

WEST WORLD MONTHLY

January 2020

The road to success is always under construction

Happy New Year!

Letter from the Principal – Middle School Edition

Dear West Families,

Welcome to 2020! Can you believe it? The older I get, the faster time goes by. Must be Einstein's Theory of Relativity in action.

At the beginning of the school year, we added one minute to our master schedule, which added one additional snow day to our calendar. We went from having five snow days built into our schedule to having six snow days. We were hoping to avoid changing our schedule in the middle of the year due to snow days. Alas, Mother Nature has her own ideas. We have already used three of our snow days and weather experts predict a particularly snowy winter this year. The district would like us to enter second semester with four snow days in the bank. To accommodate this request, we will be adding five minutes to our instructional day beginning January 8th. Our new dismissal time beginning January 8th will be 3:45.

On another note, we will not have School Accountability Committee or PTA meetings in January. Meetings will resume on February 4th at 5:00 in the media center. Please join us, because we will be asking parents, teachers, and students to help us with planning our budget for the 2020-2021 school year. We **really** hope to see you there!

With Best Wishes for the New Year,
Shalah Parker

Letter from the Principal – Elementary School Edition

Dear Parents/Guardians of West Elementary Students:

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you had a joyous and safe holiday season spent with your family and friends. I wish all West Wolves and their families' good health, happiness, and success in the coming year and always.

As we begin the second half of the school year I want to thank you again for your continued support of your child's education. I believe we have the absolute BEST students of D11 at West Campus.

We have many exciting educational opportunities planned for the spring as well as sports, clubs and activities. There are also opportunities for you to become an active part of our school community. Our School Accountability Committee and PTA meet monthly on the first Tuesday and there are also opportunities in classrooms. If you are interested, please call me at 328-4902 and let's discuss how we can best be served by your talents.

Colorado Measure of Academic Success (CMAS) testing for grades 3 to 5 will occur again in April this year, after students return from Spring break. Please continue to ensure that your children:

- Attend school daily and arrive on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- Read daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- Share school experiences with you so that you are aware of their school life
- Inform you if additional support is needed in any area or subject
- Know that you expect them to succeed in school and go on to college or career

Respectfully & Sincerely,
Karen Newton



DISTRICT NEWS

Happy New Year! We'd like to take a moment and thank you for giving us the opportunity to educate your student(s)! We are grateful you choose D11. The choice window is still open if you know other families who are looking for great schools! Click on the link below for more information on the Choice Window.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

ATHLETICS



Boys Basketball

Tryouts start January 8th.



Participation Rules

In order to play any sport, players must have the following:

- Completed physical signed by a doctor within the last year.
- Completed and signed D11 Participation Form
- Completed and signed blue card.

Paperwork can be found in Counseling or the Front Office.

Questions? Please contact Mrs. Stewart at anna.stewart@d11.org



Intramurals

Please listen to morning announcements to find out which intramurals are being offered this quarter.

See Ms. Bevans for questions.

COUNSELING CORNER

November and December were busy and exciting months for the Counseling Department. In an effort to provide our students with opportunities to explore careers, we have partnered with the high schools and local college. Our eighth graders were invited to Test Drive Career Fair focused on careers in the auto industry. They went to Pikes Peak Community College to learn about certification programs to work on cars. They were also able to speak with automotive professionals about career fields in the industry.

Our 8th graders also were invited to Career Exploration Days. We went to the Roy J Wasson Campus to learn about their Career Pathways Program. District 11 will pay for high school students to earn industry certifications in Hospitality and Tourism, Education, Agriculture, and Business.

Finally, our students involved in Campus Connections, our program with college students at UCCS, graduated on December 12th. UCCS hosted a ceremony to celebrate the students who spent the entire semester participating.



Auto Career Fair



**Campus
Connections**



**Career
Exploration**

January At A Glance

January 8 - Students return after break

January 14 5:00-7:00 PM MS 5th Grade Choice Night @ Gym

January 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day -- NO SCHOOL

January 22 6:00-7:00 PM GMP Parent Info Night @ Auditorium

January 23 8:00 AM Elementary Health Screening

January 24 8:00 AM Middle School Health Screening

PTA NEWS AND NOTES FOR JANUARY 2020

From your West Campus Parent Teacher Association

Dear West Campus Parent,

Good news to share...

Our second "Hydration Station" is installed and nice and low on the wall so the elementary kids can make good use of it...

We gave \$250 toward the Holiday Food Box Drive—thanks for your support—to help keep our family of West children fed over the break...

Coming up... a few notes:

1) **Connect your King Soopers loyalty card to our West Campus PTA account.** And ask your family and friends to do so as well. Every time you spend anything, a percentage goes to us. You don't do anything you wouldn't do anyway—and we earn money! Here's how:

- a. Go to www.kingsoopers.com
- b. Login using your King Soopers card or alternate ID
- c. Click on "My Account."
- d. Click on "Community Rewards."
- e. Search for West Campus PTA or KC862
- f. Click "Enroll."

2) **Follow us on Facebook at "West Campus PTA."** If you haven't done this yet, please do! We try to keep the page updated with what's going on so it's the easiest way to stay plugged in.

3) **Color Run at the end of the semester.** Our next big PTA-sponsored event is our annual Color Run for each school—to be held at the end of this school year. It's great fun for the kids—and our biggest fundraiser of the year. So watch this space for details.

Thanks!

Jacilyn Evans, Shauna Prince, & Jen Stevens
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(Next Meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 5:00 in the Media Center – NO January Meeting.)



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