Stay in the LOOP with PSO

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Updates for the Families of Westgate Elementary





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Westgate Family... As you may know the PSO can't operate without your support and our biggest event of the year is happening now. Our Read-A-Thon. This is in place of our Fun Run that usually happens in October but with our unusual year we decided to change up and have a Read-A-Thon in the winter, to encourage reading. It's cold outside and a favorite thing to do for a lot of people is to curl up and read a book and now we are having an event to encourage just that. Check out the details on the next page.

Also we still have some cool spiritwear items left to sell as well as Car Wash tickets. Please check out the pages below to find out more about these items.

Lastly be sure to check out our PSO Challenge for this month.

Any questions feel free to email westgatechair@gmail.com

Please continue to check out the ways to support the PSO listed on the last page of the newsletter.

Upcoming Events

 Read-A-Thon happening now and runs thru Friday Mar 26th!

Volunteer Opportunities



Next Meeting

Where - Zoom Time - 6:30 -7:30pm When - Weds., Feb. 17th

HAPRead-a-thon OW



Monday started a very important fun and healthy way to raise money for students of Westgate Elementary. Our READ-A-THON!

Whether it be new art supplies, buying school supplies for students, funding a field trip a few months from now, or bringing something new into the school. We need your help to support our students this year.

We want to promote a healthy lifestyle to our students and the community. Please help us reach our fundraising goal by supporting our Read-A-Thon. We have teamed up with Get Movin'© to make this event fun and successful with online mobile friendly technology!



Our SCHOOL GOAL is \$7,000.00

Prizes to be announced soon mid to late February.

We Need All Parents to Complete 3 Easy Steps!

- 1. Register your Child by visiting <u>www.getmovinfundhub.com</u> It's free, easy, and fast to register! For School Identifier use **5d360a2bccc9b**
 - 2. Email and/ or Text from your child's student fundraising webpage.
- 3. Post on Facebook or Twitter It's two clicks of a button to post. The average parent has 300 FB friends. You'll be surprised when donations come in from distant relatives/friends from HS/co-workers. Post and see what happens!
 - 4. Help your student(s) record their minutes online. (There will be prizes for minutes read)

Student Goals!

Each student is encouraged to <u>raise \$25 and read 20 minutes a day</u>. Over 46 days that would be 920 minutes!! That's a lot of reading. What are you going to read???

Flyers with a donation form on it, will be handed out with an enevlope attached at the next several distribution dates. These envelopes are for checks that can be sealed in the labeled envelope and dropped off at the office. PLEASE NO CASH! You can collect cash but please write one check to Westgate PSO for all the cash you collect and only turn in the check or you can turn it into a donation online. Any questions please feel free to email westgatefundraisingchair@gmail.com we would be happy to assist however we can.

EVENT DETAILS:

EVENT DATE: 2/8/2021 THRU 3/26/2021

FINAL DATE TO TURN IN CHECKS: WEDNESDAY, 3/24/2021

FINAL DATE TO DONATE ONLINE: 3/26/2021

We are strongly encourage online donations through your child's webpage

However, donations in the form of checks can be dropped off at the school, PLEASE put in an envelope and label Westgate PSO Read-a-thon. All checks need to made out to Westgate PSO. **NO CASH PLEASE**February 2021

PSO Challenge for February!!

Challenge from our PSO to Westgate parents. We are looking to have more parents at our General Meetings. These meetings take place on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30pm til approx 7:30pm.

The best part is it's on zoom so you don't even have to leave the comfort of your own home. You can even be in your PJs. The link for the zoom is sent out the Wednesday of the meeting both here in the newsletter and from Michele in the office through email. February's meeting is Wednesday Feb. 17th. Mark your calendars!!

Our challenge to you is the classroom that gets the most parents to attend the next meeting and stay for most of the meeting, not only will that teacher will get a gift card to use for their class however they see fit but the families in that classroom will receive a surprise in their materials at next material distribution day. Can you help your classroom win?



Please submit all topics for the next PSO Meeting by Mon. Feb 15th for consideration westgatechair@gmail.com

Meeting Dates

Weds. Feb 17th Weds. Mar 17th Weds. Apr 21st

Next Issue

Things you want to see in next or upcoming issue. Email westgatefundraisingchair@ gmail.com Use subject 'NEWSLETTER"



Spiritwear

We need to sell the spirit wear we have left on hand. Below is what is left, each in limited quantities. Some having more than others. These make great gifts, even for teachers! We would love to sell all of this before we do our second run of Spiritwear with different items sometime in April/May.



Also if you would be interested in donating a water bottle, please let me know. You would simply pay for the water bottle, then the bottle would be donated to the school to be used in one of our classrooms. Thanks!

> If you are interested please email westgatefundraisingchair@ gmail.com listing what you

are interested in so we can arrange payment.





\$15.00 each



Child Size Mask

\$18.00 each





Ways to support the PSO

Car Wash Tickets

Donate directly to PSO thru paypal. Click the icon to donate.



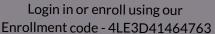
We have a stack of these on hand. If you would like to purchase some please email the fundraising email below. You will still be invoiced through paypal. Do not pay ahead. The treasurer will invoice you after you have communicated with the treasurer.

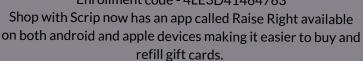


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You can now shop through the amazon app on both android and apple phones. Just make sure it says Amazon Smile on the top.



We collect Box Tops!

Clip or scan. We accept both. Make sure to link your box top account to Westgate Elementary. Some can still be clipped. Clip and place in a baggie and drop in the PSO box in the office. Money we get from box tops helps us get new playground balls, jump ropes, etc., each year.





Websites & Groups

PSO Website

<u>www.westgatepso</u>

PSO Facebook page

<u>rg</u>

https://www.facebook.com/ westgateelementarypso

Westgate Parent Group

https://www.facebook.com/ groups/westgateelementary

School

<u>chatter</u>

https://wge.edmonds.w ednet.edu/

School District

https://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/

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