

03.17.2024

Hello West Park Elementary Families!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break full of friends, family, and fun! We are all very excited to see our little Wildcats tomorrow, Monday, March 18!

Please see below for important upcoming dates and details.

**VERY IMPORTANT - Enrollment Survey**

- Please take time to complete the survey below by March 31 for each child currently in kindergarten, 1st grade, or 2nd grade at West Park Elementary.
- This information is essential for planning the next school year.
- <https://forms.gle/8Z9xwKRq5nmHki4U6>
- Thank you!

**March 18 – Special Board Meeting – 7:00pm – Moscow Middle School Band Room**

- The Moscow School Board will host a special Board Meeting/Hearing on Monday, March 18th, 2024 at 7:00 PM at Moscow Middle School to review Superintendent Shawn Tiegs' recommendation to close Russell Elementary and to provide all who are impacted an opportunity to speak and share concerns.
- ATTACHMENT
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**Friday, March 22 – Kindergarten Trip to Palouse Science Discovery Center!**

- Please see teacher communication for details.

**Friday, March 22 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Trip to Hartung Theater for Dancers, Drummers, Dreamers**

- Please see teacher communication for details.

**Monday, March 25 – Wednesday, March 27 – Elementary Science Fair**

- We have 26 students participating this year!
- Please see the flyer below for details.
- ATTACHMENT

**Tuesday, March 26 – Class Picture Day!**

- We will be taking class pictures on this date!
- Order forms will be available closer to the date.
- Smile, Wildcats!

#### **March 27 – Moscow School District Board Meeting – 7:00pm – Russell Elementary**

- It will be recommended by Superintendent Shawn Tiegs for our MSD Board to make a final decision concerning the proposal to close Russell Elementary at this meeting.

#### **April – Reading Month!**

- April is Reading Month at WPE!
- We will be holding a reading contest all month with a book fair and multiple pep rallies to encourage students throughout the month!
- More details will be shared closer to April.

#### **April 4 & 5 - Book Fair!**

- The WPE Book Fair is coming!
- Our scholastic Book Fair will be in the West Park gym Thursday, April 4 (3:00pm-7:00pm) and Friday, April 5 (8:00am-3:45pm).
- Make sure to stop by when you are here for student-led conferences!
- ATTACHMENT

#### **April 5 – No School – Open House/Student-Led Conferences**

- We will be hosting an Open House and student-led conferences on this date and for some grade levels in the evening prior to this date!
- Families will be invited to come to the school and be led through many of our learning activities by their own students!
- We will have student work samples to provide families.
- This day will also be used for select parent conferences as needed.
- More details will be shared closer to the date!

#### **Kindergarten Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year!**

- Kindergarten registration for 2024-2025 school year is open!
- Please use the link below to our website for all details including how to participate in our Kindergarten Registration Event on Friday, April 5!
- We can't wait to meet our new Wildcats!
- <https://westpark.msd281.org/>

#### **April 9 – PAT Skate Night!**

- Our PAT will be hosting a Skate Night at the Palouse Ice Rink!
- More details will be shared soon!

### **Teacher of the Year Nomination!**

- The Idaho Department of Education has opened nominations for Teacher of the Year!
- Any school educator teaching any subject at any grade level is eligible!
- Nominations are due March 18.
- The Teacher of the Year will receive a cash award of \$10,000 courtesy of CapEd Credit Union and tour the state supporting education!
- Please use the link below to nominate the educator(s) that has made the biggest impact on your child's life!
  - o <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/events/teacher-year/>

### **West Park/Russell Spirit Wear!**

- Click on the link below to order all of your WPE spirit gear!
- FYI... The online store will remain open throughout the year.
- Thank you to the West Park/Russell PAT and Moscow Apparel for creating this awesome online store!
- [https://westparkrussell.spiritsale.com/?mibextid=Zxz2cZ&fbclid=IwAR1KqONc72pBnvu4EqQ10D\\_FpZWpzFPF6Ruije58XrjVrVYptuiwOfIF5ko](https://westparkrussell.spiritsale.com/?mibextid=Zxz2cZ&fbclid=IwAR1KqONc72pBnvu4EqQ10D_FpZWpzFPF6Ruije58XrjVrVYptuiwOfIF5ko)

### **Communication**

- Please be sure to check out our Facebook page and school website for regular updates!
- <https://www.facebook.com/West-Park-Elementary-School-1673846729595032>
- <https://westpark.msd281.org/>

Go Wildcats!

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