

# West Road School's December 2021 Parent Newsletter

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Hello West Road families,

I hope that all our families had a peaceful Thanksgiving, filled with quality time with loved ones. On behalf of the West Rd staff and faculty I would like to extend our gratitude for all you do for our school community. We truly could not do this without you.

The end of the first trimester is quickly approaching and we have two days scheduled for parent teacher conferences. These dates are December 2nd, school will be closed to students, and December 9th, when school will be in session for a half day. These conferences provide you, as parents, with an opportunity to talk about your child's progress in school and make plans to move forward. I would encourage you to celebrate all your children have accomplished and see all things through a positive lense.

As we continue to work towards providing a challenging academic program for our students I would like to advise that our 100 day goals are now posted on our website for review. Our focus relates to literacy and building students' skills around emotional regulation. We will also be sharing these goals with our students.

It is important to me that we are continuously improving how we communicate with our school community. I would encourage you to visit our website frequently, sign up for School Messenger, if you haven't already done so, and follow us on Twitter @ThamesStacey. <https://twitter.com/ThamesStacey>

Regards,  
Ms. Thames

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## Calendar Update

School will be **closed Thurs. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>** for Parent/Teacher conferences.

There is a **half day Thurs. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** for Parent/Teacher conferences.

School will be **closed Fri. Dec. 24 through Fri. Dec. 31** for the holiday recess. Classes resume **Mon. Jan. 3rd**.

As always, our monthly calendar can also be found on our website : [West Road Calendar](#)

There will be **no school Thurs. Dec. 2<sup>th</sup>** for Parent/Teacher Conference Day. The snow date is Friday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact your child's teacher if you do not have an appointment set. There is also a **half day** for Parent /Teacher conferences on **Thurs. Dec 9<sup>th</sup>** (snow date Friday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>) Dismissal will begin at 11:15.

## Clinicians Corner

Throughout the school year, we will be building our Social and Emotional awareness by focusing on different themes each month. For the month of November, we promoted the importance of showing **RESPECT** within our school community. Students were recognized for demonstrating **kindness, manners, honesty, and a willingness to help others**. Teachers and students were encouraged to "catch" each other displaying these characteristics, and were acknowledged by having their name put up on the bulletin board as well as receiving a special certificate. For the month of December, our theme will be **EMPATHY**. We will be looking for students to demonstrate a willingness to understand and acknowledge the feelings of others. We appreciate your ongoing support as we work together to continue to build a positive community at West Road School! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [scarruthers@acsdeny.org](mailto:scarruthers@acsdeny.org) or [kurso@acsdeny.org](mailto:kurso@acsdeny.org).



## Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations for our food drive! With your help we were able to donate 20 boxes of food to our local food pantry! A special thank you to Mrs. Renzo's class for helping to organize and distribute the boxes.

## Notes from the Health office



If your student receives a dose of the covid vaccine and is not feeling well within the following 3 days, proof of vaccination may be accepted to return to school . If you would like the Health Office to have documentation on file of your student receiving the covid vaccine, please email or fax a picture of their vaccine card to [mcardella@acsdeny.org](mailto:mcardella@acsdeny.org) or (845)350-4181.

## Spirit Day for Traver Rd and West Rd Schools

### Upcoming Spirit Days:

**Thurs. Dec. 23rd** - Pajama day!!

**Fri. Jan. 28th** - Hat/Sunglass day!

## Pleasant Valley PTA

Our next PTA general meeting will be held **Dec. 1 at 5:30 PM**. Come find out how you can get involved in our school community!

The book fair at West Road school will be on **Dec. 7-9**. Students will be able to shop during the school day with cash or using their Scholastic e-wallet.

Haven't renewed your membership yet? Show your support for all we do locally, statewide, and nationally for just \$6 – <https://pvpta.memberhub.com/>.



## Friendly Reminders

- The weather has begun to get much colder- please make sure your child is prepared to go outside **EVERY** day.
- Please remind your child to check the lost and found! We have a lot of items and their missing item may be there!
- Our School day begins at 8:50. If your child arrives after 8:50 they are marked late for the day, and may miss part of their morning routines.

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## **Yearbook Information**

**Yearbook Cover Contest** – Original cover artwork will be requested for the PTA Student Yearbook. The voting on this year's theme is still occurring. We will be reaching out with information about the rules and theme information soon.

**Yearbook Ads** – There are 4 different advertising options to help support our Traver Road/West Road Schools' yearbook. If you are interested in advertising in the 2021-2022 yearbook, please contact Erin Thomas at YearbookPVPTA@gmail.com.

**Yearbook Orders** Yearbook order forms have been distributed. If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook, please send paper orders (with payment) to school with your child or order online at [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate), code 1015794715444351. All fifth grade students receive a **complimentary copy** as a gift from the P.V.P.T.A. in June.