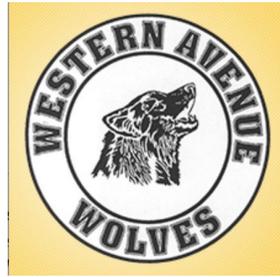


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Welcome Back, Everyone! Let's get
2018 Rolling!

**AND SUDDENLY
YOU KNOW—
IT'S TIME TO
START SOMETHING
NEW AND TRUST
THE MAGIC OF
BEGINNINGS**
- MEISTER ECKHART

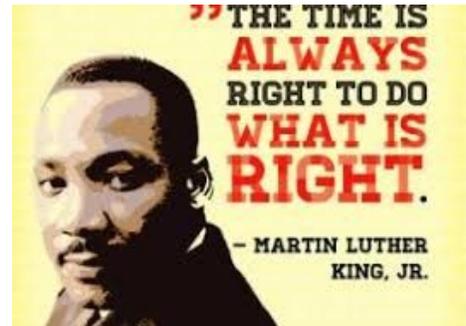
THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

The Week of January 8th-January 12th

Monday, 1.8	Tuesday, 1.9	Wednesday, 1.10	Thursday, 1.11	Friday, 1.12
<p>Institute Day</p> <p><i>Non-Attendance for Students</i></p> <p>School Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm</p>	<p><i>Class Meetings with Dr. Dallacqua</i></p> <p>Lunch: Pizza Dippers with Marinara Sauce</p> <p>Chess Club @ 3:15</p> <p>Basketball @ 6:00, 7:00 pm</p>	<p><i>AIMSWeb Testing</i> 5th, 1st, & 4th Grade</p> <p>Lunch: Popcorn Chicken</p> <p>Basketball @ 6:00, 7:00 pm</p>	<p><i>Canned Food Drive for MLK Day!</i></p> <p><i>AIMSWeb Testing</i> 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Grade</p> <p>Lunch: Pancakes & Turkey Sausage</p> <p>Girl Scouts @ 3:05 pm</p> <p>Basketball @ 6:00, 7:00 pm</p>	<p><i>AIMSWeb Testing</i> Kindergarten and Makeup testing</p> <p>Lunch: Sausage Pizza</p> <p>Basketball Games @ 6:00, 7:00 pm</p>

Upcoming Events:

- January 15th: Martin Luther King Holiday (No School)
- January 16th-31st: MAP Testing for K-5, Reading and Math
- January 19th: End of 2nd Quarter



TOP STORIES

Thank you for Participation in the Cherrydale Fundraiser

The Western Avenue P.T.O. would like to extend their gratitude to all families who participated and supported in the Cherrydale Fundraiser. It was Cherrydale's first year at Western Avenue, and the P.T.O. is appreciative of all our community coming together to make this fundraiser a huge success!

5 Essentials Survey-Parent Participation Needed!

District 161 will join the [Illinois State Board of Education](#) (ISBE) in the sixth statewide survey of school climate and learning conditions. The survey provides a unique opportunity for students, teachers and parents to have a voice in improving their schools. Students in grades four through eight, teachers and parents will be asked to take a 10-15 minute research-based survey to help identify strengths and weaknesses in their school's learning environment. We encourage parents and guardians to complete the survey to provide feedback to impact change in the district. ***All District 161 parents and guardians should have received the link to the survey on December 5th. You are able to complete the survey on any device.***

We are currently at 24% participation for all parents at Western Avenue Elementary. This is one of the highest parent participation rates that Western Avenue has seen for this survey! The window closes on January 31st. Let's keep up the awesome work, parents!

<http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>

We really appreciate your help and participation. Thank you!

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Activities!

The Village of Flossmoor invites you to participate in the National MLK Day of Service on January 15th, 2018. Students in our area have been vital to our success over the past few years; and we would like to continue the tradition of connecting our community with our students/families through our MLK Day of Service. Here are a few things that we will do at Western Avenue Elementary, in addition to community activities that are planned for January 15th:

Thursday, January 11th: Western Avenue will host a school-wide canned food drive. We want to raise levels of awareness to the upcoming Day of Service (January 15th) to engage children in this "day on" by participating in even the simplest acts of kindness to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. and his commitment to helping others. Other community food drive drop off sites include Flossmoor Village Hall and Flossmoor Library.

Tuesday, January 9th-Friday January 12th: Western Avenue students will participate in various MLK Day learning activities. The Village of Flossmoor has provided MLK Day Service Activity "think" sheets to provide time for students to determine what they can do to help others and show kindness. We will return our student pages to the Flossmoor Village Hall on or before January 15th. Teachers have planned other supporting activities to raise awareness of what students could do on January 15th.

Visit flossmoor.org to volunteer for a service project. Review the list of current participating organizations hosting volunteer projects. Sign up directly with the organization volunteer contact listed. More projects will be added, so check back for updates. Check Flossmoor's website for details regarding special activities, collections and recycling projects. Flossmoor Village Hall will be the final donation pick up site for the Respond Now food drive.

Any community questions can be directed to Laura Brennan-Levy at the Village of Flossmoor, (708)798-2300 or lbrennan-levy@flossmoor.org. **Thank you for giving back to your community!**

Traffic Flow at Arrival and Dismissal Times

Parents, we understand that everyone is rushing to get their days started in the morning. However, we need to do a better job driving safely in the drop-off and pick-up lines. We have three staff members directing traffic at the front lot, two staff members posted at door I, and multiple people posted at the playgrounds and blacktop area between the playgrounds. We also have one person directing traffic in the North parking lot. Please remember that there is a traffic flow. Students must be dropped off in the designated car lines. Please do not drop off your children on any other street or sidewalk other than the designated lines. Please do not wait in line to make sure your child walks to the door because that stops the flow for other parents behind you. And please be very mindful when you are pulling away from the car line. There should only be one priority for morning drop off and afternoon pick up--and that priority is the safety of all our kids at Western Avenue. If we all work together, we can ensure the safety of all students. Thank you!

Thank you for reading, and have a wonderful week!

