

West Point Weekly News for August 17, 2026

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SCHOOL NEWS

WEST POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Week of August 17, 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

PTSA Quarterly Membership Meeting

Join us for the first Quarterly Membership Meeting of the year on Tuesday, August 18th at 4:15 PM in the library.

Site Council

West Point is looking for parents to join the Site Council. The purpose of the site council is to ensure that individuals affected by the outcome of a decision at the school site share in the decision-making process. This promotes a better understanding of the school's educational programs and develops awareness of the community to the overall needs of the school and district.

The Site Council meets virtually the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The first meeting is on Wednesday, August 19th from 4:15-4:45.

Please let Mrs. Mikos know if you are interested in begin a part of the Site Council.

Middle School Sports

Dysart Schools is excited to kick off Middle School Sports with the fall season. Sports for the fall season including baseball, softball, cross country, and chess. Tryouts begin August 31. The cost is \$60. Interested athletes should visit [**dysart.org/aktivate**](https://dysart.org/aktivate) (formerly Register My Athlete) to update their current account or create a new one. Contact us for additional details!

 **West Point is looking to hire a softball coach and cross country coach  . Contact Mrs. Mikos if interested.**

Student Council

5th-8th graders interested in begin a part of Student Council are invited to attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, August 18th at 8:00 AM.

Positions available:

Class Representatives- 5th-8th Graders

Class Officers- 7th & 8th Graders

Panda Express Fundraiser

Take a break from cooking and order Panda Express for dinner on Monday, August 17th. A portion of the proceeds support West Point PTSA. Don't forget to show the flyer at check out!



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 communityprograms@pandarest.com or by submitting the question at <https://community.pandarest.com/faq>

**Great Place to Work.
Certified**

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

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Week At A Glance

Monday, August 17th-

- Day B Electives Schedule
- 🕒 Dismissal at 1:45 PM
- Panda Express Spirit Night



Tuesday, August 18th-

- Day A Electives Schedule
- Student Council Informational Meeting, 8AM (5th -8th Grade)
- PTSA Quarterly Membership Meeting, 4:15 PM

Wednesday, August 19th-

- Day B Electives Schedule
- Site Council Meeting, 4:15 PM

Thursday, August 20th-

- Day A Electives Schedule

Friday, August 21st-

- Day B Electives Schedule



Looking Ahead

- 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 Walk the Wildcat Way Family Night & PTSA Family Movie Night, 5:00 PM-8:00 PM
- September 4- No School, Labor Day Holiday



WALK THE WILDCAT WAY

FAMILY NIGHT

EXPERIENCE A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A WILDCAT!

5:00-5:30 PM
MEET PRINCIPAL MIKOS
READY, SET, GROW!

5:30-6:30 PM
CLASSROOM HANDS ON LEARNING

6:45 PM
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
SPONSORED BY THE PTSA
FREE ENTRANCE
CONCESSIONS FOR SALE

ALL ATTENDEES AT THE
CLASSROOM LEARNING
EXPERIENCE WILL RECEIVE A
TICKET FOR FREE POPCORN
DURING THE MOVIE NIGHT

Important Reminder: Front Parking Lot Rules



- **Park in Designated Spaces Only:**

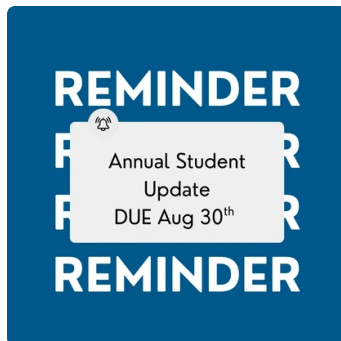
Drivers must park in a designated space before loading or unloading students. Do not leave vehicles unattended in active traffic lanes. If no spots are available, please wait in line until one opens up.

- **Safe Student**

Loading/Unloading: Students may only enter or exit vehicles when parked in a designated space or while in the designated drive-through drop-off/pick-up lane.

Entering or exiting vehicles in open parking lot lanes is strictly prohibited.

For complete arrival and dismissal procedures, including alternate satellite drop-off and pick-up locations, please visit the **West Point Website**



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



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

SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027

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
Tootsie Rolls

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

Fee: \$60



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

Fee: \$60

Chess (3rd-8th Grades)

Regular Season- Sept. 8- Nov 14

Monday Quad Meets are held four times during the season

Championship-Saturday, November 14

Fee: \$10

All Athletes must register through dysart.org/aktivate to participate during tryouts. (formally registermyathlete.com)



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.

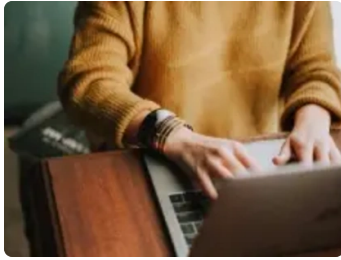
Our Integrated Action Plan includes specific action steps and ongoing progress monitoring to ensure we stay focused on achieving these goals.

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