

August
2018



Westhill Elementary Schools Together



WHO is WEST?

You are. If you have a child enrolled at either school you are already a member. (You don't need to join or pay dues to participate.)

WHERE do I find WEST?

- Monthly meetings held at Cherry Road School. See reverse side for dates. Come to one, come to all.
- Volunteer opportunities at both schools.
- Work at home or online.

WHAT is WEST?

WEST is our parent organization that supports our schools.

We raise money through **fundraising** (wreath sale, student artwork sale, Yankee candle sale, etc.) These funds are then requested by the schools.

WEST also:

- Provides and staffs afterschool **enrichment activities** (*Shades of Orange, Bricks for Kids*).
- Creates the elementary school **yearbook**.
- Publishes a student address/phone **directory**.
- Staffs the **Parent Volunteer Centers** (PVCs) to assist teachers by preparing class materials.
- Hosts **community-building events**.
- Staffs the **Book Fairs**.
- Hosts staff and bus driver **appreciation events**.
- Honors staff requests to **purchase supplies**.
- Supports end-of-the-year **celebrations**. (Think lots & lots of popsicles).

WHY WEST?

Many of your children's most memorable moments are made possible by the schools with the effort and support of WEST:

- Field trips
- Author visits
- Guest speakers
- Field Day
- Yearbook
- Movie night
- Water carnival
- Snow tubing
- Moving On Ceremony

HOW do I get involved?

We encourage you to get involved in whatever interests you for any amount of time you wish. A great way to learn more is to attend our meetings. You will meet new people, hear from the principals directly, and contribute to decisions and planning. But you don't have to attend any meeting at all. You decide how little or how much you would like to do.

WHAT should I do now?

- ✓ Fill out the volunteer form (included in this mailing) & return to school at the August walk-through or in your child's backpack the first week of school.
- ✓ Volunteers will be contacted via **SignUp.com** (a user-friendly, web-based program). Reminders and important info will be sent with email blasts. (Don't worry, you won't receive a lot from us.)
- ✓ Like us on **Facebook** (*WEST Parent Organization*)
- ✓ Download the **REMIND** App (*more info to follow*)
- ✓ Join us for meetings.

NEW this year

- Online family directory (*see other form for more details*)
- WEST's email address: westparentorg@gmail.com

*We look forward to working with you for the benefit of all our students.
Feel free to ask us any questions or to let us know any ideas or suggestions.*

westparentorg@gmail.com



WEST meetings:

- 6:30 p.m.
- Cherry Road School staff room (enter on Cherry Road)
- Babysitting provided

- September 25* • February 12
- October 16 • March 19
- November 13 • April 23
- January 15 • May 21

* 1st meeting at Kelley's Restaurant



**Tuesday, September 25,
6:30 p.m**

Please join us for an informal get together/1st meeting at **Kelley's Restaurant** to learn about what we do and how you can help.
Hope to see you there!

WEST Officers and Board Members for the 2018-2019 School Year

Co-Presidents

Melissa Athanas
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Board Members

Rachel Dixon, Carrie Ellis, JoEllen Holowinski, Kelly Jackson, Kristen Pease, Amy Pendergast, Elena Tjaden

W.E.S.T.'s mission is to:

1. Make a difference in our children's education through volunteering and fundraising to enhance and support their life-long learning.
2. Provide opportunities for families to create lasting memories during the early school years.
3. Create a sense of community among our members by encouraging participation, leadership & teamwork.