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Hello West Park Elementary Families!

Thank you for being vigilant and reporting symptoms before sending students to school. If your student has any illness symptoms, please call the front office and we will gladly walk you through our COVID protocols. You can also find our protocols through the link below. Thank you for your help!

[https://www.msd281.org/COVID\\_19\\_Information/pandemic\\_procedures\\_operation\\_plan](https://www.msd281.org/COVID_19_Information/pandemic_procedures_operation_plan)

**We hope to see you tonight for Elementary Night at MHS Football! Details are below! Go Bears!**

**Friday, September 23 – Elementary Night at MHS Football – 7:00pm**

- This is a great night for our elementary students to come support MHS Football!
- Tickets were passed out by teachers for each student to get in free!
- A free t-shirt will be available for the first 175 to arrive.
- There is a mini cheer clinic starting at 6:30pm for any child who wants to participate.

**Monday, October 3 – Parent Action Team Meeting – 6:00pm-7:00pm**

- Come join our Parent Action Team as we discuss and plan exciting events for our Wildcats and staff!
- The meeting is from 6:00pm-7:00pm in the WPE gym.

**Wednesday, October 5 – International Walk to School Day**

- Please help support your student walk to school on this day!
- Walking to school is a fast, fun, and healthy way to get to school. Walking to school can help your student receive the recommended 60 minutes per day of physical activity.
- Join the Walking School Bus at the U of I Rec Center Parking Lot.
- Drop-off from 7:45 to 8:05am.
- Departure at 8:05am.
- Students will walk to school with U of I student volunteers.

**Thursday, October 6 & Friday, October 7 – No School**

- There will be no school on these dates due to teacher professional development.
- Enjoy the extended weekend!

**Tuesday, October 11 – Picture Day!**

- This will be the date for our individual student pictures.
- More details and order forms will be sent home closer to the date.

## **Tuesday, October 18 – PAT Fall Social (5:00pm-6:00pm)**

- We will be inviting families to bring a pumpkin to WPE to decorate with fun paint and art supplies in the WPE lawn!
- We will have some pumpkins available for families needing a pumpkin. Art supplies will be provided!
- We will also have cider and hotdogs!
- More information to come closer to the event.

## **October 28 – Barn Dance!**

- This annual tradition is back for WPE families!
- Each grade level will be traveling by bus to the Hamilton Indoor Recreation Center to perform a variety of fun dances for families!
- Here are the performance times:
  - o Kindergarten 11:45-12:15
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Grade 12:15-1:00
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 1:00-1:45
- Details concerning what students should wear will be shared closer to the date.
- All students are required to ride the bus both to and from the HIRC.
- We hope to see you as we celebrate the hard work of our Wildcats!

## **Empowering Parents Grant for Idaho Families**

- Empowering Parents is a state of Idaho program funded by federal Coronavirus Relief funds.
- It provides Idaho school aged students access to funds that can be used to purchase educational goods and services, directly controlled by families.
- If you are a parent or guardian of an Idaho student(s) you can apply for these funds.
- Eligible families can:
  - o Receive a credit for \$1000 per child up to \$3000 per family to be used on the Primary Class online marketplace.
  - o Once the account is created and eligibility verified, monies are deposited into a digital wallet and are available to be spent over a 24-month period.
  - o Eligible purchases include computers and technology, paying for internet, instructional materials, fees for courses, tutoring services, educational services, and therapies through approved vendors in the online marketplace.
- The application window is now open.
- Learn more and apply at [empoweringparents.idaho.gov](https://empoweringparents.idaho.gov)
- Please refer to the document below for next steps.

## **Communication**

- Please be sure to check out our Facebook page and school website for regular updates!
- <https://www.facebook.com/West-Park-Elementary-School-1673846729595032>
- <https://westpark.ms281.org/>

Please know you can reach out at any time with questions.

Go Wildcats!

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