



West Jefferson Elementary School News

October 2018

Calendar of Events

303.982.2975
Main Phone

303-982-2967
Attendance

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West Jefferson
Website](#)

West Jefferson
Elementary School
26501 Barkley Rd.
Conifer, CO 80433

October

3	Superhero Sprint
4	PTA meeting is at 6pm at JJ Madwells
11	Health & Wellness Meeting 4:00 pm
12	No School
18	Hearing & Vision Screening
	BAM Meeting 4:30pm
23 & 25	Parent Teacher Conferences
22-26	Book Fair
26	Trunk or Treat
31	Fall Parties



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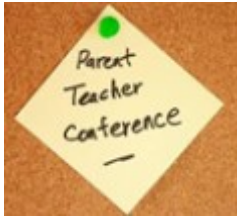
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Kleenex Donations for the Healthy Room

As our weather changes, it seems we are needing tissues in the healthy room more than ever. If you have any unopened boxes, please have your child bring them to the office for our healthy room. We always appreciate any donations.



Fall Conferences



Our Fall Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences are happening a little later than usual this year. Our teachers will be staying late on October 23 and 25th to meet with all families. Teachers and students will share some of the work from their first language arts module and also share assessment and goal setting information. Please take a moment to sign up for your a 20-minute slot with your teacher. If you have other things you would like to discuss, your child's teacher can meet with you at another time to give you more time to talk.

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PTA Membership Drive

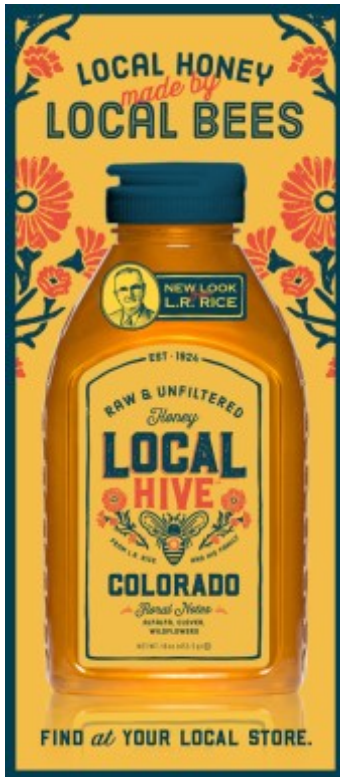
PTA is still hoping you will sign up to be a member if you haven't already. Mrs. Bradley's class is in the lead for our classroom contest, but you can still join! It only costs \$20 per person and you don't have to volunteer if you join. Of course, we always love volunteers, but your \$20 goes a long way to help provide the multitude of activities, events and opportunities brought to you by our PTA. So, if you haven't done so, please consider joining today! Membership forms are available at the school in the front entrance or by asking at the main office.



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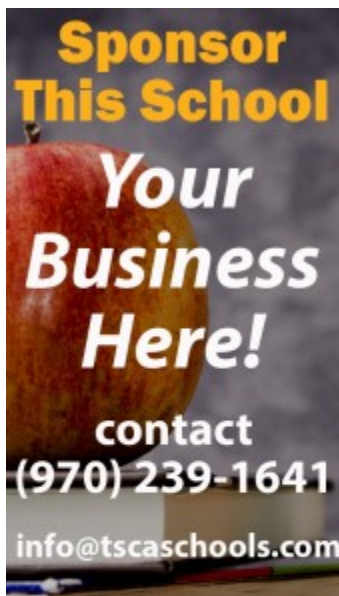
Book Fair

Walk into our Enchanted Forest of reading during the week of parent-teacher conferences. At our Scholastic Book Fair you will find hundreds of affordable and enticing books for your family. Students will preview the Book Fair on Friday, October 19 and bring home their wish lists. The Fair will be open Monday through Friday, October 22 - 26. Sales begin at 8:15 am and remain open until 3:45 pm, Monday through Thursday. On Tuesday and Thursday we will be open until 7pm. Friday, October 26 will close down at 2 pm.



Book Fairs make reading fun. When children choose their own books, they are more likely to read them. Learn more about our Book Fair [HERE](#).

Volunteers make the Book Fair successful. You can help with set-up, previews, sales/cashiering, or tear down. Check out [THIS SIGNUP GENIUS](#). Volunteers receive \$5 in Scholastic Dollars for volunteering for a two hour shift.



Volunteer in the Library?

Have a few minutes to help out at the school? Sign up to volunteer at our library this year:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScw-C_vzISAS47G_7g-4jicachzxkSFYDPWFwNPXtKT0XrGzg/viewform



Halloween

This year we will be having our Halloween Parties on Halloween on October 31st. Students should bring (NOT WEAR) costumes to school to be put on before the parade that starts at 2:15 pm. Parents who want to watch, can line up outside of the outside classroom doors. Students will walk all the way around the building and re-enter their classrooms. Parents who are setting up for the party can start at 2:15 and will be able to do it during the parade. Some decorations may already be up. Please talk to your child's teacher for more information about that. Our parties will last from 2:30-3:30. Please remind students that costumes must be safe and not threatening. No weapons (fake OR real) can be brought on that day. Students ages 3 and up will be seeing the costumes, so please avoid too much gore.



We are always looking for ways to keep our parties fun AND healthy and once again we are challenging parents to plan for at least 50% healthier foods. We are also doing a contest looking for the most CREATIVE HEALTHY SNACK. Good luck!

We look forward to seeing you all on Halloween!

Trunk or Treat



Our amazing PTA is hosting our Trunk-Or-Treat on Friday, October 26th from 6-8 pm. There is a candy collection contest for classrooms to bring donations for our Trunk-or-Treat night. We are still looking for volunteers to bring a decorated vehicle and pass out candy. Set up for cars will begin at 4:30 pm and there will be a contest for the best decorated vehicle with prizes! We are also hoping to have our hayride up and going! Scooters BBQ will also be onsite selling food. Click on this Sign Up Genius to have a car at the event:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10coe4dae2da5ff2-trunk>

Homework or Other Questions

Our teachers have been working diligently to increase and improve communication with families. Teachers spent time at the beginning of the year updating websites for our Back to School Curriculum Night. If you missed the night, you might not know that you now have a new-and-improved tool at your fingertips to know what is going on in your child's classroom. Please visit www.wjes.net and click on classrooms to get to the grade level page. You can then click on your child's teacher's website for more information. If you can't find something or it is outdated, please let your child's teacher know so they can update the website.



Habit Heroes

This Month, our students and staff will be focusing on **RESPECT** as our October Habit of Character. Student will continue to learn about how to be respectful to themselves, others and property. They learn about this during literacy as well as during their Social Emotional Learning Lessons and during our CREW time or Morning Meeting. They will be earning RED Habit Hero tickets for showing respect and will be able to turn them in for a prize when they have collected three. They can earn them in class, waiting for the bus, in the hallways, in Art, Music and PE, at lunch and recess and any time during the school day. We will be highlighting our Habit Heroes all throughout the school year. Ask your kids about it all through October!



Background Checks

Parents who volunteer in the classroom and work directly with students will need to submit a Background Check form. This background check is completed by Jeffco Public schools and the cost is covered by our PTA.

Watch D.O.G.S.

We love to have our Watch D.O.G.S. join us as much as possible. Please see Patty in the office to fill out a Background check, then sign up for a day on our Sign-Up Genius by clicking below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084caeac2ba57-watch4>



Sponsorship space in this newsletter is extremely affordable! Reach parents in your local community and a significant portion of your investment goes back to the school! Businesses that want to sponsor this school, please contact TSCA at info@tscaschools.com or 970-239-1641.



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Superhero Spirit

There is still time to collect donations or pledges for our Superhero Sprint Fundraiser. We would also love to have you join us on October 3rd and help us have fun and keep everyone safe. Please click on this link to the Sign Up Genius. Hope to see you there!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084caeac2ba57-superhero1>



Safety and Security

As always, safety is our number one concern. We do a monthly fire drill with our whole school. Also, once a year we do a Lock Down Drill in conjunction with our district's safety and security department and law enforcement. Please see the attachments for more information about safety and security within our buildings. If you ever see or hear something that looks suspicious or concerning, please call our office to let them know at 303-982-2975. You also should call 911 with anything that seems threatening to staff or students.



Kindness Cash Returns

Students will be earning "Kindness Cash" for extra kind deeds and using manners. This aligns with our focus on Respect for the month of October. Students will be able to redeem the Kindness Cash at the end of October at our Kindness Cash Store!

Health and Wellness

We could really use your great thinking on our Health and Wellness Committee. With students leaving for middle school, our team has shrunk. We have lots of fun ideas and plans but need more ideas. We also have some easy "help from home" opportunities. Please contact Chris Olsen at livelife@wispertel.net.

EL Education

We are halfway through Module 1 in our new resource; EL Education. We are still in need of supplies for this module, and are starting to collect supplies for Module 2. If you have any of these items and can donate them to the school, please bring them to the office.

Plastic or rubber spatulas
Building blocks
Hand and finger puppets
4 boxes of toothpicks
2 hair dryers
2 bags of cotton balls
2 Watering cans or squirt bottles
2 Class sets of Watercolor Paints
20 small flashlights
A box of Metal Book rings
Modeling Clay
Skewers
2 bags of Plaster mix (to create a “dig site”)
2 bags of sand (to create a “dig site”)
5-6 Chisels (to “dig” with)
5-6 small hammers
Several toothbrushes
Several pair of tweezers
2 boxes of plastic forks
2 boxes of plastic knives
Plaster of Paris
3-4 large mixing spoons

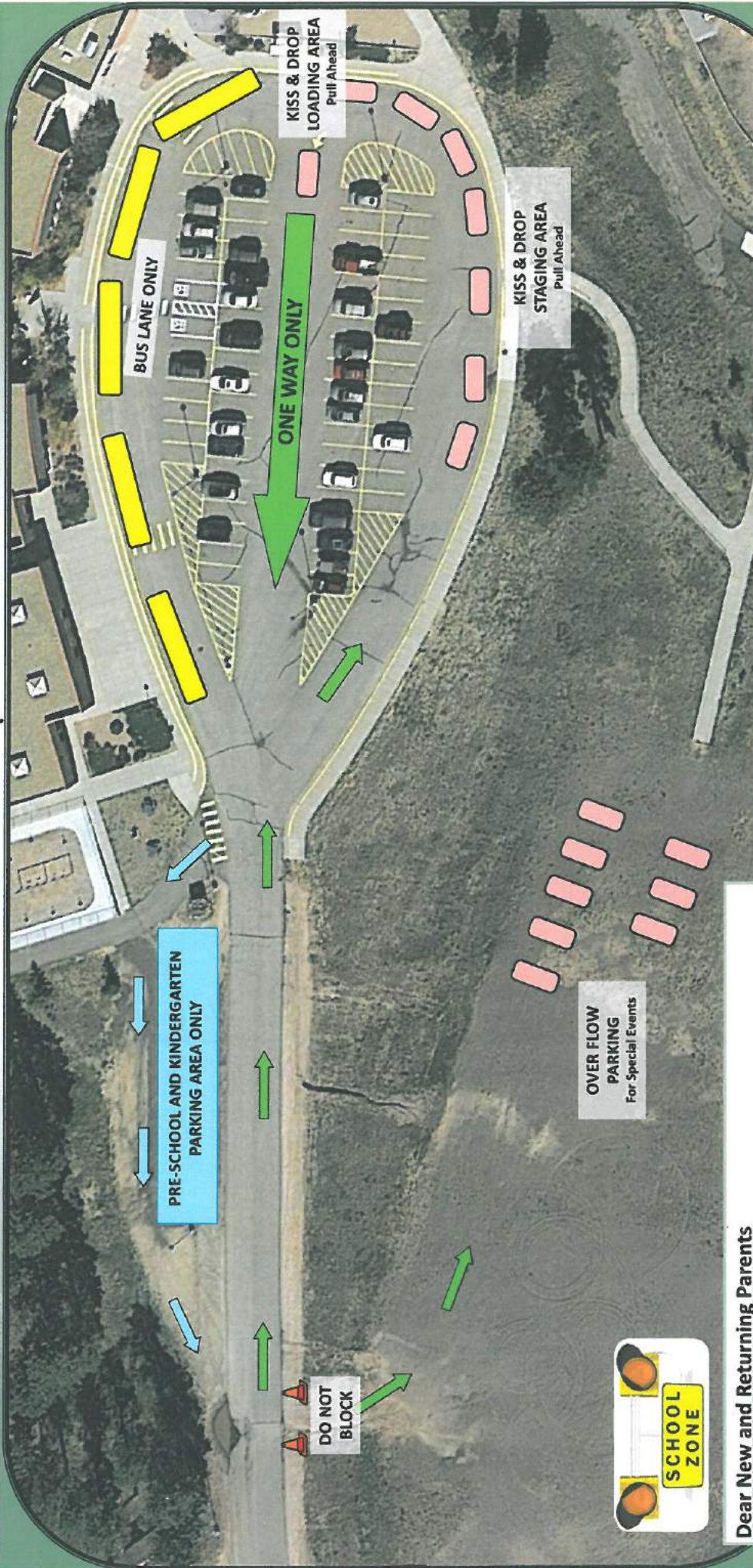
Thanks for helping us make learning meaningful and fun!

Parking Lot Safety

Please remember to drive safely in our parking lot. 5 miles per hour is the safest speed and shows you care for our students. We appreciate you staying off your phone when driving in our parking lot. Our map showing directions is in this newsletter. Please note that you may ONLY PARK in DESIGNATED PARKING SPOTS-NOT along the outside of the parking lot. This area is for picking up and dropping off students only. Thanks for helping keep our students and families safe!



PARKING MAP



Dear New and Returning Parents

Please help us keep our students safe and follow our parking lot guidelines!



- ◆ School Zone - Remember children make quick and unexpected movements
- ◆ ONE WAY - Obey One Way Signs at all times
- ◆ No Phone Zone - Refrain from using your cell phone while your vehicle is in motion
- ◆ Be courteous to fellow drivers
- ◆ Hold Hands & give lots of Hugs!

↑ All Regular Traffic

Pre-School & Kindergarten
Traffic Only

KISS & GO

Our parent drop off and pick up area is called "Kiss & Go"! Please stay in your vehicle and line up to wait for your child. On severe weather days students will be staged in the gym and called out by name as you approach the loading area.

If you choose to park and pick up your child on the side walk please park safely and use caution in the parking lot.

2018 BOND IMPROVEMENTS*



Conifer Articulation Area

	Build new facility on same property	Expand with addition	Remodel building interior	Additions/renovations for programs	Growth accommodations	Remove modular buildings	Security camera & lock updates	Secure entries & office locations	New, more secure exterior doors	More secure & energy-efficient windows	Update existing technology	Landscaping & field improvements	Update interior paint, wall-coverings	Update electrical wiring & increase capacity	Update HVAC, plumbing & piping	Repair & update caulking, trim & window sills	New paint to protect exterior	Commercial kitchen improvements	Parking lot & sidewalk improvements	Replace old playground equipment	Replace old furniture	Replace old carpet & floor tile	Replace movable partitions	Replace old sinks, cabinets & shelving	Replace interior lighting with LEDs	Replace old ceilings	Replace worn roofing
Conifer High		•	•	•		•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•				•		•	•	•		•		
Elk Creek Elementary							•	•			•	•	•	•	•					•	•	•	•		•		
Marshdale Elementary	•																										
West Jefferson Elementary							•	•			•		•					•			•			•			
West Jefferson Middle							•	•	•		•		•	•	•	•					•			•	•		

*Based on 2018 Capital Improvement Plan. Subject to project scope.

West Jefferson Elementary School Improvements

- Update security cameras & classroom security door hardware.
- Secure building vestibules, entries & office location.
- Update existing technology for student learning.
- Update old electrical wiring, panels & increase capacity.
- Parking lot improvements, sidewalk replacements.
- Replace interior lighting with energy-efficient LEDs.
- Replace old carpet & floor tile.



Age of Facility: 17 years (built in 2001)
Square Footage: 48,100

Enrollment: 343

**BUILDING
CONDITION:
FAIR**

***FCI: 11.9%**

*FCI is a measurement of the physical condition of the school's interior, exterior & grounds.

Good: less than 10%
Fair: 11% to 30%
Poor: greater than 30%.

Estimated cost of proposed improvements: \$688,499. Subject to change per final project scope.



With an emphasis on meeting the individual needs of Gifted and Talented students, Jeffco Schools' GT Centers offer experiences that foster meaningful growth for gifted learners. Find out more at:

www.jeffcopublicschools.org/programs/gifted_talented



GT CENTER SCHOOLS

CHALLENGE & SUPPORT FOR GT LEARNERS

Seventeen neighborhood schools house **GT Centers** throughout the district at the elementary, middle, and high school level. Teachers certified in gifted and talented education offer differentiated instruction to students with a variety of programming options including acceleration, enrichment, and social-emotional support. Families can learn more by attending our GT Center **Information Nights** at 4 Jeffco locations on **September 13**. *There will only be one application window -- **apply online by October 15** for a testing appointment on either Saturday, Oct 27 or Nov 3.*

Sept 13 GT Center Information Night Locations (6:30-8:00 PM):

- South Area: Ken Caryl Middle School
 - 6509 W Ken Caryl Ave, Littleton
- Central Area: Jeffco Schools Ed Center Board Room
 - 1829 Denver West Dr. #27, Golden
- North Area: North Arvada Middle School
 - 7285 Pierce St, Arvada
- Mountain Area: Evergreen Middle School
 - 2059 S Hiwan Dr, Evergreen

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STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL EXTENDED™

STUDENT SAFETY

A critical ingredient in the safe school recipe is the classroom response to an incident at school. Weather events, fire, accidents, intruders and other threats to student safety are scenarios that are planned and trained for by students, teachers, staff and administration.

SRP

Our school is expanding the safety program to include the Standard Response Protocol - Extended (SRPx). The SRPx is based on these five actions. Lockout, Lockdown, Evacuate, Shelter and Hold. In the event of an emergency, the action and appropriate direction will be called on the PA.

LOCKOUT - "Get Inside. Lock Outside Doors"

LOCKDOWN - "Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"

EVACUATE - "To the Announced Location"

SHELTER - "For a Hazard Using a Safety Strategy"

TRAINING

Please take a moment to review these actions. Students and staff will be trained and the school will drill these actions over the course of the school year.

More information can be found at
<http://iloveuguy.org>

LOCKOUT GET INSIDE. LOCK OUTSIDE DOORS

Lockout is called when there is a threat or hazard outside of the school building.



STUDENTS:

- Return to inside of building
- Do business as usual

TEACHERS

- Recover students and staff from outside building
- Increased situational awareness
- Do business as usual
- Take roll, account for students

LOCKDOWN LOCKS, LIGHTS, OUT OF SIGHT

Lockdown is called when there is a threat or hazard inside the school building.



STUDENTS:

- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence

TEACHERS:

- Lock classroom door
- Lights out
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Wait for First Responders to open door
- Take roll, account for students

EVACUATE TO A LOCATION

Evacuate is called to move students and staff from one location to another.



STUDENTS:

- Bring your phone
- Leave your stuff behind
- Form a single file line
- Show your hands
- Be prepared for alternatives during response.

TEACHERS:

- Grab roll sheet if possible
- Lead students to Evacuation Location
- Take roll, account for students

SHELTER FOR A HAZARD USING SAFETY STRATEGY

Shelter is called when the need for personal protection is necessary.



SAMPLE HAZARDS:

- Tornado
- Hazmat

SAMPLE SAFETY STRATEGIES:

- Evacuate to shelter area
- Seal the room

STUDENTS:

- Appropriate hazards and safety strategies

TEACHERS:

- Appropriate hazards and safety strategies
- Take roll, account for students

HOLD IN YOUR CLASSROOM

Hold is called when the hallways need to be kept clear, even during class changes.



STUDENTS:

- Remain in your classroom
- Do business as usual.

TEACHERS:

- Recover students and staff from hallways
- Close and lock classroom door
- Take roll, account for students