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WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

BE RESPONSIBLE. BE RESPECTFUL. BE SAFE.

October 2016

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

UPCOMING EVENTS :

October 7

Madison County Institute—No School

October 4

BoBo's Pizza Delivery

October 14

End First Quarter

October 14

Orders End for Spirit Wear

October 17

PTG Meeting 6:30 @

Gilson Brown

October 20

Picture Day

October 21

Report Cards Go Out

October 26-November 3

Delivery of Spirit Wear

October 24-28

Book Fair

October 27

Fall Into Reading **6-7:30**

October 31

Early Dismissal

FAMILY READING NIGHT

Please join us for **Fall Into Reading Night** on October 27 from 6-7:30 pm. This fun event will have a Halloween theme. You are invited to wear costumes, but not required to wear one. Gory, bloody or violent props will not be permitted (i.e. no toy guns, knives, etc.) Also, **costumes of any kind will not be permitted during the school day.**

We have some exciting events planned for this night including photo opportunities, BINGO, games, spooky stories and a play performed by West staff. The Book Fair will be open as well as a Spirit Wear table. This will be fun for the whole family!



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PARENT PICK UP



School officially dismisses at 2:25 PM. Students should not be picked up early unless they have a doctor's appointment. Please wait in the gym for your child. Parents are not allowed to wait in the hallway or go to a classroom to pick up their child. Thanks for your assistance in helping parent pick up run smoothly.

FALL WEATHER

Please remember that unless it is raining or dangerously cold, students go outside for recess daily. For your child's comfort, please dress him or her in layers and keep recess in mind. Also, **please label your child's jacket or coat.** Our lost and found grows daily with unclaimed items that aren't la-

Special NOTE:

Please pick up your child's Bo Bo's Pizza fundraiser orders on October 14 in the cafeteria from 3-7 p.m.

BOX TOP EDUCATION

Thanks to General Mills and Walmart, every Walmart-exclusive Box Tops Certificate that we clip and collect through 11/2/2016 earns our school a chance to be one of 20 winners of 50,000 Bonus Box Tops!! That's \$5000 for our classrooms! With your help we can make a difference for our school! Let the clipping begin!





ZERO HERO

Starting September 15, students at West have the opportunity to become a “Zero Hero.” These are students that demonstrate Responsibility, Respect, and Safety every single day while at school. At the end of the year, students who have ZERO referrals after September 15th will be treated to a special field trip to the Riverbender Community Center. All students will be notified of this opportunity and posters hang throughout the school. Dr. Saenz and Mrs. Andrews will even wear super hero capes to serve as a reminder to be a ZERO hero.



STOP, WALK, TALK

West Elementary is committed to a positive learning environment for our children. We have recently taught our students a new strategy to help them deal with conflict on their own. If another child is bothering them in any way, the first thing that they should do is hold out their hand and ask the other child to “STOP.” If the student does not, then they should **WALK** away. If they are still being bothered, the student is encouraged to **TALK** to an adult. Our goal is that students learn to resolve their own conflicts among their peers. We will be reinforcing this strategy throughout the year. Please help your child practice this at home.

FUNDRAISER

- **Orders for Evolution of the Red-bird t-shirts are still being taken. Order forms can be turned into the West Elementary office. The deadline for orders is October 14th and delivery is set for October 27th.**
- **Watch for upcoming information on SMENCIL sales!**

GILSON-WEST PTG MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, October 17	(2016)	@ Gilson
Thursday, November 10	(2016)	@ West
Monday, December 8	(2016)	@ Gilson
Thursday, January 12	(2017)	@ West
Thursday, February 9	(2017)	@ Gilson
Monday, March 20	(2017)	@ West
Thursday, April 13	(2017)	@ Gilson
Monday, May 15	(2017)	@ West

A MESSAGE FROM PTG:

**Be sure to “like” us on Facebook...
Search for “West Elementary PTG”**

Interested in PTG??? Come to our next meeting on Tuesday, October 17th at 6:30. This year, meetings will alternate monthly between Gilson Brown and West in an effort to accommodate parents of both schools. The PTG is a hardworking group of parents and teachers who wish to support programs at West Elementary School. PTG is in charge of Mini-Art, Bookfair, and various fund raisers to help live the mission that “West is Best.” Because of the success of our Book Fair last year, we are able to provide each grade level with a class set of chapter books. **PTG is looking for volunteers to run the book fair during the week of October 27th. Be involved, be a part of PTG!**

West Elementary School’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.