

West Road School's May 2022 Parent Newsletter



Calendar Update

School will be **closed May 26, 27 and 30** for the Memorial Day holiday.

There is a **half day Friday May 20th**.

School Spirit Day- To coincide with our one school one book theme, our spirit day on **Wednesday, May 4th** is "May the Fourth be with You."

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

Attendance Matters

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves. Start building this habit in elementary school so children learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important.

Good attendance will help children do well in middle school, high school, college and at work.

Counselors 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 April, we promoted the importance of demonstrating **INTEGRITY** within our school community. Our theme for the month of May is **Mindfulness**. What does mindfulness mean? **Mindfulness** means to pay attention to our environment with kindness and curiosity. How can we be mindful? We can practice being mindful by paying attention to what we see, what we hear, and what we feel in our surroundings. Why should we learn to be mindful? Students who are mindful stay calm during stressful situations, learn more easily, and feel happy and comfortable at school. Learning how to be mindful will help us as students and as adults. We now have a "Mindfulness Room" at our school where students and staff can take the opportunity to learn more about the benefits of mindfulness. 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@acsdny.org or kurso@acsdny.org.



One School, One Book

We revealed our *One School, One Book* title on Monday May 2nd. The book we will be reading this year is Shine! by J.J. and Chris Grabenstein.

Every family will receive a copy of this book and we ask for you to read it at home during the months of May and June. Reading should take place each night Monday through Thursday. We are reserving Friday nights and the weekends to get caught up on reading. Books will be distributed by May 3rd along with a parent letter, and calendar of questions to think about while reading.

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Notes from the Health office

The Health Office has home COVID tests available for families. NYS is still requiring students to be cleared when ill. Please call us if you would like your student to be sent with 1 or more boxes for your family. Please call the health office at 635-4309 or email mcardella@acsdny.org with any questions.

As a reminder, if your student is not feeling well, has tested positive for COVID 19 or has been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID 19 outside of school please call the Health Office.

Code of Conduct Reminders

As we near the end of the school year, please take the time to review the [code of conduct summary](#) with your student.

Budget Voting

The Arlington Budget and School Board vote will be held on **Tues. May 17th** with voting hours from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Our attendance zone residents should vote at Traver Rd. School. For information about the budget and candidates please visit the 2022 [Budget Vote and Board of Education Election](#).

Absentee ballots are available to residents who will be out of town or who are unable to go to the polls due to illness or disability. To vote by absentee ballot, you must first fill out an application. Contact the district clerk at 486-4460 ext. 20212.

If you would like an absentee ballot mailed to you, we must receive your application by May 10. If you plan to pick up your ballot, we must receive your application by May 16. The district clerk must receive completed absentee ballots by 5:00 PM on May 17.

Spring Concerts

The 5th Grade concert will be held **Wednesday, May 11th**, and the 4th Grade concert will be held **Thursday, May 12th**. Both concerts will be held at 6:00pm in the gymnasium. In an effort to help everyone's comfort level in the smaller space, we will also be offering a daytime concert at 1:30 each day.

Class Placement

We are interested in any input you can give us about your child's needs as well as general information and concerns you might have about placement, such as avoiding placement with a relative or close friend or avoiding placement with a teacher who taught a sibling, if that would not be best for the next child. Parent/guardian input does not guarantee that requests will be honored. **Please do not ask for a specific teacher, we do not accept teacher requests.**

If you decide to send us your comments, please complete this google form and submit no later than Friday, May 6, 2022. Please complete one form for each 3rd or 4th grade child you have attending West Road School this year. [The form can be found here](#)

Pleasant Valley PTA

Save the Dates:

May 6: PVPTA Meeting @ 11:30 a.m. Zoom

June 8: PVPTA Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

June 10: End of Year Party

It's never too late to sign up or renew your membership! Show your support for all we do locally, statewide, and nationally for just \$6 – <https://pvpta.memberhub.com/>.

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Thank you to all of our West Road families who have completed the Arlington family-school relationship survey. Your feedback matters! The survey was sent again to those who have not yet completed it.

What You Need to Know:

- The survey will be from the email address support+arlingtoncsd@panoramed.com
- The survey is confidential – Panorama will never share your individual responses with us
- You will receive a unique code for your family
- The survey only takes 5 minutes to complete for each child
- **We have extended the survey window until Tuesday, May 17**
- If you did not receive the survey, please email keycommunicator@acsdny.org and we will send you a link to Panorama's secure portal!