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April/May/June 2018

Important Dates:

- April 10 - Butter Braid Pick-up; 3:30-6 pm; Cafeteria
- April 17 - PTC Fundraiser at Wendy's 5-7pm
- April 24 - PTC Fundraiser at Chipotle; 4-8pm
- May 1 - PTC Meeting; Media Center; 6:30pm
- May 3 - Incoming Kindergarten Tour; 4:30-5:30pm
- May 3 - Spring Choir Concert; 7pm; WW Gym; Dress Rehearsal; 2:45pm
- May 23 - E-STEM Day; Rain or Shine
- May 24 - All District 5th Grade Track and Field Day; PLHS
- June 1 - Kindergarten Fun Day
- June 3 - WestWood Twins Day; Target Field; 1:10pm
- June 5 - Kindergarten Celebration; Classrooms; 2:30pm
- June 5 - PTC Meeting; 6:30pm
- June 6 - Gr. 1-4 Track & Field Day
- June 7 - Last Day of School; 3 Hour Early Release; 12:50pm

A Note From Mrs. Zwolenski

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The WestWood staff looks forward to having Parent-Teacher Conferences this week and next. Your presence in our school is welcomed and invigorating. Your questions, feedback and insight are valuable to us as we continue to educate "All learners to reach their full potential as contributing and productive members of our ever-changing global community." Thank you for meeting with your child's teacher(s) and teaming with us. It continues to be our privilege to work with you!

Have a wonderful spring!

Karen Zwolenski

Twins Game Day 2018—WestWood Elementary

The Westwood PTC is selling tickets to the Twins game against the Cleveland Indians on **Sunday, June 3rd, 2018 at 1:10pm**. The cost of the ticket is only \$15 (regularly \$25) for a ticket in the home plate view section of Target Field.

Sunday is Kids Day! Kids Meals are half price at just \$4! Before the game, kids 14 and younger can receive free autographs from a Twins player and postgame kids can run the bases. Also, the first 5,000 lucky fans will win a free promotional item from The Beaches of Fort Myers!

Buy your tickets at: <https://wwtwins2018.eventbrite.com>

There are a limited amount of tickets, so buy your tickets soon. Registration will close on May 4th. If you have any questions, please contact Adrienne Kelsey at adrienne.kelse@gmail.com.



Most Efficient/Preferred for Payments

As we enter the heavy field trip season in the elementary schools, please choose to pay for student field trips on FeePay. Not only does this method provide you with an itemized receipt of student related purchases, but it saves the WestWood office from entering each individual check into an e-check processing system and reduces the amount of cash that is being handled in our schools. Less cash equals fewer trips to the bank, which saves our district money. To learn more about [FeePay](#) and to set up your account, please follow the link or contact our Technology Helpdesk at 952-226-0048.

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Spring Dress Code

Now that the warmer weather will be approaching, it is requested that students refrain from wearing shorts until the temperature is 60 degrees or warmer. Also, because students are outside for 20 minutes at recess and their classroom teacher may take them outside for additional recess or breaks - coats and /or heavy sweatshirts are also expected to be worn as well. Students who come to school dressed inappropriately, will be asked to call parents for a change of clothing. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Moving this Summer?

If you know your family may be moving this summer, please let the WestWood office know. We continually update our enrollment numbers to plan for the upcoming school year.

In District Transfers & Open Enrollment

If your child(ren) are attending WestWood as an In-district Transfer or Open Enrolled Student and they have paperwork on file, new paperwork is **not necessary for the 2018-19 school year**. Please call Kirsten Schoeller, Head Secretary, with questions at 952.226.0404.

Early Entrance into Kindergarten

Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools has a policy for early entrance into kindergarten for those students who turn five years of age between September 1 and October 15. In order for a student to be considered for early entrance into kindergarten, parents must inform the elementary principal on or before June 1. If you are considering early entrance for your child, please be mindful of the cut-off date. Parents are required to pay for the cost of the testing for early entrance which is approximately \$300.

Kids' Company Registration

Kids' Company registration for Summer 2018 and the 2018-19 school year is available online. If you have questions call 952-226-0090 or visit www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us/community/kids-company.

MCA Testing Has Started

WestWood third, fourth and fifth grade students will once again be taking the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA III) tests.

All MCA testing for Reading, Math and Science will be completed online in our computer labs or on Chrome Books. **The testing window is April 2 - May 11.**

A detailed MCA classroom schedule has been posted on the WestWood Webpage. Teachers will also be communicating scheduled testing days for students. Please mark your calendar with your students' testing days when they are made available, so doctor/dental appointments and vacations can be scheduled around testing.

MCA Security Tip Line

Maintaining the integrity of tests and test items is of great importance to the Minnesota Department of Education. Improper or unethical behavior by students or educators undermines the validity of test score interpretation. Please report suspected incidents of cheating or piracy of test items using the [Minnesota Statewide Test Security Tip Line](#).

WestWood Students Participate in MAP

Testing/Measure of Academic Progress

Students in grades 2-5 will have scheduled times in the computer lab to complete Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests. **Spring testing takes place April 30 - May 25.**

MAP tests are aligned to Minnesota's academic standards. The MAP test is an individualized computer adaptive test in which questions are generated based on the student's previous response.

Scores are reported in RIT scores (short for Rausch Unit). The RIT score is an equal-interval scale which can measure growth in learning.

The MAP brochure, available on the WestWood webpage, shows the average RIT scores across the nation for students at different grade levels.

Conferences Are April 12, 17 & 19

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the following evenings:

Thursday, April 12	4:15-8:15pm
Tuesday, April 17	4:15-8:15pm
Thursday, April 19	4:15-6:15pm

You should be receiving confirmation of your Spring Parent/Teacher Conference time from your students teacher will be sent home early April. If you need to change your conference time, please contact your students' teacher directly.

School Supplies

We will be offering the prepackaged school supplies through School Tool Box for the 2018-19 school year. It will be online ordering only and all supplies will be delivered to your home! Watch for information to be sent home in early May.

Lost and Found

We have many items in the Lost and Found, located in 3 large bins in the main hallway, outside the main office. If your child is missing a mitten, hat, coat, snow pants, lunch box, etc., please be sure to check the bins. Items will be placed on tables during Spring Conferences. Items not claimed will be bagged and donated by April 27.

Choir Concert

The WestWood Spring Choir Concert is on **Thursday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the West-Wood Gym**. A dress rehearsal will take place on Thursday, May 3 at 2:45 p.m. for WestWood students and for family members who may not be able to attend the evening performance.

Kindergarten Celebration

A Kindergarten Celebration will be held on Monday, June 5 at 2:30 pm in the Kindergarten Classrooms. Parents, grandparents and friends of our kindergartners are invited to attend this milestone event. Kindergartners' last day of school is Thursday, June 9 (12:50 p.m. early release), the same as the rest of the school.

Final Library Book

Check-Out and Return

Final book checkout for students will be May 10-May 16.

Final book return is May 17-23

Please look around at home and return WestWood Library books to the Media Center. A note will be sent home indicating the price of each book not returned before the end of the school year.



Track and Field Days

Grades 1-4 will have their Track & Field Day on Wednesday, June 6 at the Twin Oaks Middle School track.

Fifth grade students will participate in a District Wide Track & Field event on May 24 at the Prior Lake High School track. There is not a rain date for this event.

WestWood Kindergarten Fun Day will be on Friday, June 1 in the afternoon. There is not a rain date for this event.

Volunteers are needed for grades 1-4 Track and Field Day for recording scores, retrieving equipment, measuring, etc. Volunteers are also needed for the Kindergarten Fun Day. Please watch for a volunteer form to come home with your student in early May.

SPAN to Meet in 2018-19

SPAN is the Synergy/SAGE Parent Action Network. We are also known as the Prior Lake-Savage Chapter of the MN Council for the Gifted and Talented. Our mission is to support and advocate for academically advanced students, their parents, and their educators. SPAN hosts meetings featuring speakers and specific discussion topics throughout the school year. We will not meet again during this school year but plan to host meetings again next school year. Please let us know of any topics on which you would like us to focus our meetings. Suggestions (or questions), as well as requests to be placed on our email list, can be emailed to [Apryl at span.priorlake@gmail.com](mailto:span.priorlake@gmail.com). See more about SPAN on our website www.mcgt.net/priorlake.

Student Placement Forms Due May 1

Student Placement forms are now available in the office for parents wishing to give further input into the classroom placement of their child(ren) for the 2018-19 school year. Please fill the form out completely and **return to the school office by May 1**. Most parents leave classroom placement decisions up to the judgment of their child's teachers and principal who know them best in the school setting. Under certain circumstances, it may be advantageous to offer input. When giving this input, it is important to refer to particular teacher characteristics (i.e. firm, gentle), specific educational interest areas (hands on learner, loves theater), or other special concerns, **but not specific teacher names**.

