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WES Weekly Family Update for October 23, 2026

You can also access the Weekly Family update on the district website HERE and via ParentSquare.



Halloween at Westlake Elementary School

Students at WES will be celebrating Halloween on October 30! Please CLICK HERE to review information about class parties, costume guidelines, and other details we put in place to ensure Halloween is safe and fun for all students as a part of our school day.

And we encourage families to check out the following link for information about the Teal Pumpkin Project which provides great ideas and suggestions for helping make Halloween inclusive for all students, including those with food allergies and other restrictions.

Music Boosters Spirit Wear Sale - The Westlake Music Boosters is thrilled to present our annual winter Spirit Wear sale. We have so many choices for everyone in your household - band choir jazz drama club and 2 different options or orchestra. We are even offering special WES shirts / sweatshirts for our youngest musicians! There is literally something for everyone! So place your order HERE today. The sale runs through November 13th with delivery / pick-up in time for the holiday season. Questions? Contact Jessica Kim at jessicastraka@aol.com.



Upcoming Events

October 23 - End of First Quarter
October 23 - Trunk or Treat @ WES. 6:30-7:30pm
October 26 - Teacher Work Day. No School
October 27 - Title One Family Information Night
October 28 - Halloween Fun Night @ WHS
October 30 - PTA Autumn Parties @ WES during school
October 31 - Halloween - Have fun and stay safe!
November 2 - Professional Development Day. No School

We have a lot of fun, exciting events scheduled for this school year!

Click the following link for the full list of **WES 2026/27 Events**. Please note that this document may be updated as events are added and/or dates are changed. It is intended to be used as an up-to-date reference. It is not intended to be printed or used as a static reference. Events can also be found on the district website calendar at wlake.org.

Reminders

Westlake Elementary PTA - If you didn't have the chance to check out the most recent PTA eBlast, CLICK HERE. A new PTA eBlast goes out every week, and you can CLICK HERE to sign up for the PTA eblast so you receive important info. and updates from PTA. You can also see the district PTA Webpage for more info. Thanks to our PTA for all they do for our students, families and staff!



Art Reflections Information Night Presentation - If you were unable to attend the Art Reflections Information Night at WES on 10/15/26, feel free to click the link to view the presentation and all of the information you need for your child to get involved!

Families who are interested in information about gifted services with WCSD can use the following link to access details via the WCSD Gifted Services Page. The Gifted and Talented Handbook and Referral Form for 2026/27 can be accessed there. The fall referral window for requests is open October 19 through October 30, 2026.



Picking up early from school? Please note that our Main Office staff will call the classroom for your child when you arrive at WES. We always appreciate a heads-up with the expected time you intend to pick up your child if you will be signing them out early for an appointment, event, or other reason. And on those days, we want students to get every minute of the school day available to them, so they will remain in class until you arrive to pick them up. Please plan to be here 5-10 minutes before you need to be leaving with your child to provide enough time for them to pack-up and get to the office. Thank you.

Families in grades K, 1, 2, 3 and 4 received information about Boost Reading this week, including their child's unique QR code to log in. Boost Reading is a great program that provides your child with the opportunity to learn and practice literacy skills within an engaging story world that adapts to each student as they move through the program. Boost Reading can be used at school and at home, and most students can log on to this safe, online resource independently. CLICK HERE for the letter that was sent home with complete details, and feel free to reach out to your child's reading teacher with questions.

Outdoor recess - As the weather begins to turn colder outside, we make sure that our students are able to go outside for recess to get exercise and fresh air each school day unless the "Real Feel" temperature is less than 20 degrees, or there are other limiting conditions (rain, heavy snow, etc). The "Real Feel" threshold combines wind chill factor and temperature, and we follow information from the National Weather Service. To ensure students are comfortable at recess, please dress your child in coats, hats, gloves, boots, etc. that are appropriate for the day's outside weather. Please remember to label all clothing in case items end up in the Lost & Found





Student Fees for 2026/27 - Student fee statements were sent home in students' backpacks. Please make sure to check your child(ren)'s folder and remit fees for the 2026/27 school year to ensure your school account is up-to-date. Board approved student fees for 2026/27 can be viewed HERE and can also be viewed by logging into your child's PowerSchool account. Families can click the following link to access PaySchools Central, the quickest and preferred method for paying school fees.

Veterans Day Recognition at Westlake Elementary School



At Westlake Elementary, we understand the importance of recognizing our veterans and making Veterans Day special for our school and our community. All students are helping prepare for our Veterans Day recognition and we would like to invite WES family members who have served to join in the celebration.

We invite Westlake Elementary families to share a picture and biography about veterans in their family. We will post these on our Wall of Honor leading up to Veterans Day to highlight these men and women in our school. Please use the following link to access the Veteran Biographies worksheet and send it to school once completed. Or feel free to scan and send completed *Veteran Biographies* to ***plantnerg@wlake.org*** and we will print them at school.

Additionally, we invite veterans who are Westlake Elementary family members to attend a reception and Veterans Day program at WES on November 6 from 9:15 - 10:15am. Please use THIS LINK to RSVP by October 30 if you can attend. WES students who have a family member attending will be invited to join them for the event. We have a great program planned, and a special send off from our students following the event. Use this link to access the Veterans Day Flyer.

Students, staff and guests will be invited to participate in a **Red, White, and Blue Spirit Day** on 11/6/26 as well. We are looking forward to welcoming our families, veterans and enjoying a great event!

CounSELing Connection

October's CounSELing Connection newsletter dives into the layers of self-awareness we're exploring during SEW lessons, ranging from being a "feelings detective" in lower grades and noticing body clues to uncovering what might be underneath anger and learning how the amygdala affects our feelings in upper grades. Counselors also review "Size of the Problem" for parents to use at home to help kids match their reactions to the size of a situation.

Click the links below for school information

Contact Information for WES | WCS 2026/27 Calendar | WES K-4 Handbook | WES PreK Handbook

Westlake High School Halloween Fun Night

Westlake High School
27830 Hilliard Blvd.

Wednesday, October 28th
5:30-7:30pm

Westlake children up to 4th grade
Fun evening of games and candy
Led by WHS student clubs

-Alternative non candy prizes will be availible for those with allergies

-Wear your Halloween Costumes!

SAVE THE DATE!

Westlake early childhood PTA

FOR OUR CHILDREN

FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Tots to Teens Resale

November 7, 2026

Westlake Elementary School | 27555 Center Ridge Rd.

- Clothing from Newborn to Teen
- Baby Gear
- Furniture
- Games and Toys
- Bikes and Strollers
- Childrens Books
- and MORE!

Early Bird admission ($5)..... 8 a.m.

General admission ($2)..... 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Cash or Card for admission. No bills larger than $20.
Some vendors accept alternative payment options i.e. venmo, paypal, cashapp.
All vendors accept cash.

COFFEE AND DONUT TRUCKS!

OPENING AT 7 AM

ALOHA ESPRESSO

PEACE LOVE & LITTLE DONUTS

Feed Your Inner Hippie.

Feel like you're juggling it all with the little ones?

....us too. join us!

SCAN ME!

This event is not sponsored by the Westlake City School District

Is your child interested in playing lacrosse this spring?
See the flyer below for details, and CLICK HERE to register!

Lacrosse

SATURDAY, NOV. 7, 2026
WESTLAKE YOUTH LACROSSE CLINIC
U.H. ST. JOHN STADIUM (H.S. TURF FIELD)
(WHS AUX GYM FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER)

New players:

Interested in playing lacrosse, but have never played before? Join the high school boys and girls lacrosse coaches and players from 10:00-11:00 to learn the basics of lacrosse. ***We will have sticks to borrow/purchase! Just show up and have fun!***

Returning players:

Played lacrosse in the past and want to get out, have some fun, and improve your skills? Join us from 11:00-12:00 to work on your stick skills and play lacrosse. Bring your stick, your gear, and a friend!

Westlake High School Larosse
Boys Head Coach: Adam Sandor – Adam.Sandor61@gmail.com
Girls Head Coach: Bill Ready – William.Ready.Jr@gmail.com

WESTLAKE YOUTH LACROSSE FALL CLINIC FOR GRADES 1-8

SATURDAY, NOV. 7
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
U.H. ST. JOHN STADIUM
(HIGH SCHOOL TURF FIELD)

NEW PLAYERS WITH NO EXPERIENCE
10:00-11:00

RETURNING PLAYERS 11:00-12:00

THE CLINIC IS FREE!
BRING A FRIEND!

Register Here: