

Trojan Talk: Elementary Edition

Official Newsletter of West Marshall Elementary School

September 2026 West Marshall Elementary School

Hello, Trojan Elementary Families!

Can you believe September is already here (well, officially on Tuesday, but nearly there)? Watching our hallways come alive over the past week has been an absolute joy. Our students are settling into their classroom communities, learning new routines, and filling our school with energy, curiosity, and smiles.

As we settle into our new 'norm' this month, our main focus is on building strong, consistent habits that set our kids up for a successful year. Here are three quick ways you can partner with us at home this September:

- Protect the Morning Routine: Arriving on time gives kids a predictable start to their day, helps them feel confident before instruction begins, and helps prevent them from feeling "left out".
- Prioritize Daily Attendance: Every day of learning builds on the last! When students are here consistently, they build stronger friendships and deeper connections with their teachers.
- Establish an Evening Decompression: The start of the school year is exhausting for young minds. Giving your child 15-20 minutes of quiet, screen-free downtime after school can do wonders for their energy and mood.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership, your encouragement, and for sharing your incredible children with us every single day. September is going to be a fantastic month of growth at West Marshall!

As always, my door is open. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything at all.

Warm regards,

Tara Pfantz
Elementary Principal



September Dates to Remember

Keep these marked on your family calendar for the upcoming month!

- September 1: Picture Day!
- PTO Meeting September 3 at the Elementary library
- September 4: Club's Choice Fundraiser begins
- September 7: NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- September 8: 4th Grade Field Trip
- September 14 - 18 - [Homecoming](#)
- September 23: 3rd Grade Field Trip
- September 25: Kindergarten Field Trip
- September 30: Student of the Month Assembly



WM Elementary PTO

☀️ **Staff Shout-Outs: Help Us Celebrate Our Team!** 🙌

Our teachers and staff pour their hearts into making our school a warm, safe, and exciting place to learn every single day. We know so many of them go above and beyond for our students, and we want to make sure their hard work gets recognized!

Do you have a staff member you'd like to thank? Did a teacher make your child's week, or did a staff member go out of their way to help your family? We would love to hear about it!

Use this [link](#) to submit a **Staff Shout-Out**. Your kind words will be shared directly with the staff member to brighten their day, and they may even be recognized at our assembly!

School Lunch Menus Available!

- [Elementary](#)

Principal's Corner: Tips for Home

This Month's Focus: Master the Morning Launch Pad!

Mornings set the tone for the entire school day, and a chaotic rush can leave kids feeling overwhelmed before they even step foot in the classroom. To help your child feel calm, confident, and ready to learn, try creating a designated "Launch Pad" near your front door.

Every evening before bed, have your child pack their backpack, lay out their shoes, and place signed forms or library books on their Launch Pad. Making this a quick 5-minute evening habit eliminates morning shoe hunts, reduces school arrival stress, and teaches kids valuable independence that carries right into their school day!

Specials Schedule



Stay Connected!

Don't miss out on the daily joy happening at our school! Follow the official **West Marshall CSD** social media pages for real-time photos, videos, and celebrations.

[West Marshall District Calendar](#)

[West Marshall Elementary PK-5 Handbook](#)

[Trojan Tots Preschool Handbook \(Pending board approval\)](#)

Go Trojans!