



# West's Weekly

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## Wednesday Newsletter

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### Citrus Fruit Fundraiser... DEADLINE EXTENDED!

As of November 4, we have sold only 45 cartons of produce. In order to move forward with this sale, we must sell a minimum of 100 cartons (the smallest amount the company will deliver).

**As a result, we are extending the order deadline to next Thursday, November 10.**

**This is the absolute last day we can accept orders.** Please keep in mind that this is one of our larger fundraisers; without it, we may have to cut some of our budgeted activities. Our goal is to have each family sell or buy at least one box. Support West while providing something healthy for your family and friends!

### Honors Assemblies

**Monday, November 14 •**

**9 AM and 2:30 PM**

All families are invited to join us in recognizing and celebrating the excellent work achieved by our scholars.

**Assemblies for Pre-K3 through Fifth Grade will be at 9 AM; the assembly for Sixth through Eighth grades will be at 2:30 PM.**

Please see the locations for each below:

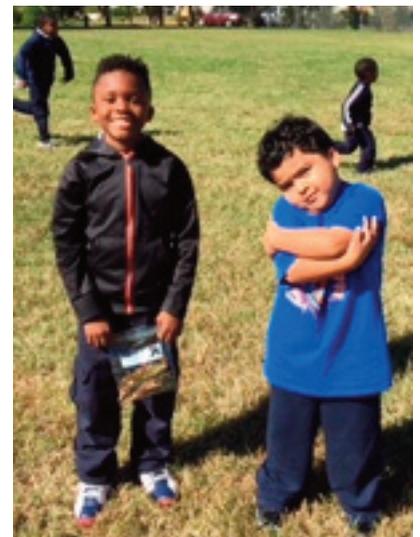
- ECE (PK3, PK4): ECE Suite
- K-2: Learning Center
- Grades 3-5: Cafeteria
- Grades 6-8: Learning Center



### Tigers and Cubs: Learning Together

Our Pre-K4 class led by Mrs. Dubinsky and Ms. Cleveland had their first **"Tiger and Cubs"** meeting on October 7. Tiger and Cubs is a mentoring initiative new to West this year that pairs older students with younger students. The mission of Tiger and Cubs is to foster the development of young scholars and to empower them to reach their highest potential as responsible and caring students.

Mrs. Dubinsky and Ms. Cleveland's class is paired with Ms. Coles Third Grade class. During the first meeting, students introduced themselves and went outside for a nature hunt. Mentors helped mentees collect leaves, sticks, acorns and other materials. Students had fun getting to know each other, and they can't wait for their next meeting in November.



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## Parent Involvement Success

We offer a heartfelt “thank you” to all of our parents for meeting with us for Parent-Teacher Conferences and Academic Parent-Teacher teams. Last year, we averaged around 40 percent participation, and this year we are on track to have met with more than 80 percent of our families. We doubled our participation rate and are incredibly grateful that you made time to meet with us and discuss your scholar’s progress and next steps! We value our time with you.

## Dressing for Cooler Weather

As the weather cools down, we wanted to send a reminder about **uniform-appropriate sweaters**. Scholars may keep on their uniform sweater if it is a solid color: black, gray, navy (or light blue), brown or white. If a scholar comes to school with any other type of sweater, then we will ask him or her to keep it in his or her cubby or locker. Students may wear winter/outside jackets of any color on the playground during recess. The building usually gets pretty toasty when the building switches over to heat, so layering a sweater and a short sleeve shirt may be a good idea, even in the winter. Please call the main office or contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

## Family Math Night

This year, Family Math Night has an Olympics theme. Bring money to purchase “pie” (pizza) for dinner, and participate in a fun night of learning, games and community. Common Core standards outline a new, conceptual approach to learning math; attending this night with your scholar will help you learn a bit more about these shifts and how you can better support your child’s math growth. **Join us on Thursday, November 17 at 5:30 pm!**

## Chat-n-Chew with Principal Vroman

This month, instead of a “Principal’s Coffee,” we are hosting an event in the early evening to accommodate families’ schedules: **Monday, November 21 at 5:30 PM**. Coffees and Chat-n-Chews are informal times to meet other families and hear updates from Principal Vroman. We welcome all families to join us!

## High School Fair

West once again will host a High School Fair, this year on **December 8 at 6 PM**. Many of our high schools will be present, and we have a special evening planned.

## Box Tops for Education

The Box Tops for Education program is an easy way to earn money for West through the products you buy already. Simply clip the Box Tops coupons from product packaging and send them to the school office with your student’s name, grade and teacher. That’s it!



## Amazon Smile

West is pleased to be partnering with Amazon.com through their AmazonSmile division to create a simple, automatic way for you to support West every time you shop, at no cost to you. **To participate, log on to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and enter West PSCO as your charitable organization.** The Amazon Smile Foundation then will donate 0.5 percent of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the West PSCO.



## Sports Equipment and Toys

A reminder... Sports equipment and toys should be left at home. This includes basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, iPads, iPods and personal-gaming systems. Recreational items are available for scholars to use at school. Thank you for helping us maintain our learning-focused environment!

## Important Dates to Remember...

- **November 10**—PSCO Meeting (9 AM)
- **November 11**—Veterans Day (No school)
- **November 14**—Honors Assembly (9 AM AND 2:30 PM)
- **November 16**—Pre-K4 APTT (6 PM)
- **November 17**—Family Math Night (5:30 PM)
- **November 18**—Free-Dress Day
- **November 21**—Chat-n-Chew (5:30 PM)
- **November 24 and 25**—Thanksgiving Break (No school)