



## *Westview P.S.* **FEBRUARY 2025**



### Principal's Message

Welcome to April! Spring weather comes with its own challenges at school. We recognize the benefits that daily exercise, fresh air and the opportunity to socialize with peers has on student well being, engagement and learning.

With the arrival of spring, we also anticipate rain. On rainy mornings, students will be admitted into the school starting at 8:35 am where our supervision will take place in the classrooms until our day starts at 8:50. We ask that you do not drop off your children prior to 8:35 as there is no supervision until that time.

**School Council** —A reminder that our next School Council meeting is planned for Tuesday April 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the school library. An online TEAMS version will also be available for those that express interest. Any parent or guardian of a current Westview student is welcome to attend.

**Open House** – we will be having our Open House during Education Week. It will be on Thursday, May 8th from 4pm to 5:30 pm. Come out and hear our Choir and Band perform in the gym from 4:15 am to 5:15 am, see students work displayed, and say hello to our staff.

**Grade 8 Camp Onondaga Trip Parent Information Night** is Tuesday April 15th at 6pm in the gymnasium. Participants will be able to enter a draw to get 50% off their child's trip!

### **Class Placements 2025/2026**

As we head into the final months of the school year the planning process is underway for organizing classroom groupings for next year. We group children so that there are a variety of academic levels in each class allowing for the flexibility needed to create a variety of instructional groups. Teachers will meet with school administration to discuss the needs of each student. Some of the issues discussed and considered are:

- a) balance of ability, interests, and talents
- b) balance of males/females
- c) learning styles of students
- d) teaching styles of teachers
- e) diversity
- f) resources and remedial needs, enrichment needs
- g) students to be kept together or separated because of the positive/negative influence on each other's learning.

We appreciate your trust in our professional judgment in balancing the considerations mentioned above. The final decision for class placements is the responsibility of the principal. The staff is a dedicated team of professionals. Years of meeting the learning and social/emotional needs of students give them the unique qualifications to make these decisions. It takes hours of discussion, reflection, revision and consideration of alternatives to arrive at the best possible organization for our school while working within the parameters set by the Board. If you have further information regarding your child's learning needs that we should consider, please make sure you have discussed the specifics with your child's teacher. We will not entertain requests for specific teachers, split grades vs. straight, or groupings of students.

### **Dates to Remember**

#### **April 2nd**

- World Autism Day
- International Children's Book Day

#### **April 6th**

- International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

#### **April 10th**

- Mahavir Jayanti

#### **April 12th**

- International Day of Pink
- Pesach (First day of Passover)

#### **April 13th**

- Theravada New Year (Buddhism)

#### **April 15th**

- Parent Council - 5:30 pm
- Camp Onondaga Parent Information Night – 6 :00 pm

#### **April 14th**

- Vaisakhi/Khalsa Day (Sikh)

#### **April 17th**

- Ram Navami (Hinduism)
- Spring Fling at Westview – bring a tooney!

#### **April 18th**

- Good Friday (No School)

#### **April 21st**

- Easter Monday (No School)



**April 20th**

- Easter Sunday
- First Day of Ridvan (Bahai)
- Start of National Volunteer Week
- Pesach (Last day of Passover)

**April 21st**

- Easter Monday (No School)

**April 22nd**

- Earth Day

**April 23rd**

- Administrative Professionals Day
- Bandfest
- Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Remembrance Day

**April 30th**

- French Movie Trip – grade 7

**May 1st**

- Swim Meet

**May 7th**

- Orienteering Trip

**May 8th**

- Open House 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

**May 12th**

- Grade 7 Immunizations

**May 13th**

- Forge FC Soccer Game Trip

**May 21st to 23rd**

- Grade 8 Camp Onondaga Trip

**May 22nd**

- Blue Jays game/Aquarium trip grade 7

