



WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

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1513 STATE STREET

463-2134

December 2016

Dr. Brian Saenz, Principal
Mrs. Helen Andrews, Assistant Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 6

2nd and 3rd grade
Holiday program
9:00 am (at West)
7:00 pm (at West)

December 14

Papa John's Fundraiser

December 15

Band/Chorus/Orchestra
9:15 am

Family Night Winter Wonderland 6:00 pm-7:00 pm at West

December 20

End of 1st Semester

December 21-January 2

Winter Break—No School

January 3

School resumes

January 6

Report Cards Issued

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**Have you checked your information in Skyward? Make sure your number is up to date so you receive calls from our system.**

## West's Mission

Students at West Elementary School will master the core curriculum and develop skills in the areas of communication, organization and social interactions. Learning will be measured through the use of standardized and curriculum based tests, informal assessments, and data analysis. The learning community will provide resources and programs to maximize student achievement.

## WEST WINTER WONDERLAND—FAMILY

**Winter Wonderland—Family Night** will be December 15th from 6:00 –7:00 pm. There will be fun games, giveaways, snacks and FREE pictures with Santa Claus!



Something new this year! We will provide bus rides for families to the Holiday Light Display at Rock Spring Park— this makes an evening super special! More information on how to reserve your spot on the bus will be available soon.

## BAND , CHORUS , ORCHESTRA CONCERT



Our band, chorus and orchestra students have been hard at work preparing for their first concert of the year. They will perform on **Thursday, December 15 at 9:15 a.m.** We hope you can join us for one of our performance. Our special thanks go out to Mr. Jarden, Mr. Holder, Mrs. Pierce and our students for preparing this special program for all to enjoy.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

Keep your eyes and ears open for the weather outlook. The district uses our all-call system to inform you when school is cancelled due to inclement weather. **Please check in the office to be sure that your contact information is correct.** You can find cancellation information on local weather stations as well.

## TOP AR STUDENTS

### Top School AR Students

Makenzie Jones 380.4  
Max Schleeper 237.2  
Zephaniel Swain 206.9

### Top 4th Graders

Zephaniel Swain 206.9  
Norah Hardin 192.8  
Hadja Kape Tanovich 132.8

### Top 2nd Graders

Nicholas Metzmaker 126.5  
Max Wilfong 118.4  
Evan Keshaw 106.4

### Top 5th Graders

Makenzie Jones 380.4  
Max Schleeper 237.2  
Lucas Frye 195.5

### Top 3 Graders

Morgan Alexander 94.0  
Jessica Gabriel 91.3  
Hinley Tran 78.1



# No PTG Meeting for December



## **GIRL SCOUT TROOP 103 FOOD DRIVE**

Girl Scout Troop 103 (West) will be collecting food and non-perishables for the Salvation Army. Please send a donation with your child to place in the donation box. The classroom with the most items will be awarded a cupcake party.

## **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS**

The Community Christmas program is sponsored by the United Way and The Alton Telegraph. Items collected for Community Christmas are given to 14 local charities and agencies to be distributed to less fortunate families in the Riverbend area. This year the focus of the collection is on food pantry items. Students may place any donation items in the Community Christmas box located in the gym lobby. Items can be donated up until December 11.



## **HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS**

The only District Approved Holiday party is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20. Please check with your child's teacher to see what they have planned for this celebration.

**If you are wanting to make a donation, please only send in pre-packaged treats or drinks. Home baked goods will not be served.**

## **CALLING ALL HOLIDAY READERS!**

The two-week break is a great time to practice and sharpen reading skills at home. By January students should be halfway to their Accelerated Reading goal for the year.

### **Challenge**

Grades 3-5:

Read at least one chapter book during the holiday break. When we return in January take an Accelerated Reader test. If you score 80% or higher you will receive a special treat!!

2nd Grade:

Either a packet or book will go home with your child over the holiday break. When we return in January, students should take an Accelerated Reader test. If they score 80% or higher, they will receive a special treat!!



**To submit pictures for the yearbook,  
please email those pictures to:  
westelementaryyearbook@yahoo.com.**