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# 1st & 2nd Grade Rocks the House!



The first and second graders of Western Avenue gave an incredible performance on Thursday evening. From selecting the perfect songs, to practicing with choreographed movements, and coordinating speaking parts for 160+ first and second graders--there was so much happening behind the scenes to make this performance unique and memorable. A huge thank you to Mrs. Pasqua and the first and second grade teachers for working with our children to make Thursday evening a magical performance for all. The children did a fantastic job, and we are so proud to have our first concert at Western Avenue be such a wild success. Fantastic work, first and second graders! We love you, and we are so proud of you!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**The Week of October 16th**

| Monday, 10.16                  | Tuesday, 10.17   | Wednesday, 10.18   | Thursday, 10.19  | Friday, 10.20   |
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| Lunch: Grilled Cheese Sandwich | Lunch: Breaded Cheese Sticks<br><br>Chess Team: 3:15-4:15 pm | Lunch: Chicken Nuggets<br><br>*Boy's Choir Practice during lunch | Lunch: Rotisserie Chicken w/ Rice<br><br>Girl Scouts: 3:15-5:45 pm | Lunch: Sausage Pizza<br><br>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](http://www.engineeringforkids.com/illiana). Please see the attached flier for more details!

**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!

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