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Hello West Park Elementary Families!

Congratulations to all our Wildcats on reaching the end of our first semester! Please remember, there will be no school Friday, January 26 and Monday, January 29 due to teacher workdays and professional development. All our Wildcats will be returning on Tuesday, January 30. Report cards for the first semester will be sent home Wednesday, January 31. Please note, the report card can stay home, but please have your student return the envelope with a parent signature. Thank you!

Please see below for important dates and happenings headed our way.

#### **PAT Teacher Appreciation! Monday, January 29**

- On Monday, January 29 THE PAT will be providing soup, salad and dessert for our teachers during their workday. Details are in the link, but if you can provide a soup or salad and need help with dropping it off, please let the PAT know.
- Thank you for your help in caring for our amazing staff!
- Link for PAT Soup/Salad Sign Up:
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4CABAA29A3FB6-47436798-teacher>

#### **Adventure Club Update!**

- The Adventure Club is planning to reopen the Russell Adventure Club site on January 30th.
- West Park students attending Adventure Club will be bused to Russell.
- There are 10 to 15 openings for new registrants. Enrollment numbers are limited to maintain flexibility when needing to merge the site into a single location for the last few weeks of the school year.
- There are also full days at McDonald on January 26th and 29th from 8:00-5:00.
- Please use the parent portal link if interested: [www.ezchildtrack.com/adventure/parent](http://www.ezchildtrack.com/adventure/parent).
- ATTACHMENT

#### **Valentine's Day Fundraiser**

- Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and we have a delightful way for you to spread love while supporting our school's Ice-Skating Night this spring!
- We are thrilled to announce our See's Candy Fundraiser, where the proceeds will directly contribute to funding upcoming educational adventures for our students.
- Please see the link below as the deadline for orders is January 26!
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### **Mid-Year Assessments**

- Teachers and staff will be assessing students to determine their academic growth from when they started at the beginning of the year.
- This will give parents up to date and accurate information on report cards that will be sent home on January 31.
- On January 26 & 29 each grade level team will be meeting with the Title 1 teacher, Special Education teacher, Extended Learning teacher, English Second Language teacher, School Counselor, and myself to review the mid-year data and adjust instructional groups.
- These meetings are invaluable to our staff and a key component to our student academic growth each year.

### **Friday, January 26 – No School – Teacher Workday**

### **Monday, January 29 – No School – Teacher Workday/Teacher Professional Development**

### **Tuesday, January 30 – Start of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester!**

- Report cards for our first semester will be sent home this week.
- All grades will reflect expected student performance up to this point in the school year.
- Please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teacher with any questions.

### **Wednesday, February 7 – Polar Walk!**

- Families are encouraged to walk to school on this date!
- Families unable to walk are invited to drop their students off at the U of I Rec Center to participate in a walking school bus!
- Students can arrive between 7:45am-7:55am.
- University students will then lead the walking school bus to WPE at 8:00am!
- Parents are invited to join the walking school bus!
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### **Monday, February 19 – No School – Presidents' Day**

### **Thursday, February 22 – West Park/Russell PAT BINGO Night!**

- Our amazing Parent Action Team (PAT) will be hosting a BINGO Night at the 1912 Center!
- 5:15pm-6:00pm Nacho Bar! (\$3 kids / \$5 adults)

- 6:00pm – 7:30pm BINGO!
- BINGO card prices:
  - o 1 Free Card per game for each student. \$3 for an adult card or additional cards.
- ATTACHMENT

#### **Thursday, February 29 – Title I Math Night!**

- SAVE THE DATE!
- We will be holding a special Title I Math Night full of food, fun, and math activities for the whole family!
- More details will be shared closer to the date.

#### **West Park/Russell Spirit Wear!**

- Click on the link below to order all of your WPE spirit gear!
- FYI... The online store will remain open throughout the year.
- Thank you to the West Park/Russell PAT and Moscow Apparel for creating this awesome online store!
- [https://westparkrussell.spiritsale.com/?mibextid=Zxz2cZ&fbclid=IwAR1KqONc72pBnvu4EqQ10D\\_FpZWpzFPF6Ruije58XrjVrVYptuiwOfIF5ko](https://westparkrussell.spiritsale.com/?mibextid=Zxz2cZ&fbclid=IwAR1KqONc72pBnvu4EqQ10D_FpZWpzFPF6Ruije58XrjVrVYptuiwOfIF5ko)

#### **Communication**

- Please be sure to check out our Facebook page and school website for regular updates!
- <https://www.facebook.com/West-Park-Elementary-School-1673846729595032>
- <https://westpark.msd281.org/>

Go Wildcats!

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