by making the healthy choice the easy choice.

Students and staff will be able to choose a full chef or tossed salad for their entree, or select fresh or hot veggies and fruits as sides. Different portioned protein choices will be offered daily, including diced ham, diced turkey, hard boiled eggs, grilled chicken strips, and low-fat shredded cheddar or mozzarella cheese for the chef salads. A rotating fresh variety of vegetables of broccoli, cauliflower, carrot and celery sticks, green peppers, tomatoes, radishes, cucumbers and other options will be available. Occasionally, legumes such as garbanzo beans, red kidney beans and black bean salsa will also be offered. Homemade coleslaw, pineapple slaw, pasta salad, carrot/raisin salad and broccoli salad will be offered as "limited time" and "special day" choices in order to remain within our federal guidelines. Homemade croutons and low fat dressings will also be offered daily.

The Nutrition Department is excited to offer elementary students and staff a convenient and affordable healthy choice, and they are currently working to make this option available in middle schools and high schools. For more information about menus, prices and nutrition services, [please click here](#).

Inclement weather days and make up days

As of now, Lee's Summit R-7 has missed eleven days of school due to the inclement weather in our area. We will be making these days up, [according to our district calendar](#), at the end of the school year. As of now, this makes our last day of school Friday, May 31, 2019.

According to the state legislature, every school day missed must be made up until you miss the seventh day. At that point, one day must be made up for every two days missed until 14 days are missed. After the 14th day, no more days are required to be made up. See the graphic below:

Days Missed	Days to Make Up
1 Day	1
2 Days	2
3 Days	3
4 Days	4
5 Days	5
6 Days	6
7 Days	7
8 Days	7
9 Days	8
10 Days	8
11 Days	9
12 Days	9
13 Days	10
14 Days	10
14 + Days	10

Additionally, for the 2019-2020 school year (next year), we will be allowed to be more flexible in how we make up our inclement weather days. This includes possibly adding time to our daily schedule to make up for lost days. We will be evaluating that possibility as it is available to us next year.

We will continue to keep you updated on the last day of school if we have more inclement weather days.

LS R-7 Celebrates School Board during Missouri School Board Recognition Week

Lee's Summit R-7 School Board Appreciation Week is celebrated the week of February 10-16. We wanted to take a moment to thank our school board for the continual and important work in leading our district to achieve our mission of preparing each student for success in life. We will recognize each of our Board of Education members at our February 21st meeting. A sincere "thank you" to our school board for investing in our kids. We appreciate you!

LSR7 announces five National Merit Scholarship Finalists

Lee's Summit R-7 is proud to announce our five National Merit Scholarship Finalists.

Congratulations to:

Alaric Chen - Lee's Summit North High School

Allison Salamone - Lee's Summit West High School

Patrick Hu - Lee's Summit West High School

Isabel Schnelle - Lee's Summit West High School

Hannah Neo - Lee's Summit West High School

Prudential Spirit of Community Award - Chloe Christensen

Chloe Christensen, Bernard Campbell Middle School student, has been selected as Missouri's top Middle Level youth volunteer in the 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. As a state honoree, Chloe will receive a \$1,000 award, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for a series of national recognition events in May.

Based on Chloe's number of volunteer hours, she has also qualified for the President's Volunteer Service Award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country. Thank you for your service, Chloe!

Lee's Summit West High School wins Big 6 debate championship

LSW Titan Debate won the Debate Sweepstakes in the Gold (Big 6) Division of the Greater Kansas City Suburban Conference this week. Seven of Lee's Summit West's eight debate entries received all conference honors, pushing them to the Debate Sweepstakes Championship. Congrats, team!

Conversation Series Student Video - Connection

"The best part of my school experience is the connections that I've made and when you find that special connection with a teacher or student and the opportunities that arise from that." Students are talking more about the conversation in our schools.

[Hear what they are saying in our next "Conversation" series video.](#)

20th Annual Taste of Lee's Summit

We invite you to join us at the Lee's Summit Educational Foundation's 20th Annual Taste of Lee's Summit - Saturday, March 2, at 6 p.m.

For more information and for tickets, please visit the Foundation's website here:

<https://www.lsedfoundation.com/2018-taste-lees-summit/>

LS R-7 Library Services Community Survey

For the first time in more than five years, the LS R-7 Library Department is conducting a comprehensive program evaluation. Part of the evaluation includes a survey to assess several areas including: patron perception of service, future ready learning spaces and collection development (diversity of collections).

We welcome input from our students, staff, parents and community. [A link to the survey is here.](#)

Naviance Student - College and Career Planning

Students in grades 7-12 are busy utilizing Naviance Student. Naviance Student is a comprehensive website that parents and students can use to make plans about colleges and careers. Naviance Student allows students to:

- *Get involved in the planning and advising process*
- *Research colleges*
- *Research careers and take career assessments*
- *Create plans for the future*

Naviance Student also allows sharing of information with parents and students about upcoming meetings and events, local scholarship opportunities and other resources for college and career information.

Parents should have received an email from Naviance with instructions on how to register for a Naviance Student account. If you do not find the email in your Inbox, please check your Spam folder.

If you have questions about Naviance Student, please contact your child's guidance counselor or Tawni Boman-Meek, Career Curriculum Specialist, 816-986-3423.

The Conversation - the best thing

"School is like a second home for me because the teachers here; they're here to help me." Listen to elementary students talk about the best things in our schools. Another part of the Conversation Series, [this video features students talking about projects, teachers and friends.](#) We hope you enjoy these conversations among our students - a constant reminder that including their voice is important to the context of the work we get to do in our schools each day.

And as a reminder, you can always find these videos and other student-focused content on our social platforms: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Dr. David Sharp Named Principal of Pleasant Lea Middle School

Dr. David Sharp will begin as principal of Pleasant Lea Middle School on July 1, 2019, upon the retirement of current principal Dr. Janette Miller

Dr. David Sharp, current Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, will be the new principal of Pleasant Lea Middle School starting July 1, 2019, pending Board approval at the February meeting. Dr. Sharp replaces Dr. Janette Miller, who is retiring June 30th.

Dr. Sharp has served in the Assistant Superintendent role since the 2017-2018 school year. Prior to that, Dr. Sharp served as the principal at Lee's Summit West High School for six years and principal of Summit Technology Academy (STA) for four years. He has served as an administrator for a total of 14 years in the Lee's Summit R-7 School District.

The District is excited about Dr. Sharp's move to Pleasant Lea Middle School, as this opportunity provides a seamless transition in leadership and knowledge about LSR7's mission and vision.

Under Dr. Sharp's leadership, Lee's Summit West High School was named a Missouri Gold Star School in 2013, a National Blue Ribbon School in 2013, and earned the *U.S. News and World Report* Silver Medalist award five years in a row. Additionally, Lee's Summit West High School's ACT scores earned top three metro honors annually with a district record 24 in 2014. Furthermore, Lee's Summit West High School earned 100% on MSIP 5's Annual Performance Report in 2015, 2016 and 2017. As principal of Summit Technology Academy, Dr. Sharp served as a key district implementer of Project Lead The Way and STA was named a top 15 PLTW school in the nation. Additionally, STA was one of three schools in the country to earn the *Technical Centers that Work* Gold Readiness Award for student achievement in 2010.

Dr. Sharp was named the Greater Kansas City Principals Association High School Principal of the Year in 2015 and the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals State High School Principal of the Year in 2015 and was honored as the 2017 UMKC Alumni Achievement Award Winner for the School of Education.

"Working with students, teachers, and families every day is at the core of my life's work. As principal of Pleasant Lea Middle School, I will work tirelessly to be a purposeful champion for each student, passionate about teachers and instruction and will seek to cultivate a culture in which everyone has the opportunity to leave their legacy," Dr. Sharp said.

Local engineers and Summit Technology Academy students motivate seventh graders to consider possibilities during Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day

On Thursday, January 31st, Summit Technology Academy hosted the second annual "Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day" for 7th grade girls from Pleasant Lea Middle School, Bernard Campbell Middle School and Summit Lakes Middle School. More than 90 girls attended the event and learned about high school engineering classes from female high school students.

Students also interacted with female engineers from Black & Veatch, Burns & McDonnell, the City of Lee's Summit, Honeywell and Kiewit. Through teamwork and innovation, the girls participated in a design challenge to create a moon lander that would safely land their astronauts on the moon. The girls left motivated and excited for the many possibilities ahead of them.

Major cymbal manufacturer partners with LSHS percussion department

Lee's Summit High School is proud to announce their partnership with Sabian & Gon Bops, a national retailer in the drum and percussion market. This recognition means that Lee's Summit High School has been chosen to be a Sabian & Gon Bops endorser institution. Lee's Summit High School is one of the first six schools in the United States chosen for this recognition.

Through this partnership, the school district gains recognition for the ensemble - Lee's Summit High School percussion ensemble/drumline - on an extremely high level. And because LSHS will receive discounts on all Sabian & Gon Bops products, this will help our dollars go further for our students. The ensemble will be able to help with new product research and

development testing and the ensemble will have the option to try new products before they are available to the general public.

Mike McBain, Associate Director of Bands and Director of Percussion at Lee's Summit High School says, "This is a huge achievement and recognition for our percussion program at Lee's Summit High School. Our students and families are so proud to be recognized at such a high level. We are truly humbled to have been chosen to represent such leaders in the percussion industry."

More information about Sabian's educational partnerships can be found on their website:

<https://sabian.com/en/pages/education>

LSR7 Portrait of a Graduate Project

Lee's Summit R-7 School District has collaborated with students, parents, community members and internal stakeholders to

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create our *Portrait of a Graduate* project. Led by Dr. David Sharp, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, and Dr. Jennifer Kephart, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, the group agreed upon competencies that we want our students to have. These characteristics that our schools will help instill in our students are essential skills needed to be ready for future successful endeavors upon graduation. All contributing to our #R7FutureReady atmosphere.

The group created these five competencies that contribute to a *Portrait of a Graduate*: Contributes Globally, Thinks Innovatively, Builds Positive Relationships, Practices Resilience, Pursues Life Balance. [A new section of our website details the characteristics that encompass these competencies.](#) On the website, you can see the characteristics, practical applications and research that contributes to the whole portrait of what we want our graduates to leave us with.

As our leaders and staff members begin to engage with these competencies in our schools, we will be continuing to connect with our students to incorporate these traits into our work.