



West's Weekly

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Wednesday Newsletter

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March Madness

We are excited to celebrate March Madness at West! This week we kicked off our own version of the NCAA bracket; each week, classes will compete against each other in four areas: minutes read, Class Dojo points, ST Math progress and class attendance. We are planning a fun treat to celebrate both the winning class and the winning teacher. Be sure to ask your scholar about how his or her class is performing in the bracket.

Get Ready to Ease on Down...

Rehearsals for our spring production of ***The Wizard of Oz/The Wiz*** are ready to begin. Starting on **Tuesday, March 14**, students in **principal roles** will meet twice a week (**Tuesdays and Thursdays**) after school **from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM**. Rehearsals for the **full cast** will start **Tuesday, April 4**. Mandatory meetings for **parents of cast members** will be held on **Saturday, April 15** at **10 AM** and **Thursday, May 4** at **6 PM**. Four performances will be held **May 18 through May 20**. More information will be forthcoming. **Questions should be directed to Mr. Jenkins.** Congratulations to all of our scholars who will be participating!



Read Across America Week



We had so much fun celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America Week! Thank you to all our families who organized and ran our Scholastic Book Fair and to all the families who supported the fair and joined us at Family Literacy Night. If you were not able to join us, we captured some pictures to share.

View them on the school website at www.westschool.org/news-and-events.

Mentoring, Math and More

An update from Ms. Nemeroff, First Grade...

Greetings from the wonderful world of First Grade! Our First Grade "Cubs" have loved their time spent learning with our Fifth Grade "Tigers." Through the mentorship of Tigers and Cubs, our scholars are collaboratively writing and illustrating their own stories. We are thankful to Ms. Liebman and her scholars for their help on this.

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Mentoring, Math *(continued)*

In math, our First Grade scholars have been hard at work learning about efficient and accurate measuring and graphing techniques that have many real-world implications. This is a great chance for your scholar to share his or her school learning at home. For example, have your scholar practice measuring household items using a standard unit of measure, or conduct a survey among your family members about their favorite rainy-day activity. Then have them make a bar graph of the results.

In reading, we have been learning about the importance of saving, spending and donating our money. We have learned the difference between wants and needs, which also lends itself to being an enriching conversation with your scholars.

It is exciting to touch upon so many relevant topics in the First Grade curriculum. Please call upon your scholars' knowledge at home. They will impress you with what they have learned!

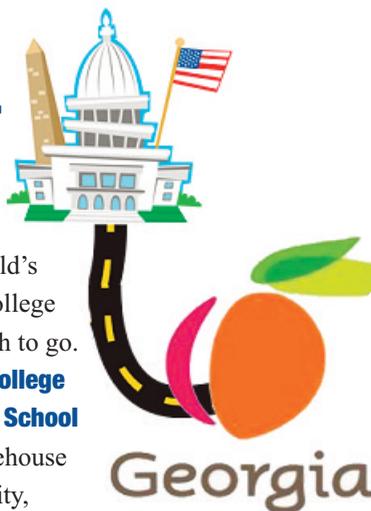
Middle School College Tour

Early exposure to college, instilling a love for learning and fostering an interest in education at a young age can work wonders in increasing a child's motivation. Above all, it is important to make a college education seem accessible to all students who wish to go.

Mr. Bowden, our Dean of Culture, is planning a college tour in Atlanta, Georgia, for 20 of our top Middle School scholars. While there, the students will visit Morehouse College, Spelman College, Georgia State University, Georgia Tech, Clark Atlanta University and additional schools in the area.

This will be the opportunity of a lifetime for many of our students.

To make a donation to help fund this trip, log on to www.westschool.org/fundraisers.



Claire's Gourmet

Reminder...Our Claire's Gourmet fundraiser runs through **Wednesday, March 22**. Our goal is for every family to sell **at least 10 items**...more if you can. Our top three sellers will receive a gift card. (You must sell a minimum of 20 items to qualify for a Top Seller Award.) Additional prizes are shown in the "Super Prizes" leaflet included in your fundraiser packet. **Go to www.clairegourmet.com and click "Login" to set up your Participant Account; use Organization #3883.**

As always, we appreciate your support!

Asthma/Allergy Action Plans

As the weather warms up, this is a great time to check in with our school nurse if your child suffers from asthma or allergies. Please be sure that we have an action plan on file for your scholar. Our nursing staff is at West on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Academic Partnering

One of our five-year strategic priorities is family engagement, and we are so grateful for your partnership as we continue to prioritize our work with you. Last week marked the end of our second academic partnering round (parent-teacher conferences and APTTs), and we met with more than 90 percent of our families. Thank you for partnering with us! We are grateful for the time you invest in building a relationship with us and learning more about how to support your scholar at home.

We Need a Photographer!

Do you know a professional photographer who might be willing to donate one or two hours of his or her time to capture the great things our scholars are doing? This year, we added pictures of our scholars to our school walls, and we would like to add more as we grow and add to our West family. If you know someone who can help, then please contact Principal Vroman at Megan.Vroman@dc.gov.

Important Dates to Remember...

- **March 16**—Chat-n-Chew with Principal Vroman (5 PM)
- **March 16**—PSCO Meeting (6 PM)
- **March 31**—End of Term (No school)
- **April 6**—Family Appreciation Night (6 PM)
- **April 10**—Honors Assembly (9 AM)