



Westsyde Elementary School

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February 2026 Newsletter

Steve Scott - Principal

Welcome to February! At Westsyde we continue to highlight the Seven Grandfather Teachings through our morning announcements and classroom discussions. Our current focus is on Humility. We are encouraging each other to show appreciation and awareness for others while embracing mistakes and learning from them.

Mindfulness:

Our current school wide focus is on Courage and Bravery. Our recent student led assembly emphasized the importance of persevering when things become difficult or challenging. "School is a journey of discovery where today's unknown becomes tomorrow's knowledge. Embracing the unknown encourages growth and an open mind invites more learning" - Leroy Slanzi - Emotional Schools

Non Instructional Day:

This Friday, February 6 is a non-instructional day and the school will be closed. Staff will be working on professional learning activities.

Intermediate Science Fair:

Our Science Fair is on February 18. Parents will have the opportunity to observe projects after school on Wednesday, February 18 from 2:45-4:30. Students will be encouraged to stay with their projects during that time in order to present their learning.

Math Question of the Month:

We just completed round 2 of our Math Problem of the Month. Students selected for Pizza with the Principal will be announced on

Friday. Round 3 will start the week of February 9. Students will again be encouraged to take the problem home to solve with families.

Unplug and Play:

January 26-30 was Unplug and Play Week. Students were encouraged to participate in a challenge where they reduced screen time and spent extra time participating in activities with family and friends that did not involve devices.

Used Book Sale:

We will be hosting a used book sale. Students will have the opportunity to shop during the school day. Books are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Stickers and bookmarks are \$1.00 each. Only cash will be accepted. We will also be open from 2:30-3:15 Monday to Thursday for parents to visit. Thanks to Mrs. Flamank for organizing.

Kindergarten Registration 2026/2027:

Kindergarten registration week takes place Feb 2-6. If you, or someone you know, has a child entering Kindergarten this fall please come by the school to pick up your student's enrollment package.

Parking Lot/Pick Up:

Please consider arranging alternate after school pick up locations for your children aside from our main parking lot. One option is to pick up at the back of our school near the walkway on Sage Drive. Another would be to have older students walk across the street to the Canco parking lot to meet you there. We are trying to alleviate the end of day congestion in our parking lot. Your help is much appreciated.

District Parent Resource Page:

Our district has a [Parent Resource Page](#) that includes a lot of valuable information for families. This includes links to past Parent Engagement Sessions and information about a variety of Community Support Programs

Scent Free School

Please do your best to not wear perfumes, colognes or strong smelling shampoos/deodorants into our school. We have students and staff with strong sensitivities to these scents. Thank you for understanding.

Volunteers

All parent volunteers that wish to be involved in field trips and other school based activities are now required to submit a criminal record check. This can be taken care of online and the school will keep record of all completed checks. The process can be found on the [Westsyde Elementary Website](#).

Crossing Guards and Lunch Supervisors

We are always in need of crossing guards and lunch supervisors again this year. These positions come with a small honorarium and volunteers are able to help out based on a schedule that works for them.

Crossing Guards Needed - All School Days:
8:00-8:30am and 2:34-3:04pm

Lunch Supervisors Needed - All School Days:
12:05-1:00

Please contact the school if you are interested in helping us in these areas this year.

Newsletters

Monthly School Newsletters will be emailed to student contacts and made available on our [school website](#). Paper copies can be made

available upon request. Mr. Scott will send out weekly updates as well.

PAC News:

The next PAC Meeting will be Wednesday, Feb 18 at 6:30pm.

Upcoming Events:

- Feb 2-6: Kindergarten Registration Week
- Feb 4: Pizza Hot Lunch
- Feb 6: Pro-D, No School
- Feb 11: Hot Dog Hot Lunch
- Feb 12: Science Fair Projects Due
- Feb 13: Team Kindness Day
- Feb 16: Family Day, No School
- Feb 18: Spice Hot Lunch
- Feb 20: Cozy & Kindness Day
- Feb 25: Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 25: Senor Froggy Hot Lunch
- Feb 27: Kind Words Day