

West Point Weekly News for August 10, 2026

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SCHOOL NEWS

WEST POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Week of August 10, 2026

Hello West Point Wildcats!

Welcome to this week's edition of the Wildcat Weekly News! We're excited to share the latest happenings and updates from our school community to keep you informed and engaged.



West Point News

Welcome Back to School!

It was a great first week at West Point! Students returned refreshed and ready to learn, make new friends, and get to know their teachers. We sincerely appreciate families sending in school supplies—those donations will help keep our classrooms running smoothly all year long.

First Week FAQs

Question: Do I need to notify my child's teacher if we change our pickup plan (e.g., using the back gates instead of the front lanes)?

Answer: Yes, please communicate any changes in pickup procedures directly to your child's teacher.

Question: Where can I purchase a spirit shirt?

Answer: Spirit shirts can be purchased online through the PTSA store [linked here](#).

Question: What time will the campus open for breakfast?

Answer: This year, all students will enter campus at the 8:40 AM bell. If a student wants to eat breakfast, they will go directly to the cafeteria after entering campus and receive their breakfast. All other students will go directly to their homeroom class. This year, we are not opening the cafeteria doors at 8:30 as in previous years.

Question: How does the school handle recess during hot August days?

Answer: All Dysart schools monitor temperatures closely and follow these Heat Index Guidelines for activity and rest:

- **90°F – 104°F:** 50% activity / 50% rest
- **105°F – 109°F:** 25% activity / 75% rest
- **110°F+:** Indoor activities only

Note: Rest during outdoor recess typically means students find a shady spot, take a break, get water, or use the restroom.

Week At A Glance

Monday, August 10th-

- 🏠 First Day of Preschool
- 🕒 Dismissal at 1:45 PM



Tuesday, August 11th-

- 🕒 Dismissal @ 3:45 PM
- AZSci Pretest begins for grades 5th and 8th

Wednesday, August 12th-

- 🕒 Dismissal @ 3:45 PM
- AZSci Pretest for grades 5th and 8th

Thursday, August 13th-

- 🕒 Dismissal @ 3:45 PM
- AZSci Pretest for grades 5th and 8th

Friday, August 14th-

- 🕒 Dismissal @ 3:45 PM



August Upcoming Events

- August 10th: First Day of Preschool
- August 17th: PTSA Panda Express Spirit Night
- August 18th, 4:15PM : Quarterly PTSA Membership Meeting
- August 28th: West Point Student Experience Family Night & PTSA Family Movie Night, 5:00 PM-8:00 PM



Fundraiser for
West Point PTSA

20% of event sales will be donated
We are a Pre-k - 8th grade PTSA. We
advocate for all of our students



When
Monday, August 17, 2026
Time: 8:30 AM to 11:00 PM

Where
Panda Express located at:
13732 W. Bell Rd. Space# 16 Surprise
AZ 85374
(623) 556 - 4969

How to Order



Online

PandaExpress.com or the App.
Enter 3862519 in the fundraiser code box

or



In-Person

Bring paper flyer or show it on your smartphone

Order ahead or on the event day Monday, August 17, 2026

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (paper copy or digital image) with each order to receive credit towards the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within the vicinity of the restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during the fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group, Inc. ("PRG") reserves the right to cancel any and all fundraiser events. If the Neighborhood Fundraiser Terms and Conditions are not followed. If the organization is not in good standing with the IRS, Franchise Tax Board, or the State of California (for California organizations only), then donations may not be made to the organization. You must present your unique code or a copy of this flyer (digital copies are accepted) at the designated date, time, and your Panda Express location at check-out. PRG will donate 20% of all pre-tax purchases made, provided that the organization raises a minimum of \$100 in total event sales pre-tax. PRG does not charge the organization fees related to the event. Purchase(s) of gift cards do not count towards the fundraiser, but purchases made with gift cards will count. No portion of purchase is tax deductible. The donation from PRG to the organization is tax deductible. The organization receiving the donation must be a tax exempt organization. PRG will issue the donation check and provide an accounting statement to the organization within 45 days of the completion of the event. Participants in the fundraiser may request the total dollar amount donated to the organization by emailing community@pandaexpress.com or by submitting the question at <https://community.pandaexpress.com/faq>



Find a local hiring event or apply online at **PandaCareers.com**

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Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

Want to avoid the parent pick-up lanes?



West Point has many options for student drop-off and pick-up locations.

Check out the **West Point Website** for arrival and dismissal procedures, as well as alternate satellite drop-off and pick-up location options.





Annual Student Update

Due Date Coming Soon!

Log in now to the **Parent Portal** and complete your **Annual Student Update**; updating your emergency contact information, acknowledging our policies, and ensuring your student has access to their technology.

Need help? Contact the front office and they can assist you in completing this task. 623-876-7750

Never Miss an Important School Date!

Keeping up with school events just got easier!

This year, West Point is using **Agenda Hero** to help families add important school dates directly to their personal electronic calendars. Simply click the Agenda Hero link, enter your email address, and you'll receive calendar invitations for school holidays, breaks, early release days, and other important events.

With just a few clicks, all of our key dates can be added to your calendar—no need to manually enter each one! Even better, if updates are made to the school calendar, you'll receive the latest information automatically.

Save time, stay organized, and never miss an important West Point event! Be sure to click the Agenda Hero link and sync your calendar today.

Use the link below:

K-8th Grade Calendar: <https://agendahero.com/page/xm80ui25>

Preschool Calendar: <https://agendahero.com/page/dzslo4de>



Arizona Healthy Schools Act

A.R.S. 15-242.01

What does the law say?

Beginning in the 2026–2027 school year, the **Arizona Healthy Schools Act** prohibits public schools from serving, selling, or allowing third parties to sell ultra-processed foods on campus during the regular school day. Where does this apply?

This requirement impacts food and beverage items across the entire campus, including:

- School breakfast and lunch programs
- Seamless Summer Option & Catering
- School stores, vending machines, and snack bars
- Birthday parties and student celebrations
- Classroom snack lists and rewards
- Fundraisers (Student Activities & Parent Support Groups)

Prohibited Ingredients:

Foods containing any of the following 11 additives or synthetic dyes cannot be served or distributed on campus during the school day:

- Potassium bromate
- Propylparaben
- Titanium dioxide
- Brominated vegetable oil
- Yellow Dye 5 or 6
- Blue Dye 1 or 2
- Green Dye 3
- Red Dye 3 or 40

Planning to bring a classroom treat?

All school events—including birthdays and holiday parties—must follow these new state guidelines. If you'd like to send items to share with your child's class, please:

- **Choose from our approved snack list**, or consider fun non-food treats like pencils, stickers, or small favors.

- **Check ingredient labels carefully** to ensure none of the banned ingredients are listed.
- **Keep it store-bought**—homemade food items are not permitted.

Thank you for your partnership in keeping our students healthy and our school compliant!

Note for Families: You are always welcome to pack any lunch or snack items specifically for your individual child. However, **food shared with other students** must comply with state guidelines.

AZ HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT: EXAMPLES OF INGREDIENT COMPLIANT PRODUCTS

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These treats may be served during the school day for **birthday celebrations, classroom rewards, or special occasions.**
They cannot be sold during the school day.

COOKIES & SNACK PACKS

Oreo Original
Snack Packs

Chips Ahoy!
Snack Packs

Pillsbury Soft Baked
Chocolate Chip Cookies

Little Bites
Fudge Brownies

Rice Krispies
Treats Bars

CANDY & SWEET TREATS

Hershey's Bars

Kit Kats

Twix

3 Musketeers

Tootsie Roll

FRUIT
SNACKS

Welch's Mixed Fruit
Fruit Snacks

FROZEN TREATS

Klondike Original Bars

FatBoy Vanilla Ice
Cream Sandwiches

Nestlé Toll House Ice
Cream Sandwiches

Outshine Fruit Bars

REMEMBER: The above products meet the Arizona Healthy Schools Act requirements for serving students. If a food or beverage will be sold to students on campus during the school day, it must also comply with the USDA smart snacks in school nutrition standards. For additional questions, please contact Dysart Nutrition Services.

QUESTIONS?

Email us at nutrition@dysart.org or call 623-876-7075 for assistance.

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Fall Sports Season

Fall Sports Season Information

Softball & Baseball (6th-8th Grades)

Tryouts Aug. 31-Sept 4

Regular Season Sept. 8-Oct 30

Tournaments: Nov. 2-6



Cross Country (3rd-8th Grades)

Regular Season: Sept. 8- December 12

Monday Quad Meets are held four times during the season

Saturday HS Invitational are held three times during the season

Championship- Saturday, December 12

Chess (3rd-8th Grades)

Regular Season- Sept. 8- Nov 14

Monday Quad Meets are held four times during the season

Championship-Saturday, November 14

All Athletes must register through [registermyathlete.com](https://www.registermyathlete.com) to participate during tryouts.



PTSA News

- Membership- Join today! **[HERE](#)**
- Purchase Spirit Shirts **[HERE](#)**
- Panda Express Night- August 17
- Quarterly Membership Meeting- August 18
- Family Movie Night- August 28

If you have any questions, please let them know. Questions? Email **westpointptsa@gmail.com**



[Parent Portal](#)
[Online Lunch Accounts](#)
[Student Lunch Menu](#)
[Student Handbook](#)
[School Calendar](#)
[Preschool Calendar](#)
registermyathlete.com

2026/2027 School Goals



At West Point, we are committed to continuous improvement through our Integrated Action Plan. Our school has established goals focused on three key areas: student achievement, instructional excellence, and family engagement.

Goal 1: Student Achievement

By the end of the academic year, West Point will increase student proficiency in Math, English Language Arts, and Science by at least 3% as measured by State Testing and Acadience end-of-year assessments.

Goal 2: Instructional Excellence

By the end of the academic year, all West Point teachers will strengthen instructional effectiveness by implementing gradual release lesson design, increasing student engagement, and delivering standards-aligned instruction. Success will be measured at 80% or higher through formal and informal classroom observations using the Dysart Instructional Protocol.

Goal 3: Family Engagement

By the end of the academic year, West Point will strengthen family engagement by maintaining or increasing both the number of school-sponsored family events and family participation rates.

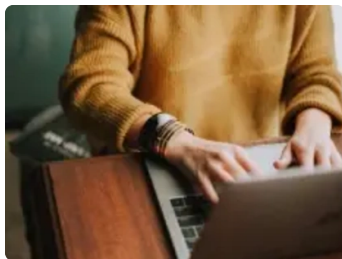
Our Integrated Action Plan includes specific action steps and ongoing progress monitoring to ensure we stay focused on achieving these goals.

How Can Families Help?

Families play a vital role in our success. You can support these goals by:

- Encouraging positive attendance habits
- Setting academic goals with your child
- Supporting learning at home
- Participating in family engagement events throughout the year

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to the success of our students. Together, we can help every Wildcat learn, grow, and thrive!



Contact info

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. You can reach out via the following ways:

- 623-876-7750
- westpoint@dysart.org
- www.dysart.org/westpoint
- Direct Message Principal Amy Mikos through ParentSquare

School Hours

Monday- 9:00 - 1:45 PM

Tuesday-Friday- 9:00 AM - 3:45 PM