





We continue to forge ahead with WE-SIDE and our commitment to "Belonging for All." We are excited about all of the FREE opportunities for our parents, families and community members, including Inclusive Communities Workshops, Community Walks, our Community Cultural Fair, and expanded Unified Activities through Special Olympics. We encourage everyone to participate in one or more of the free events highlighted below. Thank you for your support! There's no better place to be than Westside!

The Anne Frank Traveling Exhibit

At WHS: January 23 through February 8, 2023 *** Community Open House: Monday, Jan. 30th *** 4:00-7:00 pm, with student-led tours.

At WMS: February 21 through March 13, 2023

*** Community Open House: Thursday, March 9th *** 4:00-7:00 pm, with student-led tours.

FREE for our community.

District Achievement and Engagement

WHS Student WE-SIDE Committee is:

- collaborating and learning with their peers at Lincoln Public Schools;
- planning & organizing assemblies, read-ins and other activities at our elementary buildings and WMS;
- building a foundation of student leaders to lead a culture of respect, dignity and inclusivity for all.

Students from WMS will be participating in the "100 Black Men of Omaha History Challenge" on February 4th at Omaha Home for Boys.

Student participation in Youth Frontiers.

WHS Students participation at Inclu-City Camps: learning how to create and lead a culture of belonging for all.

ADL "No Place For Hate" designations at all of our schools! We are National Banner Unified Champion Schools!

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WE-SIDE UNIFIED Events! Mark your calendars:

- Polar Plunge Feb. 11th 11:00 am at Zorinsky Lake
- UNIFIED Talent Show March 1st 6:00 pm at WHS

Community Cultural Fair

April 22, 2023 @ WHS

12:00pm to 4:00pm

FREE for all Westside families!

Mark your calendars and join us to celebrate the rich diversity of our community!

<u>Community Walks 2022-2023</u>

Community Walks build understanding and provide opportunities to come together with families and coworkers for personal and professional learning and growth. In September we explored the South Omaha Mural Project; in November we visited the Jewish Federation of Omaha. Please join us for our remaining two Community Walks in February and April!

Great Plains Black History Museum

Feb. 28th | 4-5:30pm | 2221 N. 24th St. "Dedicated to preserving and showcasing the achievements of the region's vibrant African American Heritage."

Restoring Dignity

April 25th | 4-5:30pm | 10818 J St. "Meeting the needs of our refugee community through empowerment, education and advocacy partnerships."

Please Join Us!

A "discovery of self" learning opportunity for parents, community members, staff.

Identity Wheel Workshops

Feb. 20 @ 6:00pm

March 8 @ 7:00pm

Westside High School

FREE for our community! (Sessions are the same. Please attend the date and time that works best for you.)

Led by Inclusive Communities, these sessions will offer discussion and participation to better understand how we see ourselves in relation to those around us through varying traits - both chosen and unchosen, visible and invisible.

Bring a friend!

Professional Development for Staff continues to focus on language, identity, inclusion, belonging, microagressions and culture.

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