

# West Road School's June 2019 Parent Newsletter

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## Calendar Update

**Fri. June 7<sup>th</sup>** – This will be a HALF DAY of school. West Road School students will be **dismissed starting at 11:15** to allow for staff to work on student assessment activities. Lunch may be pre-ordered.

**Fri. June 14<sup>th</sup>** – Flag Day: Wear red, white & blue

**Tues. June 25<sup>th</sup>** - Final Day of School. It is a full day. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

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## Traver and West Combined Field Day

We will be holding our second annual combined Field Day with Traver Road School on **Thurs., June 13<sup>th</sup>**. (Raindate is Mon., June 17<sup>th</sup>). There will be some combined Traver and West stations too, so assigned shirt colors are important. The day will run from 9:00 – 12:30 with a bagged lunch being held from 12:00 -12:30 outside for all. Lunches can be pre-ordered through the cafeteria in advance. We need lots of volunteers to help lead the stations and parking will be limited to those volunteers. We will try our best to consolidate staff parking at both schools, but if any parents from Traver want to car pool over to West Road that might help alleviate some of the parking concerns. We appreciate any and all help and please contact one of the gym teachers if you would like to volunteer to run a station on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

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## Fifth Grade Moving Up Ceremony

The Fifth Grade students will have their Moving-Up Ceremony at 9:30AM on **Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** on the front lawn of West Road School. We ask that parents and family members kindly bring their own chairs. *In case of rain*, we will hold the ceremony at 9:30 AM in the Arlington High School auditorium. The decision to change location will be made by 7 AM and be posted on the school's website.

Grade 5 students will be treated to an Ice Cream Social the afternoon of **June 24<sup>th</sup>** and have an opportunity to have friends sign their yearbooks during this time. The P.V. PTA generously sponsors all of our Fifth Grade Moving-Up activities.

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## "Feed and Read" Program

West Road Intermediate School wants to share with you an exciting new program we are starting this summer, called "Feed and Read". This summer program will provide food packages and books to families over the summer each week.

\* 29% of West Road School's students receive Free and Reduced lunch during the school year! Many of our children are in need of food at home, especially during the summer.

\* Children who don't read during the summer have lower reading scores in September. Visiting a library during the summer can be challenging for some.

\* West Road School is working with the community to build a "Feed and Read" program, which will provide food and books for our families who are in need of food throughout the summer.

We would also appreciate any gift card donations to supermarkets or large box stores such as Sam's Club or BJ's.

If you believe a family would benefit, please email your child's teacher or fill out a form, available on line, as soon as possible.

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## Pleasant Valley PTA News

The next PTA meeting will be held at Traver Road School on **Tues. June 11<sup>th</sup>**. Officer positions are still available. If you are interested in applying for a position, please contact the PVPTA through [pvptanomination@gmail.com](mailto:pvptanomination@gmail.com). You must be a current PVPTA member to be considered for an executive board member. The meeting will be a thank you to volunteers, voting in new board members and approving next year's PTA budget.

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## Budget Vote

Thank you to all who supported the school budget. The budget and the bus proposition both passed. Congratulations to Mark Torintoro, Marion Quinn and Kelly Cahill Chenski for their election to the Board of Education.

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## News From the Library

**Check Out Ending** - The last day for books to be checked out will be **Fri. June 7<sup>th</sup>**. All library materials must be returned by **Fri. June 14<sup>th</sup>**. Mrs. Cioffi will be holding a book swap starting **June 10<sup>th</sup>**. Students who return all library materials will be allowed to get a gently used book to read over the summer.

**Library Cards** - The Pleasant Valley librarian, Ms. Poplees, will visit 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades during library. She will issue library cards for students who return completed applications and to discuss the summer reading program.

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## Notes from the Nurse

**Medications:** As the school year comes to an end, this is a reminder that your child's medication must be picked up by an adult. Medication left in the Health Office **after Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> will be discarded.**

**TDap and Varicella (Chicken Pox) Immunizations:** NY State Public Health Law requires all students enrolled in 6<sup>th</sup> grade receive TDap and Varicella immunizations. Please understand that by law, *the District must exclude your child from entering middle school in September 2019* if proof has not been provided.

**Absence Notes:** To avoid getting your child noted as having an unexcused absence, please complete any blue absence notes, sent home from the Health Office. Please send them back to school with your child as soon as possible.

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## One School, One Book Events

**Wishtree:** Thank you to all the staff members who volunteered to read chapters that were then posted online for our families to utilize each evening. Special thank you to Dr. Brown, who read the first two chapters at our book reveal assembly. Also, thank you to Ms. Deickler and the Bucket Brigade and Mrs. Sizemore and the Drill Team for helping with our two assemblies. Our culminating activities, that were planned by the One School, One Book Committee, will take place **Fri. June 7<sup>th</sup>** with all students receiving special gifts.

**Book Swap:** We are looking for gently used chapter books to be donated to help support Mrs. Cioffi's book swap and to help our students continue to read over the summer. With us just completing our OSOB read, we hope families will read at least two books this summer. Your donations will help get chapter books into our students' homes for the summer. These books will also help supply books for our Feed and Read program if there are extras.

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## Childcare Provider Information

To ensure the safety of our students and minimize confusion for bus drivers, school staff, and families, the transportation department has stated that **bus passes will not be issued during the two weeks of school.**

In order for bus transportation to occur for pick up or drop off from a childcare provider to begin on the **first day of school, Thurs., SEPTEMBER 5, 2019, a Childcare Transportation Request Form must be received by Transportation no later than August 15, 2019.** The required form is available on the district website or at your child's school. **A new form must be completed each year.** If a request is received after August 14<sup>th</sup>, *transportation arrangements may not be provided until Mon., Sept. 16, 2019.*

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