

# Westwood Intermediate School . . .



a supportive community focused on working together to ensure our students' academic, social, and emotional growth to achieve the Spring Lake Park Essential Learning Outcomes.

## From the desk of the principal ... Mr. Larson

During the next three weeks each classroom will be taking the MAP, NWEA, test. Your child's teacher will let you know when their class will be testing. Students will take both the reading and math portions of the test.

Results will be provided to you at conferences. The test data is utilized to determine how your child is doing against the national norm. The data is also used to help us determine areas of strength and areas for improvement in both reading and math.

### Panther Partners Volunteer Program

We are working diligently to meet the needs of every child at Westwood. Parents are a critical element in creating this year of learning for children. Panther Partners is a parent volunteer program set up to support students in the academic process through basic skill building and enrichment activities. This is a great opportunity to work with a child one on one, or in a small group to make a difference. The program is open to all students. If you are interested in helping a child with math, reading with a child, assisting with a research project, helping a child write a book, or other types of activities, the program is flexible and you can volunteer once, weekly or even daily. For more information, please contact Paula Lanoue at 763-784-8551 or [planou@district16.org](mailto:planou@district16.org)

Also, Panther Partner interest forms can be obtained at the WWIS web site under Panther Partners. These can be completed and returned to your child's teacher.

## PTO Corner

**PTO Meeting Thursday, September, 15  
6: 30—Media Center**

We will be holding our Fall Fundraiser on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This year we will be holding a pledge event, with three different activities for the kids to participate in, similar to a Triathlon. 100% of the profits go to support your child at Westwood – field trip busses, planners, community events, art, music, art masterpiece, PE supplies and more. We hope that each child can raise at least \$25 so that we can achieve our total goal of \$20k.

Prizes will be awarded to students, classrooms, and teams.

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Sept. 14, 2011

### Upcoming Events for Sept. & Oct.

Sept. 29- Fall Picture Day  
Sept. 20- Homecoming  
Oct. 1- Panther Foundation Fun Walk/Run (HS)  
Oct. 6- PTO Meeting 6:30pm  
Oct. 13- Early Release Day- 1:15pm  
Oct. 14- No School  
Oct. 19-21- No School



#### Hand-me-downs:

The nurse's office is looking for gently used clothes - sweatpants, t-shirts, sweatshirts, tennis shoes, jackets - in smaller sizes for our Kindergarten/Grade 1 students. If you have a few items you would like to donate please contact the nurses office at 763-783-5404. These items will be used for students who may need replacement clothing during their school day.

### Conferences October 17, 18, 19

Conference preference times are in your Wednesday folder. Please return the form by next Friday, September, 23. The conference form with your date and time will be sent home with students on October 5th.

### Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

Applications for free and reduced lunches are due Oct. 1. Each year parents/guardians need to apply/re-apply for this status. If you have not completed one for this year you or your child can stop into the office to pick up a form.

### Fluency Assessments

All of our students in grades four and five have been assessed in the area of reading fluency in the first few weeks of school through a DIBELS assessment.

What are DIBELS? The DIBELS assessment measures reading fluency. Students at a 4th grade reading level should be reading 118 wpm and a 5th grader should be reading 124 wpm. We utilize this assessment as a quick check to determine if a child is struggling or at risk in the area of reading. Reading fluency is a predictor of how well a student is reading. If a child is not fluent we then determine why by completing other assessments.

**OCTOBER 1**  
**SPRING LAKE PARK HIGH SCHOOL**  
 1100 81st Avenue NE, Spring Lake Park MN 55432

**CHECK-IN: 1:00pm**  
**WALK/RUN START: 2:00pm**

**FEES:**  
 Walk/Run Participant:  
 including Event T-Shirt &  
 Family Fun Event Admission  
 \$15 - Adult  
 \$10 - Youth  
 \$50 - Family

Family Fun Event Admission Only  
 \$5 or \$20 for Family



**SPONSORED BY:**



**Family Fun Event 1:00-5:00PM**  
 Food, Giant Inflatable Bouncers, Children's Activities, and entertainment by  
 DJ Dean Downs and Spring Lake Park High School student Bands!

**REGISTER ONLINE** at [www.PantherFoundation.org](http://www.PantherFoundation.org)  
 or mail in the form below.

**Questions?**

Contact us at 763-795-5155 or email [pantherfoundation@district16.org](mailto:pantherfoundation@district16.org)



**OFFICIAL MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM**

Complete this registration form along with your check (made out to: Panther Foundation and mail to: 1415 - 81st Avenue NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432)

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX:  M  F

YOUR ADULT T-SHIRT SIZE (circle one)  
 S M L XL XXL

SCHOOL (circle all that apply) HS MS WWI NP WC PT EC LAC

**FAMILY/GROUP**

NAME: _____	ADULT T-SHIRT SIZE (circle one)
NAME: _____	S M L XL XXL
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Knowingly and at my own risk I do hereby apply to enter an athletic contest. I hereby agree that I release and discharge the Spring Lake Park School District and other parties associated with the Panther Foundation Family Fun Walk & Run from all claims, demands, injuries, damages, actions or causes of action from all activities of active or passive negligence on the part of such corporation, organization, clubs, their servants, agents or employees, and hereby assume all the risks associated with my participation in the event. Further, I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use my name, likeness and voice, as well as any photographs, videotape, motion pictures, recordings and any other record of this event in which I may appear for any legitimate purpose including broadcast of the event, the reuse in any media of this broadcast and in advertising and promotion.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

CO-SIGNATURE  
 (GUARDIAN IF UNDER 18)