

'The West Weekly for Parents

September 4, 2022

West Families,

First, thank you for the support you have shown this week. While we never would want to live this same week over again, your support has been shown to our students and staff including myself in outstanding ways. We truly have a wonderful community surrounding our school.

MAP testing begins on campus this week. Classes will be taking their tests on different days. Your teacher will be sending out information about this soon. MAP testing allows us to compare our students' current level of performance to other students in the district and even the country. From this, we set goals for our students. All students are expected to grow a year or more this school year.

MAP results are planned to go home on September 22 with a letter of explanation. As you receive these results and have questions, reach out to your child's classroom teacher. They would love to meet with you in person or over the phone and talk to you about the plans they have to help your child grow this year.

Again, thank you for your over and above actions, words of encouragement, and offerings of help during this difficult time.

Thank you,

Sasha Bennett, Principal

The District provides space in its newsletter for organizations to post their events. Such posting does not indicate any endorsement by the District.

Our Week in Review

Rebecca Beardain, our campus DLS, creates these each week. I hope it gives you a little inside peek into the great things happening at West.

[September 4th](#)

Family Digital Citizenship Tip

Click [here](#) to view this month's family digital citizenship tip.

Important Dates Coming Up

- ★ September 5 - Labor Day - Student/Staff Holiday
- ★ September 7- Helping Hands
- ★ September 8 - Watch D.O.G.S. Pizza Night
- ★ September 9 - Officer Appreciation Day
- ★ September 13- Parent PTO Meeting 7 pm
 - Zoom link [HERE](#) Password is106453
- ★ September 22 - Guided Reading Levels sent home
- ★ September 22 - Fall Individual Pictures
- ★ September 22- Panda Express PTO Fundraiser
- ★ September 30 - MAP scores & new FLEX groups sent home
- ★ October 3-7- Red Ribbon/ Friendship Week
- ★ October 6 National Positive Post-it note Day
- ★ October 10 - Columbus Day - Student Holiday
- ★ October 14 - Pumpkin Patch with Malta Farms

In loving memory of

CONRAD THOMLINSON

West Elementary 4th grader, Conrad Thomlinson, was best known for his laugh, his love of basketball, and his kind heart. At recess, you could always find Conrad on the basketball court, and it was important to Conrad that everyone felt included in whatever was going on. He was a friend to all.

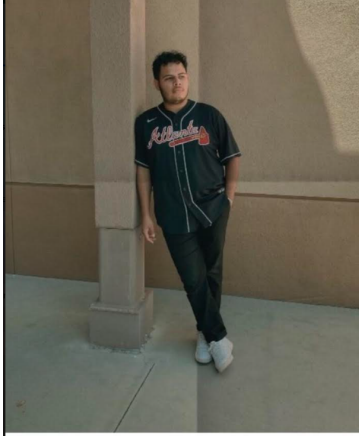


To honor his memory, we will be installing a bench on the playground with a special plaque. The bench will be placed near the basketball court. This will be a special place for friends to gather now, and for many years to come.

Please help us in this effort by donating cash or using [this link](#). Click on Pirate Pantry and type "bench" in the memo box. Any remaining donations will be given to the family.

Westie Highlight

Anthony Hernandez is our West highlight for the week! He came to us from California and has been in Texas for one year. He previously worked at Hodges Elementary school. He is so glad to be on our campus, and we are equally grateful! He is currently a behavior interventionist at West and will be completing a Bachelor's degree this year. He is striving to be a teacher. He's a wonderful addition to our amazing campus!



Want to Thank a Teacher?

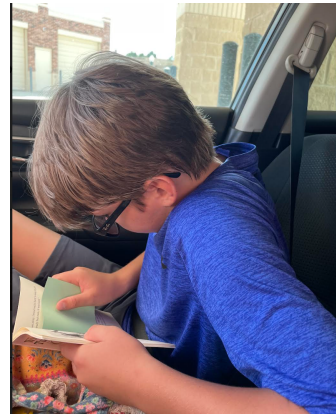
Our teachers are wonderful. Each month we celebrate a teacher of the month. If you would like to nominate a West staff member, [HERE](#) is a link to do so. Your words of affirmation and encouragement mean so much to them.

MORE AT-HOME READING

Sydney on her back porch reading.



Sawyer reading in the car.



Water Bottles

Parents, please make sure your child is bringing a water bottle to school each day!

Student Badges

All LCISD students will be issued ID badges. The purpose of the badges is to maintain the district's high standard of safety and security and to help streamline a number of student and teacher activities. [Click here](#) for more information about student ID badges. Students will have one on their backpacks as well to help with dismissal.

LUBBOCK-COOPER ISD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS NOW OFFER

AFTER-SCHOOL SUZUKI STRINGS PROGRAM FOR 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS

BEGINS FIRST WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER

NORTH ELEMENTARY & CENTRAL ELEMENTARY
OFFER SUZUKI CELLO

EAST ELEMENTARY, SOUTH ELEMENTARY, AND
WEST ELEMENTARY OFFER SUZUKI VIOLIN

GROUP CLASSES HELD TWICE A WEEK *

3:30-4:15 PM

SUZUKI CERTIFIED & TRAINED TEACHERS

PARENT INFORMATIONAL MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, AT 7:00 PM
HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AUDITORIUM



About Suzuki



Pre-registration



Suzuki approved vendors

* LUBBOCK-COOPER ISD WILL NOT PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION

LCPS ATTENDANCE 101

...building the future one student at a time!

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS ABSENT?

Notify your child's campus *via the campus attendance email* when you know he/she will not be at school. All emails must contain student name, birth date, and grade. Documentation verifying your child's absence must be received by the school within two (2) days of a student's return to school. To ensure efficient communication we recommend submitting through email. However, a faxed or paper copy of a doctor, parent note, or parent phone call is acceptable.

WHAT IS MY CHILD'S CAMPUS ATTENDANCE EMAIL?

South Elementary

southattendance@lcsid.net

North Elementary

northattendance@lcsid.net

Central Elementary

centralattendance@lcsid.net

West Elementary

westattendance@lcsid.net

East Elementary

eastattendance@lcsid.net

Laura-Bush Middle School

lbmsattendance@lcsid.net

Lubbock-Cooper Middle School

lcmsattendance@lcsid.net

New Hope Academy

nhaattendance@lcsid.net

WHAT CAN I DO?

- Sign up for absence alerts and monitor your child's attendance in Skyward Family Access.
- Schedule non-emergency Dr. appointments for after school hours, on weekends, or during scheduled school holidays.

WHAT IS EXCUSED VS. UNEXCUSED?

Excused absences :

- Illness
- Funeral/memorial
- Dr. appointments
- School-sponsored curricular/ Extracurricular activities.

Unexcused absences :

- Personal business
- Vacations
- Out of town
- Traffic
- Car trouble



WHAT: This camp will introduce the most basic fundamentals of basketball with an emphasis on ball-handling and dribbling

WHEN: There will be five sessions held on the following Sundays from 5:00pm - 6:00pm October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and November 6th

WHERE: Lubbock-Cooper High School gym

WHY: This camp will be a fun experience for young girls to learn about the game of basketball. They will also have the opportunity to showcase their skills at halftime of the Lubbock-Cooper High School varsity girls' basketball game on November 8th.

REGISTRATION: To reserve a spot, please register by emailing Coach Kyle Lovorn at klovorn@lcisd.net
SPOTS ARE LIMITED

The deadline to register is September 30th.

COST: \$90 per child (due at the first session on October 2nd) Includes a Hoops Academy shirt and a junior-size ball

Lubbock-Cooper ISD ATTENDANCE 2022-2023



REPORTING AN ABSENCE:

- Parents are to report student absences **INCLUDING** early outs/late arrivals in their Skyward Family Access via an attendance request. This can be done in the app or on a desktop.

Click the link below to view instructional video:

<https://youtu.be/XdoMVcFWgkY>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- When submitting an **EARLY OUT** or **LATE ARRIVAL** absence request, please be sure to **UNSELECT** the all day check mark as shown below. This ensures the attendance office knows what time your child will be leaving and arriving.

Campus attendance email is for submitting documentation, such as a Dr. note.