

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

K-3 Programming and Boundary Study update

The final phase of the school district's K-3 Programming and Boundary Study proceeds with several meetings of the parent Input Team, preceding opportunities for the community to provide review and comment -online, or at December 20th meetings-- on scenarios for 2012-13 identified as viable options.

The district is seeking a boundary and programming plan that utilizes school district facilities effectively and efficiently; addresses growth and placement of choice options, including the Spanish Immersion Program currently housed at Westwood Intermediate School; and effectively manages current and future enrollment trends.

Options for consideration will be available to the school community for review -and an opportunity to provide feedback-- on the district's website before December 20.

Community Informational Sessions to provide opportunities for review and comment on options being considered have also been scheduled. Meetings will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 6:00 pm, in the District Services Center, 1415 81st Avenue NE, Spring Lake Park; and Tuesday, Dec. 20, 7:00 pm, Spanish Immersion at Westwood Complex, 701 91st Avenue NE, Blaine.

In early January the parent Input Team will review parent, community, and staff responses to programming and boundary options, and prepare additional feedback for use by the Design Team.

There will be ongoing updates to the school board, community, and staff through the anticipated recommendation for the 2012-13 school year to the Board in February.

A more detailed article, with additional details and history on the study, is available on the Westwood Intermediate website home page.

Student Council News

- Cold weather and snow are here! Many families struggle with keeping warm during winter months. The Student Council will be collecting warm hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, and socks to be donated to the Community Emergency Assistance Program. The project will run through Dec. 16th.



PTO Corner

**PTO Meeting Thursday, December 8
6:30—Media Center—child care provided**

**Westwood Intermediate Sweatshirts and T-Shirts are still available. Limited sizes remain. Please contact the Main Office if you'd like purchase one.
T-Shirts \$10 Sweatshirts \$20**

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Dec. 7, 2011

Upcoming Events for Dec. & Jan.

- Dec. 8-** PTO Meeting 6:30 pm Media Center
- Dec. 21-** Gr. 5A Field Trip to Shoreview Community Center
- Dec. 22-** Gr. 5B & 5C Field Trip to Maple Grove Community Center
- Dec. 23- Jan. 2-** No School, Winter Break

Report Cards

Report Cards will be going home with students on Friday, Dec. 9. The report card is one tool we use to communicate progress to families. The report card reflects critical standards your child will learn this year.

Spring Lake Park Schools uses a standard based report card in the Elementary Schools. A standards based report card provides information to you and the student on how an individual is progressing towards meeting a specific learning target. The mark your child will receive reflects where your child is currently, compared to where we would like them to be at the end of the year. **For this reason many of our students will be marked approaching the standard.** If the standard has not been taught yet an NA will be given for that standard. All standards are taught and assessed by the end of the year in each grade level.

If you have questions about a specific grade on the report card you can contact your child's teacher. If you have a question about the report card please give the building principal a call. Thank you.

Heat up with Chili's December Dine to Donate

Bring your voucher into Chili's of Blaine (109th and Hwy 65) when you dine and Chili's will donate a portion of the food and beverage sales back to Westwood School! Vouchers are available on page 2 of this weeks' newsletter posted online.
http://www.springlakeparkschools.org/schools/wwi/wwi_news.asp

We raised approximately \$150.00 with the Perkin's fundraiser.
Thank you for your support!



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Bring this voucher when you visit (Dine In or To Go) the **Chili's** location identified below and 10% of your purchase (excluding taxes) will benefit:

**WESTWOOD
INTERMEDIATE PTO**

Group/Charity

December & January

Event/Exp. Date

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