

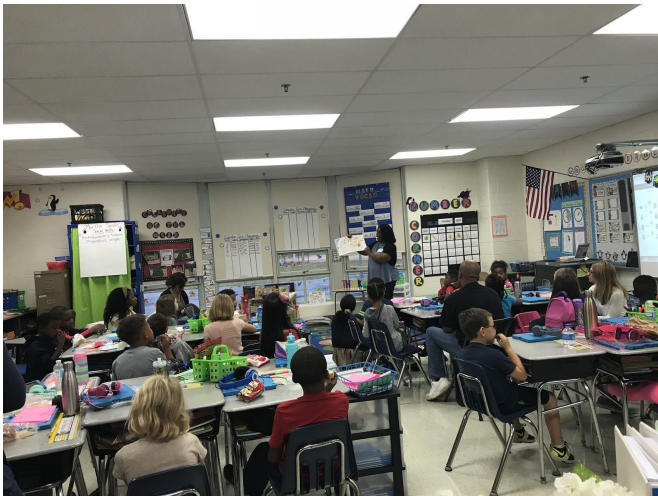
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Parent Visiting Day: Thank you!



We so enjoyed seeing all of our parents in the building for Parent Visiting Day! Thank you for taking the time to come and see the magic that happens at Western Avenue every day. There was a great vibe throughout the building, with positive energy in classrooms and throughout the hallways. It was just the best to be able to share our morning with all of you, and it was a great way to transition into this wonderful, three-day weekend. Thank you to all of our Western Avenue Family!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

The Week of October 9th

Monday, 10.9	Tuesday, 10.10	Wednesday, 10.11	Thursday, 10.12	Friday, 10.13
No School! Columbus Day	Lunch: Meatballs with Beef Gravy Chess Team: 3:15-4:15 pm	Lunch: Breaded Chicken Patty Boy's Choir Practice: 3:05-4:15 pm	Lunch: Mostaccioli with Meat Sauce Girl Scouts: 3:15-5:45 pm <i>1st and 2nd Grade Concert: 6:30 pm</i>	Lunch: Cheese Pizza Girl's Choir Practice: 3:05-4:15 pm

Upcoming Events:

- October 23rd-25th: Outdoor Education, 5th Grade
- October 31st: Early Release Day and Halloween!



TOP STORIES

STEM Club

Western Avenue Elementary is thrilled to announce the launch of a STEM Club as additional after-school programming for our children! We have partnered with Engineering for Kids, and we will offer 7 weeks of programming for students, divided into two sessions. Each session offers completely unique lessons. The programming separates grade levels as Junior Engineers for grades K-2, and Apprentice Engineers for grades 3-5. The cost is \$74 for the four-week session, and \$59 for the three-week session. All sessions will be held on Wednesdays after school beginning October 25th from 3:05 pm-4:30 pm. Registration may be completed online at www.engineeringforkids.com/illiana. Please see the attached flier for more details!

1st and 2nd Grade Concert

Western Avenue first and second graders have been working hard in preparation for their concert this Thursday, October 12th at 6:30 pm in the Gymnasium. Please make sure that your child arrives by 6:15 pm so that we can begin the show promptly at 6:30 pm. We will have parents available to help supervise, and all children will line up in the first grade hallway before the concert. There are seven songs in the program, with first and second grade singing together for three of the song selections. Our children cannot wait to perform in front of a live audience, so we hope to see you all there!

Flossmoor Public Library T-Rexplorers!

The Flossmoor Public Library will host an amazing evening for kids who have a love of dinosaurs. The event takes place on Thursday, October 12th from 6:30 pm-7:45 pm in the Helen Wilson Reading Room. Children will be able to hold actual fossils and learn more about what happens on Paleontological digs! Please see attached flier for more information.

Western Avenue Girl Scouts Go Green

The Girls Scouts of Western Avenue have spearheaded an awesome project that will help support recycling efforts in our building. Each classroom at Western Avenue will be collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded. The markers will be sent to a facility where they will be converted into clean fuel. This fuel can be used to power vehicles, heat homes, cook meals and more!

Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house – even non-Crayola brands. Drop-off boxes will be located in each classroom for your child to deposit the markers. Thank you for your support!

Western Avenue to Help the Homewood Science Center

Thanks to all who have brought in items to help support the Homewood Science Center! We have 1 full donation box, and we will continue to collect items this week. In case you missed it last week...

The Homewood Science Center is collecting a variety of items that people may normally throw in the trash in order to reuse for the Roller Coasters Program for children! In this program, children experiment with a variety of materials to design a marble roller coaster that is structurally sound and will allow the marble to roll the entire length of the structure without falling out. Western will have a donations box at our Main Foyer. Please feel free to drop off any of the materials you see from the attached flier. We are looking for toilet paper tubes, empty tissue boxes, paper towel tubes, and empty cereal boxes, among other materials.

Playground Supervision before 8:05 am

Western Avenue staff are present to supervise children on the playground beginning at 8:05 am. Prior to 8:05 am, **there is no supervision from Western Avenue staff** on either playground. We have noticed that recently, many children have been arriving to the playgrounds prior to 8:05 am, and with no parental supervision. Please refrain from dropping off your children at school before 8:05 am, unless you plan to stay at the playground to supervise their play time. The safety of all children at Western Avenue is our number one priority!

Thank you for reading, and have a wonderful week!

We ♥ School !

