



SCHOOL NEWS

WEST POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Fall 2019

Dear West Point Families,

Fall is here! What a wonderful time of year! It is hard to believe we are into our second quarter of school already. I am so proud of how hard our students are working and the academic growth they are making each day. I encourage you to talk to your child's teacher for additional information about how your child is performing in class and on other assessments utilized to measure academic progress, as well as to discuss how your child can be further supported in school.

Next week we will begin our first honors assemblies, recognizing students for Honor Roll/Principal's List and our Students of the Month for August, September and October. In addition to our quarterly recognition assemblies, we continue to recognize our students daily with SPARK awards for making good choices and demonstrating our core values at West Point, Safe, Productive, Always Responsible, Respectful and Kind. Each month students that receive SPARK awards are entered into a drawing for special prizes. Students love receiving the recognition and we love cheering for them when they bring them up to the office!

Safety remains a priority at West Point. Our staff and students have practiced emergency response drills over the course of the first quarter and we will continue to practice throughout the school year. Our parking lot remains an area of focus as we work to ensure the safety for all during this busy time. Parents who wish to park to pick up students must leave their vehicle to meet students at the crosswalk. Students will not be released into the parking lot without adults. To avoid congestion in our parking lot during pick up hours, we encourage you to utilize one of our 3 satellite pick up locations. A map to the locations is included with this message. Back gates to the satellite areas are open before school from 8:40 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. and after school until 4:00 p.m. We appreciate your patience and flexibility during our drop off and pick up times.

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This week we will be holding a special assembly for our students in grades 4th - 8th to share information about our Reflections Program, in partnership with our PTSA, which provides opportunities to spotlight students original work in several artistic categories. Students will be able to submit work in categories such as music composition, dance choreography, literature, visual arts and movie making, to name a few. More details will be sent home with your child on Friday, October 25, 2019. Kindergarten through 3rd grade students will learn about Reflections during an assembly on Tuesday, October 29th, 2019. All students in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to participate. Submissions are due by November 19, 2019. All submissions that meet the criteria will be submitted to our State PTSA contest.

The Dysart Governing Board has called for two initiatives to be placed on the November 5th election. This all mail-in election will ask voters to renew the Override already in place. The Override will maintain funding for special areas like the Arts, PE, Music, and Athletics. In addition, funds are used for free all-day kindergarten, maintaining manageable class sizes, and reading and math support. The Bond is asking citizens to approve new funding for building repairs, buses, safety and security updates, technology, construction of two new elementary schools, and purchasing land for a high school. In addition, funds raised from the Bond will support each school's signature program. At West Point, that means that we will be able to grow the Arts Academy!

Ballots were mailed to every registered voter on October 9th.

For frequent updates regarding wonderful things happening at West Point be sure to check out our facebook page. We appreciate your continued support!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Timbrooks
Principal

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