



SCHOOL NEWS

WESTERN PEAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Good Afternoon Falcon Family,

Happy April! The weather is beginning to warm up and Spring is in the air! April is a busy month for us at school and the time we complete our state assessments.

Our Spring Fundraiser continues this month through April 19th. This is an online fundraiser & Western Peaks receives 100% of the profits! We are raising funds for classroom resources, teacher classroom grants, monthly staff treats, wall wraps for the school, classroom improvements, rewards for students, and outdoor shade structure installation for the parent pick up area in front of the school. Please help us reach our fundraising goal of \$30,000 by making a donation and/or sharing the link for the fundraiser with your friends and family. This can be shared via email and on social media. The link is

<https://app.99pledges.com/fund/2024wpesdirect>.

April 15th-19th is Volunteer Appreciation Week! I want to personally thank all of the volunteers who come to Western Peaks & give their time assisting our students and teachers! What you do is so important & we value all that you do! We will have a gift for our volunteers during Volunteer Appreciation Week.



This month, our 3rd & 4th grade students will be completing the AASA state assessments in Reading, Writing, and Math. The testing dates are listed on the right. It is very important that your child is at school each of these testing days. It is also crucial that they arrive to school on time, and that they are not checked out of school early on the testing days. Some of these tests can take the full day to complete & must be completed in the same day they are started. At home, you can support your child & help him/her be more successful by:

- ❖ Getting a full night of sleep prior to the testing days
- ❖ Eating a healthy breakfast the morning of testing days
- ❖ Talking with them about taking their time on each test & giving their very best effort to show what they know
- ❖ Ensuring that they arrive to school on time & they are in the classroom no later than 9 AM on the testing days
- ❖ Ensuring that you do not check them out of school early on the testing days

We are hiring teachers for the 24/25 school year! We are still looking for a 5th Grade Math Teacher and a Music Teacher. If you know any teachers looking for a great school to work out, please encourage them to apply online using [this link](#) if you are interested!

Sincerely,
Principal Brown

Upcoming Dates

April 1st - 5th ~
National Assistant
Principal Appreciation
Week

April 3rd ~
AASA Writing Assessment
for 3rd & 4th Grades

April 10th ~
PTSA's Falcon Night @
Oregon's Restaurant
*All Day - 20% of Proceeds
come back to WPES*

April 11th ~
AASA Oral Reading
Assessment for 3rd Grade

April 17th ~
PTSA's Family Bowling
Night @ Uptown Alley,
6 - 8 PM

April 18th ~
PTSA Meeting @ 4 PM

April 16th - 19th ~
AASA Reading & Math
Assessments for 3rd & 4th
Grades

April 23rd ~
PTSA's Falcon Night @ In
& Out, 5 - 9 PM
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March's Behavior Data

of Behavior Referrals for
March = 36

- *Decrease of 24 compared to February!*

Total # of Behavior Referrals this
Year = 274

- *Increase of 44 compared to Aug - March of 22/23 school year.*

March's Attendance Data

Our students' attendance
GREATLY improved this month
compared to the previous month!

Thank you for your efforts in
getting students to school daily &
ensuring they are at school on
time!

Total # of Full Day Absences = 622

- *Decrease of 377 compared to February!*

Total # of Half Day Absences = 213

- *Decrease of 98 compared to February!*

Total # of Tardies = 260

- *Decrease of 201 compared to February!*



Please Partner with Us to Teach Children 'Safe Hands' ~

We are requesting all parents
assistance in teaching your
children the concept of 'safe
hands,' or that using their hands
to hit, push, or pinch another
person is unacceptable.

Using the language, 'safe hands'
helps frame the replacement
behavior as more positive and as
a goal for children to work
towards.

Parents can talk with their
children & teach them positive
replacement behaviors and
strategies. These include, walking
away from an upsetting situation,
asking an adult for help, taking 10
big breaths, or asking for a break.



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