



WESTERN PEAKS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal's Newsletter

August 2024 Edition

[Western Peaks Website Link](#)



A Message from Principal Brown

It has been a great first few days of school at Western Peaks!! Students across the school learned that our Falcon Family expectations are to be respectful, responsible and kind! Ask your children if they earned a Falcon Wing yet and what they earned it for!

Our first big fundraiser of the year, the Read-a-Thon, will kick off on August 12th! Please watch for more information about the Read-a-Thon coming soon.



Drop-Off, Pick-Up & Parking

Parent Drop-Off & Pick Up ~ Thank you for your cooperation and patience during arrival and dismissal. **Please remember that if you are using the drive-thru lane, you must remain in your vehicle and continue to pull forward as space allows.** If your child needs your assistance getting in or out of the vehicle, we kindly ask that you park in the parking lot instead of using the drive-thru lane. This will ensure that all vehicles are able to get through the lane quickly & efficiently.

Parking Lot ~ **Only vehicles that have a handicap license plate or handicap placard are permitted to park in the designated handicapped parking spaces.** Do not park in a handicapped space if you do not have this. We do have several families who do need to access the handicapped parking spaces. As well, do not park in the center lane as this blocks parked vehicles in.

We appreciate your assistance & following these procedures!

MANDATORY



How to Access the Annual Student Update

1. Log into your Parent Portal account.
Don't have an account? Click [here](#) for instructions to create one.
2. Click on the More tab on the left of the screen. Then Select Annual Student Update. If you do not see more, click on the three small lines in the upper left-hand corner of the page. If the Dashboard is not showing when you open your parent portal, click on the three horizontal lines in the top right corner.



Annual Student Update

All parents are required to complete the Annual Student Update each school year, for each of their children. This is done through the Parent Portal, which you can access by clicking [HERE](#).

Please complete the Annual Student Update this week as the school needs this information verified for your child. Thank you!

Attendance Reminder

Our instructional day begins at 9 am. We do have soft start each morning beginning at 8:40 am, when students can come into the classroom. Students should be in their classrooms, seated & ready for instruction no later than 9 am, or they will be tardy.

School attendance plays an important part in students' academic growth & achievement. Tardiness affects this as well, as students who are late are

missing out on important instructional time. Please make sure your child arrives to school on time each day. Thank you!



Western Peaks PTSA

Western Peaks has the best PTSA around! They do so much to support our students, teachers, staff & families! We would love for you to join the PTSA! Joining does not require you to volunteer, but provides support for the many events that the PTSA holds during the school year. Please read the flyer to find out more about what the PTSA does.

You can join the PTSA, order spirit wear, and more through the online Western Peaks PTSA Store. [Click here](#) to access their online store. You can also contact the PTSA through their email which is westernpeaksptsa@gmail.com.



Western Peaks Mission & Vision

Mission

Our mission at Western Peaks Elementary School is to create a safe and supportive community where we educate the whole child to meet their full potential. We encourage growth and perseverance in a collaborative environment. Positive relationships are fostered so students feel accepted, respected, trusted, and valued. We share with our community the responsibility for the education of all students.

Vision

Our vision at Western Peaks Elementary School is to inspire respectful, responsible, and kind citizens who are empowered by a growth mindset to pursue a lifelong love of learning.

Motto

W - Whole Child Learning

P - Positive Relationships

E - Empower Perseverance

S - Safe and Supportive Community

Calendar of Events



Important Dates to Remember

August 8th

Dysart Governing Board Meeting @ District Office Board Rooms, 6 - 8 pm

August 12th - 30th

Western Peaks Read-a-Thon Fundraiser

August 13th

Portillos Falcon Night @ Surprise location,
11 am - 9 pm

Portillos gives 20% back to the school

August 21st

PTSA Meeting @ WPES Library, 5 pm

August 22nd

Dysart Governing Board Meeting @ District Office Board Rooms, 6 - 8 pm

August 28th

Chipotle Falcon Night @ Chipotle on Waddell,
5 - 9 pm

Chipotle gives 25% back to the school

August 29th

Site Council Meeting @ WPES, 4 pm

August 30th

Back to School Family Bingo Night @ WPES Cafeteria, 6 - 8 pm

Have You Activated your ParentSquare Account Yet?

Our school uses ParentSquare to connect with parents and share what's happening in our schools and district. This platform allows us to communicate school and district messages to help keep you informed and engaged with us. The Parent Portal will continue to be your resource for grades, and Schoology for specific classroom resources and assignments.

Learn more about how to access ParentSquare, activate your account, and special features by clicking [HERE](#).

[Link to ParentSquare](#)

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