Dear Parents,
I wish all of you a happy and healthy 2019. We have much to be thankful in this community. Hopefully we can all spend some time reaching out to make this school and this community even better over break and into 2019.

Westview is focused on using time effectively. Research indicates that effective reading instruction requires at least 90 uninterrupted minutes per day. In order for the block to run smoothly and the students to experience the most effective individualized learning during that time, routines, procedures, and expectations must be well-established. We need your support so that our reading blocks are not interrupted for appointments, messages, etc. We appreciate your cooperation as another way to support student achievement in reading at Westview.
I encourage families to read together anything that is of interest. This may include non-fiction books, magazine, newspapers, etc. The text may be read online or in print. There are many things that you can do as a family to help your children become better readers. Your child could read with someone, read to someone, share with someone what s/he has read, listen to someone else read, help others read, or read independently to suggest a few options.

I will be reading some of my favorite authors over winter break. I hope Westview students and staff will share with me what they read over break. I hope everyone makes the time to read something they enjoy throughout the holiday season.

I hope everyone makes the time to enjoy family and friends over the break.

Respectfully,
Tammy Rhoades
Principal
Westview Elementary would like to thank Johns Manville for their generous collection of school supplies and Local 1073 UAW for their donation to our playground fund. Thank you for helping out our Westview Green Hornets!

Items donated by Johns Manville employees include:

Band-Aid Boxes 3
Chapstick sticks 200
Crayons boxes 6
Dry Erase Markers 142
Glue bottles 4
Glue Sticks 137
Headphones 20
Markers Packs 2
Pencil packs (10-20 count) 29
Soap Bars/Dispensers 19
Socks (6 packs) 2 shoe size 4-8 & shoe size 3-10
Tissues 27
Toothbrushes 64
Toothpaste 34
Underwear (3 packs) 3 boys size 6, girls size 4 - 2 packs
Cash donations $270
Check from UAW 1073 $300

*the cash donation and check from the UAW will be put into our playground fund to purchase a new piece of playground equipment. In addition, Johns Manville has a matching contribution of $438.90 which will be used to buy additional supplies for our students. This will be delivered on December 11 at noon.
Spelling Bee Winners

1st Place
Kyleigh Atwell

2nd Place
Renee Oakley

3rd Place
Malachi Armstrong
Hour of Code
Arrival/Dismissal Procedures

BUS STUDENTS
Students will be dismissed to their buses beginning at 2:35 p.m. Students are to go directly to their bus and remain on the bus until they reach home. We are asking that parents or other adults NOT go to the classroom or to the bus area to get their child(ren) from the bus. Please come to the office and the office staff will contact the teacher or the bus driver.

CAR STUDENTS
Parents delivering or picking up students at school should do so in a single file line along the curb closest to the school. If you need to enter the building, please park in a parking space before leaving your vehicle. School personnel will supervise your child(ren) as they leave the building.

*When dropping off and/or picking up your child(ren), PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK THE CROSSWALK.*

WALKERS and BICYCLE RIDERS
Children walking or riding bicycles to and from school should arrive no earlier than 7:30 am. Students will arrive through Door #1 and go directly to the gym or cafeteria for breakfast. Students in grades 2, 3 and 4 will be dismissed through Door #10 at the West end of the buildings and they are to leave the campus promptly. Parents greeting children in kindergarten or 1st grade, should have a sign with the child’s name until the supervising adults become familiar with you to release your child. Bicycle parking racks are provided for bike riders.

Children riding bicycles must walk their bikes on the school grounds and park them in the bike racks provided. We strongly suggest that all bikes be locked. It is the law that all bike riders must wear a helmet.

Students in kindergarten and 1st grade are not permitted to walk home alone. They must have an adult or another student in 2nd, 3rd or 4th grade with them while walking to and from school.

CELEBRATIONS
Celebrations at school have been planned to fit within the curriculum and be a part of the learning experience. Class time will not be set aside for birthday parties. However, you may bring in a healthy treat for your child’s classmates that is prepackaged or purchased from a store to share during the last 10 minutes of the school day or at snack time. No homemade items will be permitted to be distributed. Treats will need to be dropped off in the office and a school staff member will take the treats to the classroom. FLOWER AND BALLOON DELIVERIES TO STUDENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

*Party invitations are not permitted to be distributed at school, unless there is an invitation for every student in the class.*

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE
It is vitally important that we have your correct home and work addresses and phone numbers in case of an emergency. In addition, the name and phone number of a third contact person (a friend or neighbor) that can be reached in an emergency should be kept on file. If you move during the school year, or your phone number changes, please notify school immediately. (973-3445)
EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Emergency school closing, while usually weather related, may occur for a variety of reasons. In addition to bad road conditions in winter and power failures due to storms, energy shortages and various mechanical failure may require closing the school temporarily.

Decisions to close school are made by the superintendent. In the event of school cancellation, delay or early dismissal, a phone call will be placed to all stakeholders through Power Announcement. You may also tune to channels: WRTV-TV (6), WISH-TV (8), WTHR-TV (13) or the following radio stations: WKBV, Kicks 96 or Magic 101.3. The RCS school website will post cancellations and delay of school. Every effort will be made by school officials to make such decisions before 6:30 A.M., so that the word can be spread to all involved parties.

EARLY DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Our first concern, as always, is the safety of our students. Should weather conditions warrant an early dismissal, it is imperative that students know their family emergency plan. Although we want to ensure that every student will have a place to go when dismissed early, it is not possible for the office to know that every parent has received confirmation by School Messenger that would be placed that day. You can be apprised of early closure by listening to previously mentioned media sources and also be aware that a phone call through School Messenger will be made to the first two contact numbers given to us for the system. Make sure that the office has current contact information.

Please take a few moments to sit down with your child(ren) and discuss the following questions and go over your plan with your child so he/she will know what to do.

**What should I do if school is called off early?**

**What do I do when there is no one at my house when I arrive home?**
January DATES TO REMEMBER

- 01/04 ~ ELearning Day
- 01/09 ~ More Than Words Assembly 1:40
- 01/10 ~ Muddy Monkey 1:00
- 01/10 ~ Robotics Club 2:50
- 01/15 ~ School Skate - The Skate 5:30
- 01/15 ~ School Spirit Night - Legends Lane 6:00
- 01/15 ~ Science Assistance Day 1:40
- 01/16 ~ Bullying Assembly - Slime Time 1:30
- 01/16 ~ Green Club 2:45
- 01/17 ~ Robotics Club 2:50
- 01/21 ~ Martin Luther King Jr Day - No School
- 01/22 ~ Science Assistance Day 1:40
- 01/23 ~ We R Savers 7:15
- 01/23 ~ 4th Grade Field Trip - Meltdown Elstro Plaza 9:45
- 01/24 ~ Robotics Club 2:50
- 01/24 ~ District Spelling Bee - Charles Elementary 6:00
- 01/29 ~ Science Assistance Day 1:40
- 01/31 ~ Robotics Club 2:50
- 01/31 ~ Science Fair & Math/Science Family Night 5:00

School Mission
Targeting Excellence... Encouraging, Learning, Growing!

School Vision
Westview Elementary School, in partnership with parents and the community, will achieve:
- Academic excellence
- Respectful, responsible behavior
- Motivation and confidence
- Creative problem solving
- Good citizenship for our community, nation, and world.

School Belief Statements:
Westview School will be a high-performing, well-respected school that will make the community proud.

Westview students will experience appropriate, research-based instruction.
Each student's potential, abilities and interests will be enhanced by his or her learning experiences.
Westview students will understand the value of education, learning and personal responsibility.
Westview students will be prepared to be successful members of the community.
Westview’s curriculum will be aligned to Indiana academic standards and common core standards.

Westview Elementary School-Wide Expectations/Motto
Get Ready to Learn
Respect Me, Respect You
Everyday My Best
Excellent Choices
Notice Good Deeds
# January 2019

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RCS libraries have purchased World Book Online for teachers, students and families!

You can access this resource at home 24/7!

Here is how:
Go to www.rcs.k12.in.us
Click on STUDENTS tab
Then Shortcuts & Links
Elementary Schools Shortcuts & Links
Scroll to World Book Web
Username AND password is rcslibrary

This is a wonderful resource for you and your child.
The Kids icon is best for elementary, but peruse all the options.
If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to contact me, Beverly Pegg, library media specialist.

bpegg@rcs.k12.in.us

Dear Parents,
We are looking for parents who are interested in being a part of our PTO. If you would like to be a part of this organization please fill out the form below and have your child return it in his/her Thursday folder.

Name: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________
Email: ___________________________________________________________________

* Would you like to volunteer for working PTO events: Yes  No
* Would you like to volunteer for the Spring Fund Raiser: Yes  No
* Would you like to volunteer for the Spring Book Fair: Yes  No
* Would you like to volunteer for Secret Santa: Yes  No
Who are we?

We are a group of parents, teachers and staff who work together to support our school. We help out with many school activities, earn money for special programs for our students, and provide support to our teaching staff.

Events Sponsored by Westview PTO

- Walk-a-thon
- Book Fairs
- Secret Santa
- Bowling/The Skate
- Teacher Support/Appreciation
- Star Student
- Literacy/Educational Events
- Field Trips
- Scholarships
- School Carnival

How To Get Involved

All parents are welcome to attend our monthly PTO meetings. Attending our meetings will give you a chance to find out what's happening at Westview, to collaborate with other parents and teachers, and to have your voice heard.

You can also get involved with Westview PTO by volunteering at our sponsored events. Please indicate to your child's teacher your interest in volunteering and BE SURE TO COMPLETE A VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECK AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

2018/19 Meetings

- Thursday, 09/6/18, 6pm
- Thursday, 10/4/18, 6 pm
- Thursday, 11/1/18, 6 pm
- Thursday, 12/6/18, 6 pm
- Thursday, 02/7/19, 6 pm
- Thursday, 03/7/19, 6 pm
- Thursday, 04/4/19, 6 pm
- Thursday, 05/2/19, 6 pm
Dress for Success

How students dress for school has a direct effect on how well they behave and how well they feel about themselves. This influences learning.”

Westview Elementary students are expected to dress according to weather conditions and in clothing that properly fits the student without causing interruptions in classroom activities.

Some important things to remember:

Shorts and skirts must be at least mid-thigh length. A good rule is that when the student has their arms down to their sides, the shorts or skirt should fall below the bottom of the fingertips.

Tops are to be long enough that the stomach area is fully covered.

Mesh tops, loose-fitting tank tops, short shorts, biker shorts or other extreme articles of dress, are NOT acceptable school wear.

Flip-flops, while not banned by the dress code, are not advised for school for safety reasons, particularly on the playground, and also due to the many times flip-flops break during the school day. Please also consider safety issues when it comes to sandals. Children should always have their gym shoes available on days that they have physical education and consider playground safety with other types of warm weather shoes.

Thank you for helping the learning environment of Westview Elementary by working toward adhering to the dress code that has been established.
Volunteer

When parents get involved in their children’s school, everyone wins. Volunteering in the school sends an important message to your children: education is important! There are countless ways you can help. Here are a few ideas:

Volunteer in the classroom, during lunch or recess.

Share your hobbies, travels or the job that you do with students.

Tutor children who need extra help.

Volunteer as a room parent.

Chaperone field trips and other class activities.

Attend public hearings, school board meetings or let your state representatives or senator know about your concerns for education.

Help in the school office by photocopying.

Make the school grounds more attractive.

Help in the computer lab.

Donate books or volunteer in the school library.

Help raise money for school equipment or classroom needs.

Read your favorite children’s stories to the class.

Get involved with the PTO or Mentor Program.

Whether you have an hour a day or an hour a month, Westview needs you. All volunteers that have direct contact with students must complete a volunteer form available in the office.

Thank you for your consideration