

Panther Weekly News



February 26, 2021



Next week we celebrate ***Inclusion Week!*** See page 3 for more spirit week fun as we pledge to stop using words that harm others! Be kind and respect others.



Upcoming Events

March

- 11 Parent/Teacher Conf. - No School
- 12 No School
- 18 Spring Picture Day
- 19 PRAIRIE LANE STUDENTS ONLY - NO SCHOOL
- 23 PL Community Club Meeting 6:30 pm
- 26 PRAIRIE LANE STUDENTS ONLY - NO SCHOOL
- 29 - 4/2 Spring Break

April

- 5 PRAIRIE LANE STUDENTS ONLY - NO SCHOOL
- 6 First student day at the NEW Prairie Lane School
- 5-9 Prairie Lane All Staff Appreciation Week

Please send an extra pair of socks with your child everyday while the snow melts and puddles are unavoidable. We have lots of wet feet lately! Thank you!

Please send an extra clean mask with your child everyday. We give out very many everyday. Thank You!

[Click here to check our lost and found!](#)

Option Enrollment Information

See page 5 and 6

March 15 - deadline to apply
April 1st - Families notified of placement

April 15 - deadline for families to accept or decline spots

PAWSitive Rules:
**Be Responsible, Respectful
and Safe**





Ready For Kindergarten!

HILLSIDE

Parent Meeting, 4/6 at 6pm
Kindergarten Roundup, 4/22

LOVELAND

Parent Meeting, 3/22-3/23 at 6pm
Kindergarten Roundup, 5/7

OAKDALE

Parent Meeting & Kindergarten Roundup
Open House, 4/6 at 6pm

PADDOCK ROAD

Parent Meeting, 5/3 at 6pm
Kindergarten Roundup, 5/21

PRAIRIE LANE

Parent Meeting, 4/15 at 6pm
Kindergarten Roundup, 5/7

ROCKBROOK

Parent Meeting, 5/4 at 6pm
Kindergarten Roundup, 5/21

SUNSET HILLS

Parent Meeting & Kindergarten Roundup
Open House, 5/4 at 6pm

SWANSON

Parent Meeting & Kindergarten Roundup
Open House, 4/15 at 6pm

WESTBROOK

Parent Meeting & Kindergarten Roundup
Open House, 4/22 at 6pm

WESTGATE

Parent Meeting, 4/27 at 6pm
Kindergarten Roundup, 5/7

LEARN MORE AT WWW.WESTSIDE66.ORG

[#WeAreWestside](https://twitter.com/WeAreWestside)

Parent/Teacher Communication Sign Up

We will be holding parent/teacher communications on March 11, 2021 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, either by phone or video conference. We are using Sign Up Genius to schedule these parent/teacher communications. Search below for your child's homeroom teacher and click the link next to their name. Please choose **one** time slot **for each child's homeroom teacher**. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions or need assistance with scheduling.

KINDERGARTEN

Schuppan <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AAEAB2DA3FF2-schuppan>

Seals <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AAEAB2DA3FF2-seals>

FIRST GRADE

Fey <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AAEAB2DA3FF2-feyfall>

Neuman <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AAEAB2DA3FF2-neuman>

SECOND GRADE

Marshall <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AAEAB2DA3FF2-marshall>

Wilken <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AAEAB2DA3FF2-wilken>

THIRD GRADE

Clark <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AAEAB2DA3FF2-volk>

Stroud <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AAEAB2DA3FF2-stroud>

FOURTH GRADE

Langhorst <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AAEAB2DA3FF2-langhorst>

Micek <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AAEAB2DA3FF2-micek>

FIFTH GRADE

Krysl <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AAEAB2DA3FF2-krysl>

Sinnott <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AAEAB2DA3FF2-sinnott>

SIXTH GRADE

Bridwell <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AAEAB2DA3FF2-bridwell>

Christie <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AAEAB2DA3FF2-christie>

SPREAD THE WORD INCLUSION



When:

Inclusion Week is March 1st-5th

Who:

All Westside Students and Staff

What:

Pledge to stop using words that harm others. Be kind and respect others.
#SpreadtheWordtoEndtheWord

Why:

Respectful and inclusive words and actions are essential to the movement for the dignity and humanity of people with disabilities. Your words affect people and their attitudes. Attitudes impact actions. Choose to INCLUDE all!

MARCH 3rd, 2021 is the National Spread the Word Day so students and staff will be taking a pledge by signing a school poster and receiving a pledge sticker.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Be A Part of the Team! (Team T-Shirt Day)	Be a Hero for Inclusion! (Dress as a superhero or someone you look up to)	Westside Warriors Are Inclusive! (School Spirit Day)	Be Unique! (Mismatch, Funky, or Unique Clothes)	Kaleidoscope Day, Our Future is Bright! (Wear Tie Dye or Bright Colors)
				

LET'S HAVE FUN IN SUMMER 2021!

Expect The
Unexpected

WESTSIDE EARLY CHILDHOOD AND CLUB 66 SUMMER PROGRAM

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Summer Locations:

HILLSIDE: SCHOOL-AGE

PACIFIC HEIGHTS: PRESCHOOL, SCHOOL-AGE

PRAIRIE LANE: TODDLER, PRESCHOOL,
SCHOOL-AGE

SUNSET: PRESCHOOL, SCHOOL-AGE

WESTBROOK: TODDLER, PRESCHOOL

WESTGATE: PRESCHOOL, SCHOOL-AGE

UNDERWOOD HILLS: TODDLER, PRESCHOOL

Additional Details:

*Registration begins March 1st

*Open June 1st-August 12th
-(excluding July 5th)

*Flexible weekly scheduling

*Fun and engaging weekly themes!

*Visit www.weccomaha.com for contact information

DAILY RATES:

TODDLER: \$45.80

PRESCHOOL: \$42.50

SCHOOL-AGE: \$35

Enrollment Fee: \$30 per child

2021 - 2022 Enrollment Information

Student In-District Transfer Requests for the 2021-22 School Year. If you are a District resident who would like your K-6 child(ren) to attend an elementary school other than the school that serves your attendance area for next school year, you must submit a completed In-District Transfer (IDT) Request form to the Office of Student Services for review.

The District gives priority to families living within the District *prior to* placing Option Enrollment applicants who reside outside the District. We must receive a Student In-District Transfer Request form no later than **4:00 p.m. on March 15** for your request to be considered prior to our placement of Option Enrollment students.

IDT forms are available at the ABC Building and our District website. Click here to complete the form electronically. An IDT request form must be completed for any child starting kindergarten next year who has one or more siblings currently attending a school outside their home attendance area. Transfers are approved or denied based on available space and other resources. If you have questions about the in- district transfer process, please call 402-390-2107.

Kindergarten Enrollment for District Residents: February 1 - March 5 Do you live in the District and have a child who will be ready for Kindergarten this fall? Do you know of other Westside residents with children who will be ready to start school in August?

Kindergarten enrollment for 2021-22 begins February 1. Parents of eligible students should go to westside66.org to begin the enrollment process as early as possible on or after February 1st.

Students entering kindergarten for 2021-22 must be five years old by July 31, 2021. Parents may opt to hold their children out of kindergarten for an additional year. However, Nebraska state law mandates that a child who reaches six years of age prior to January 1 of the then-current school year must be enrolled in school.

If you have questions, you may call the Westside Welcome Center at 402-390-2100.

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2021 - 2022 Enrollment Information, Continued

Requirements for Early Admission to Kindergarten

In accordance with Nebraska Statute 79-214, the Westside Community Schools allows for admission of children residing in the District as early entrance kindergarteners through a locally designed testing program. Children of District residents who wish to be tested for early entrance must turn five between August 1 and October 15, 2021. For further information regarding early entrance to kindergarten, please call 402-390-3303.

Kindergarten Enrollment for Non-District Residents If you live outside the District and have a child eligible for kindergarten who has a sibling currently attending a Westside elementary school through the Option Enrollment program, you must submit an Option Enrollment Application. **Westside's Office of Student Services must receive Option Enrollment Applications no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 15.** The application form is available at the ABC Building (909 S. 76th Street) and our district website.

[Click here to complete the form electronically.](#)

Under Option Enrollment statutes, first priority for admission is given to siblings who seek to attend in the District where an older sibling is already enrolled, provided an Option Enrollment form is submitted by March 15 *and* provided that there is space available in a requested building and grade level. If you have questions, you may call Julie at 402-390-2107.

Student Registration

Welcome to Westside Community Schools!
We are glad you will be joining our district.
Registration occurs at a central location, our district office:

ABC Building
909 S. 76th Street (off 76th and Pacific)
Omaha, NE 68114
402-390-2100

For Registration You Will Need:

- Your child's certified birth certificate
- Your photo ID
- Proof of residence & utility bill
- Proof of updated immunizations
- For kindergarten or out-of-state students, you will need a health exam

Begin the online process at www.westside66.org
Join Westside >Enrollment>New Students

WE-SIDE

Welcoming Equity Support Inclusion Dignity Everyone

UPDATE

One of the primary goals of Westside Community Schools is to be open and honest about doing all we can to make sure every student, staff member, and visitor feels welcome, appreciated, and supported throughout our school district. WE-SIDE has a staff advisory council that has been established to help work on this important initiative.

We look forward to getting past COVID-19 and being able to engage many others, including students, more staff, parents, and community. We look forward to various committees working on a curriculum audit to ensure cultural awareness and fairness, more professional development, more inclusive practices, more grade level programming for students about the importance of respect of all others, and much more as we plan for our exciting future.

Bottom line, we want EVERYONE within our organization; regardless of age, skin color, religion, home address, socio-economic status, gender, beliefs, etc. to feel great about being part of Westside Community Schools. *A mindset of "WE" is the key!*

FEBRUARY CONTESTS INFO OUTLINED BELOW

- In honor of Black History Month, we are sponsoring poetry, photography, and creative video contests in February. See more details below.
 - Submissions should be about Inclusion, equity, respect, teamwork, embracing diversity, Black History, etc.
- **Entries need to be turned into your school office or emailed to lucas.mike@westside66.net by 10:00 AM on February 25th.**
- Gift card prizes and/or Westside gear/swag will be given out to contest winners.

POETRY CONTEST

- Divisions for K-2nd graders, 3rd & 4th graders, 5th & 6th graders, middle school students, high school students, and staff.
 - Submissions should be about Inclusion, equity, respect, teamwork, embracing diversity, Black History, or other relevant topics.
- Any and all forms of appropriate poetry will be accepted.

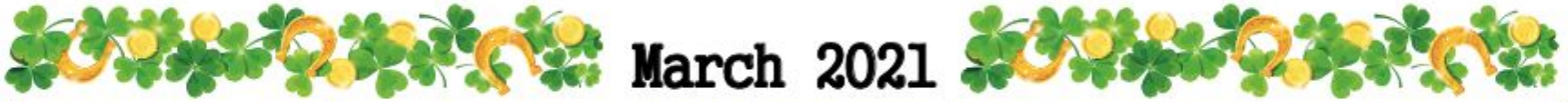
PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

- Divisions for K-2nd graders, 3rd & 4th graders, 5th & 6th graders, middle school students, high school students, and staff.
 - Submissions should be about Inclusion, equity, respect, teamwork, embracing diversity, Black History, or other relevant topics.
- Appropriate photographs of all shapes, sizes, colors, etc. will be accepted.

1-2 MINUTE CREATIVE VIDEO CONTEST

- Divisions for K-2nd graders, 3rd & 4th graders, 5th & 6th graders, middle school students, high school students, and staff.
 - Submissions should be about Inclusion, equity, respect, teamwork, embracing diversity, Black History, or other relevant topics.
- Appropriate videos no longer than 120 seconds will be accepted.

You can view the updated menu in this Panther Weekly News or click here for the online menu link:
<https://schools.mealviewer.com/school/PrairieLaneElementarySchool>



March 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
SPV – Baby Carrots 1 Fried Chicken Drumstick with Assorted WG Bread Or- Ham & Cheese Hoagie 🐷 Or- Yogurt & Cheese Stick with Assorted WG Bread Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Fruit	2 Chicken Fried Steak with a WG Ciabatta Roll 🐷 Or- Southwest Chicken Wrap Or- Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a WG Ciabatta Roll Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Banana	3 Pizza Hut Pizza Or- Chicken Salad Croissant Or- Yogurt & Cheese Stick with Assorted WG Bread Iceberg Salad Raisins	4 Crispy Pork Carnitas Tacos with a Lettuce & Cheese Cup 🐷 Or- Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Or- Yogurt & Sunflower Seeds with Assorted WG Bread Refried Beans Strawberries	5 Breaded Mozzarella Cheese Sticks with Pizza Sauce Or- Buffalo Chicken Wrap Or- Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a WG Soft Pretzel Fresh Broccoli Applesauce
SPV – Grape Tomatoes 8 Crispy Chicken Patty on a WG Bun Or- Roast Beef & Cheese Hoagie 🐷 Or- Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a WG Soft Pretzel Steamed Carrots Chilled Pears	9 Chicken Alfredo with Penne Pasta and WG Garlic Bread Or- Turkey BLT 🐷 Or- Yogurt & Cheese Stick with WG Garlic Bread Romaine Salad Fresh Apple	10 Cheeseburger on a WG Bun 🐷 Or- Tuna Salad Croissant Or- Yogurt & Cheese Stick with Assorted WG Bread Potato Wedges Orange Smiles	Westside No School 11 Turkey & Cheese Croissant Or- Asian Chicken Wrap Or- Yogurt & Sunflower Seeds with a WG Soft Pretzel Ranch Beans Fruit Medley	Westside No School 12 Cheese Pizza Or- Italian Hoagie 🐷 🐷 Or- Yogurt & Cheese Stick with Assorted WG Bread Mixed Vegetables Fruit Medley
SPV – Baby Carrots 15 WG Pancakes with Sausage Links 🐷 Or- Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Or- Yogurt & Cheese Stick with Assorted WG Bread Breakfast Yams with Dried Cherries Applesauce	16 Sloppy Joe on a WG Bun 🐷 Or- Chicken Salad Croissant Or- Yogurt & Cheese Stick with Assorted WG Bread Baked Beans Banana	St. Patrick's Day 17 Pizza Hut Pizza Or- Southwest Chicken Wrap Or- Yogurt & Cheese Stick with Assorted WG Bread Fresh Broccoli Chilled Peaches Shamrock Cookie 	18 Turkey Pot Pie with a Fluffy Biscuit Or- Ham & Cheese Hoagie 🐷 Or- Yogurt & Sunflower Seeds with a Fluffy Biscuit Green Beans Mixed Fruit	19 Fish Sandwich with Cheese on a WG Bun Or- Buffalo Chicken Wrap Or- Yogurt & Cheese Stick with Assorted WG Bread Crinkle French Fries Strawberries
SPV – Grape Tomatoes 22 Corn Dog on a Stick (Chicken) Or- Roast Beef & Cheese Hoagie 🐷 Or- Yogurt & Cheese Stick with Assorted WG Bread Glazed Carrots Mixed Fruit	23 Popcorn Chicken with a WG Cinnamon Roll Or- Turkey BLT 🐷 Or- Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a WG Cinnamon Roll California Blend Vegetables Orange Smiles	24 Soft Beef Taco with a Lettuce & Cheese Cup 🐷 Or- Crispy Chicken Wrap Or- Yogurt & Cheese Stick with Assorted WG Bread Seasoned Black Beans Chilled Peaches	25 Crispy Chicken Parmesan Sandwich on a WG Bun Or- Tuna Salad Croissant Or- Yogurt & Sunflower Seeds with Assorted WG Bread Romaine Salad with Croutons Fresh Apple	26 Macaroni & Cheese with a WG Soft Pretzel Or- Italian Hoagie 🐷 🐷 Or- Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a WG Soft Pretzel Garden Peas Chilled Pears
March 29th – April 2nd Westside School's Spring Break				
SPV – Baby Carrots 29 Sausage & Cheese Biscuit 🐷 Or- Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Or- Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a Fluffy Biscuit Tater Tots Cinnamon Applesauce	30 Beef & Cheese Nachos Or- Asian Chicken Wrap Or- Yogurt & Cheese Stick with Assorted WG Bread Chili Beans Banana	31 Sweet & Sour Popcorn Chicken with Brown Rice Or- Ham & Cheese Hoagie 🐷 Or- Yogurt & Cheese Stick with Assorted WG Bread Asian Vegetables Pineapple Tidbits Fortune Cookie	April Fool's Day 1 Baked Rotini Pasta w/Meat Sauce & WG Garlic Bread 🐷 Or- Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich w/a Cheese Stick Or- Yogurt & Sunflower Seeds with WG Garlic Bread Broccoli Fruit Medley	2 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Or- Yogurt & Cheese Stick with a WG Soft Pretzel Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Fruit Medley

8 oz. nonfat flavored or 1% unflavored milk served daily. Menus subject to change. 🐷 Denotes PORK in main entrée. 🐮 Denotes BEEF in product WG = Whole Grain
 This Institution is an equal Opportunity provider.



All meals come with fruit, 100% juice, and milk.

Monday: OMELET WITH TOAST 

Tuesday: FRENCH TOAST STICKS 

Wednesday: BLUEBERRY MUFFIN 

Thursday: SAUSAGE BISCUIT 

Friday: CINNAMON ROLL 

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Westside Community Schools

Family Resource Center

Food Pantry and Clothing Closet

Any family with a student attending a Westside school can receive items from the Food Pantry and Clothing Closet as needed.



Contact a District social worker for additional information and/or appointment:

APRIL ANDERSON

Hillside, Loveland, Prairie Lane, Rockbrook, Swanson, Westbrook, Westgate and ECC

Office: (402) 408-8914

anderson.april@westside66.net

KATE HEBENSTREIT

Oakdale, Paddock Road, Sunset Hills and WMS

Office: (402) 452-3147

hebenstreit.kate@westside66.net

SARAH FEHRINGER

Westside High School and West Campus

Office: (402) 343-2613

fehringer.sarah@westside66.net

***New location: 7770 Hascall Street**

Entrance at the north door of the
Pipal Park Community Center next to
Westgate Elementary School

Need Additional Support?

Westside's team of school social workers function as a link between the home, school and community. They can connect families with community resources for financial hardships, mental health supports or any other barriers that may affect student success.