



SCHOOL NEWS

WESTERN PEAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Good Afternoon Falcon Family,

Western Peaks would like to thank our families and community for your tremendous generosity and support during our Color Run fundraiser! We raised a total of \$31,936! That is outstanding!

The PTSA is seeking volunteers to assist with our Book Fair during the week of February 6th - 10th. Please sign up using [this link](#). Thank you!

We are holding Parent/Teacher Conferences the week of February 6th - 10th. If you have not yet scheduled your conference with your child's teacher, please contact them right away to schedule a time. It is important that our teachers have an opportunity to meet with you and discuss your child's academic progress.

As a reminder, please do not park & leave your vehicle unattended in the drive-thru lane at drop-off & pick-up times. Also, no vehicles are to stop and/or park in the center of the parking lot. This blocks other vehicles from being able to back out of the parking spaces. Please park in a designated parking space if you are using the parking lot during drop-off and/or pick-up times. Thank you!

We are now hiring Crossing Guards! This is a great part time job, working 1 hour in the morning & 1 hour in the afternoon. Please apply online using [this link](#) if you are interested!

Are you looking for a simple way to help your child be more successful in school? Did you know that excessive absenteeism can greatly affect a student's success in school, for years to come? Research has shown negative effects for students, including:

- Starting in Kindergarten, students who are chronically absent are far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.
- Chronic absences predict lower test scores and retention in later grades.
- Over the long term, chronic absenteeism is correlated to increased rates of high school dropout.
- Tardiness also negatively affects students in their academic progress, as they miss out on crucial instructional minutes and fall behind in their learning.
- When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

At Western Peaks, we continue to have high rates of absenteeism and tardiness each month. We are asking for parents to help us out by getting children to school on time each day. The instructional day begins at 9 am and students should already be in their classrooms by that time. Also, please limit days when your students are missing school for reasons other than illness. As we work to decrease learning gaps that have been created (largely from the pandemic years), we need every instructional minute of every day to help our students gain mastery in the grade level standards. Thank you for your help with this!

Did you know that each year you can donate up to \$400 to the school of your choice and receive that tax credit back, dollar-for-dollar, in your annual tax returns? Please consider making a tax credit donation to Western Peaks Elementary! We are now accepting tax credit donations online at Dysart.org/TaxCredit.

Please consider writing a school review on [GreatSchools by clicking here](#), [Google by clicking here](#), and/or [Niche by clicking here](#). Thank you in advance for reviewing us online!

Sincerely,
Principal Brown

Upcoming Dates

February 6th - 10th~
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Book Fair

February 9th & 10th ~
Early Dismissal @ 1:45 pm
No Preschool Classes on
these dates

February 20th ~
President's Day / No School

February 23rd ~
Site Council Meeting @ 4 pm

Book Fair Hours

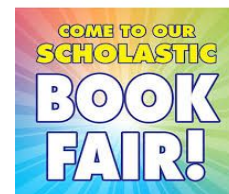
Mon. 2/06
9:15 am - 12:15 pm

Tues. 2/07
9:15 am - 3:15 pm

Wed. 2/08
9:15 am - 3:15 pm

Thurs. 2/09
9:15 am - 1:00 pm
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Frid. 2/10
9:15 am - 11:30 am



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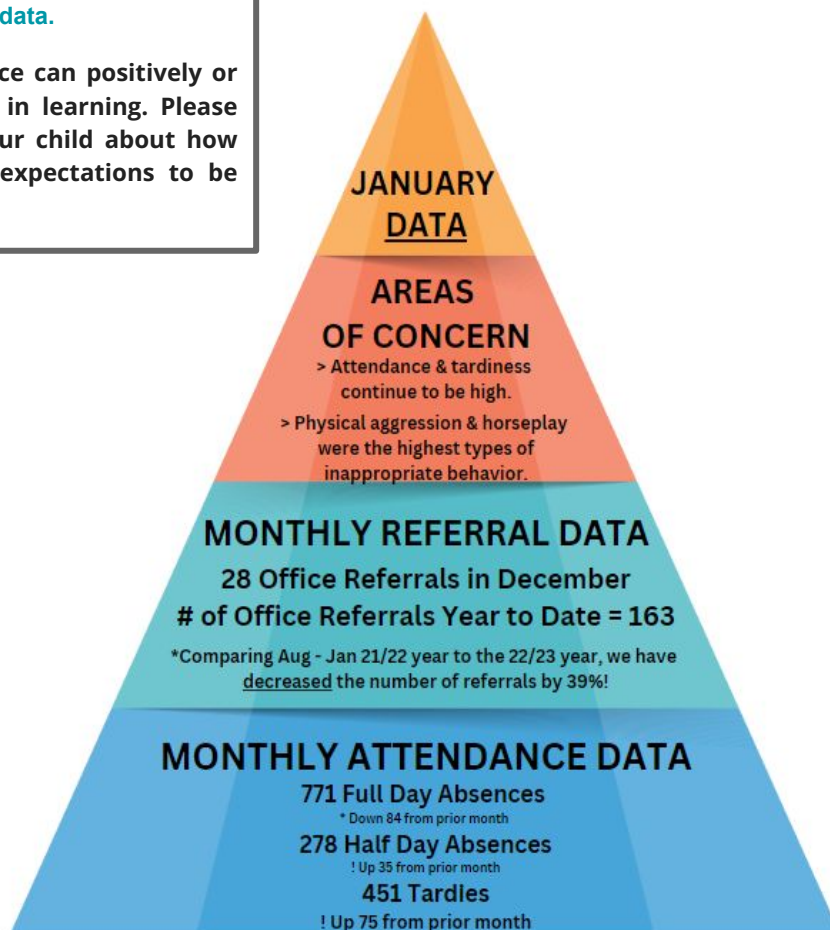
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PBIS Corner

Western Peaks uses Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) to teach students school-wide expectations, reinforce students for following the expectations, and reteach students when they are not following the expectations.

Goal 2 of our Western Peaks Integrated Action Plan for School Improvement ~ Reduce the number of office discipline referrals by 15% (baseline of 443 from 21-22 school year), as evidenced by behavior data.

Both student behavior and attendance can positively or negatively impact a child's progress in learning. Please review this data, and speak with your child about how they can follow our Falcon Family expectations to be Respectful, Responsible & Kind.



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