

THE WESTSIDE POST

WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

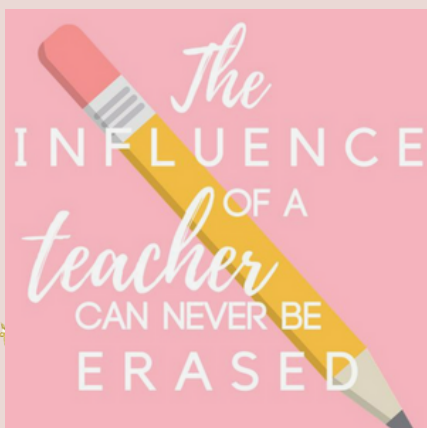
NO SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 5

MAP TESTING: 3RD & 4TH GRADES
SEPTEMBER 6 & 7

YEARBOOK PICTURE DAY
SEPTEMBER 8

MAP TESTING: 1ST & 2ND GRADES
SEPTEMBER 13 & 14

MAP TESTING: KINDERGARTEN
SEPTEMBER 16 & 17



A MESSAGE FROM MS. GLOVER

We have really enjoyed the first few weeks of school. Since "You are kind" is the first line of Westside's affirmation, we celebrate kindness throughout August and September. Our students receive tickets from teachers for kind acts, and we draw tickets once a week to celebrate a few of those students. Watch our Facebook page for pictures of our weekly winners! Search Westside Elementary, Cabot School District to locate the page.

National Hispanic Heritage Month: National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed from September 15 to October 15. This four-week period is a time that Hispanic Americans can honor their respective cultures and recognize, educate and celebrate the positive impact that Hispanic Americans have left on the country. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the month honors "the culture and traditions of those who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America, and the Caribbean." Students will be learning more about Hispanic Heritage month in class.

Our Bookstore will be open beginning Tuesday! Students can purchase a variety of gadgets. Prices range from \$0.50-\$6.00.

Reminders:

*Students need a water bottle.

*Please charge chromebooks at home each night.



Affirmations are important to us at Westside! We say the affirmations on the left to our students. We would love for you to say them at home as well.



★ WESTSIDE ★ AFFIRMATION

ADULT SAYS.....KID SAYS

- You are kind.....I am kind
- You are strong.....I am strong
- When you fail.....I try again
- You are smart.....I am smart
- You are important.....I am important
- You work hard.....I work hard
- You are respectful.....I am respectful
- You are loved.....I am loved

MATH TIPS FROM MRS. COOK AND MRS. RAY

We'd like to introduce you to the Illustrative Mathematics curriculum. This problem-based curriculum makes elementary school mathematics accessible to all learners.

What is a problem-based curriculum?





In a problem-based curriculum, students spend most of their time in class working on carefully sequenced problems. Teachers help students understand the problems, ask questions to push their thinking, and lead discussions to be sure that the mathematical ideas are clear. Learners gain a rich and lasting understanding of mathematical concepts and procedures and experience applying this knowledge to new situations. Students frequently work with their classmates—they talk about math, listen to each other's ideas, justify their thinking, and understand the reasoning of others. They gain experience communicating their ideas both verbally and in writing, developing skills that will serve them well throughout their lives.

This kind of instruction may look different from what you experienced in your own math education. Current research says that students need to be able to think flexibly in order to use mathematical skills in their lives (and also on the types of tests they will encounter throughout their schooling). Flexible thinking relies on understanding concepts and making connections between them. Over time, students gain the skills and the confidence to independently solve problems that they've never seen before.

READING IDEAS FROM MRS. BURNS

10 Back to School Reading Tips for Parents and Guardians

1. Include reading in your daily routines
2. Read at home—practice makes perfect!
3. Make a special reading spot
4. Be a reading partner with your child
5. Surround your child with books
6. Take books with you wherever you go
7. Be an example— let your child see your reading
8. Communicate with teachers and get involved with your child's education
9. Set learning goals
10. Be enthusiastic about reading and listening to your child read

<p>Write your first reading goal here!</p> <p>I want to</p> 	<p>Write your deadline here.</p> <p>I want to reach my goal by</p> 
<p>Write your second reading goal here!</p> <p>I want to</p> 	<p>Write your deadline here.</p> <p>I want to reach my goal by</p> 

NOTE FROM MRS. SWENSON, THE COUNSELOR:

Monthly Focus Word: Kind

What is kindness?

Kindness is the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate.

Why is it important?

An act of kindness can boost feelings of confidence, being in control, happiness and optimism.

5 things a parent can do to help their child show kindness: Smile at others, give someone a compliment, use nice words, stop to help someone in need, pick up trash on the sidewalk and throw it away

* Kids learn by seeing. The best way to teach kindness is to model it! Acts of kindness have the potential to make the world a happier place. *