



# **WEST END ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

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West End Elementary School  
Mrs. Meghan Stefanucci, Principal

December 2024



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## **Message from the Principal**

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of the calendar year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to our students, families and staff for making this first half of the school year so great.

December is a time for reflection and celebration. Our students have shown incredible growth academically, socially and emotionally. I'm so proud of their hard work, curiosity, and kindness. Our teachers and staff have been dedicated to providing the best learning experiences, and I thank them for their passion and commitment.

This month, we have many exciting events and activities planned, including Santa's workshop, Holiday Spirit week and our Holiday Concert. These opportunities allow us to come together, celebrate our achievements, and strengthen our sense of community.

As we enjoy the season's festivities let's also remember the importance of giving and compassion. Encouraging our students to support others and practice gratitude helps build lifelong values.

I wish you and your family a joyful holiday season and a restful winter break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for a new year of learning and growth in January.

Warm regards,

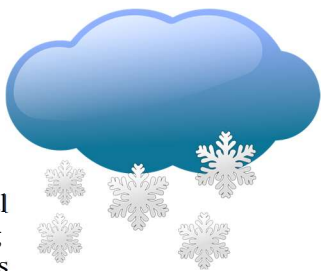
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## **Upcoming Events**

- 2      **No School**
- 3      **School Resumes**  
         **5<sup>th</sup> grade Owl Pellet Project**
- 10, 11, 13      **Santa's workshop (during library class)**
- 11      **6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to CCCTC**  
         **PTO meeting 5:30 p.m.**
- 13      **PTO Candy Cane Candy Gram \$ Due**
- 16      **PTO Raffle Ticket \$ Due**  
         **Holiday Spirit Day: Wear red, white and green**  
         **Winter Concert @ 6:30**
- 17      **Tree Topper Tuesday: Wear Santa hat or head band**
- 18      **You've Been Elfed: dress like an elf**  
         **Cookies with Santa 5:30 – 7:30**
- 19      **Ugly Sweater Day**
- 20      **Holiday Room Parties**  
         **Pajama Day**  
         **Candy Grams delivered to rooms**
- 23-Jan1      **Holiday Vacation**
- Jan 2      **School Resumes**

## Inclement Weather

This time of year, we can expect the possibility of school delays or closure due to inclement weather. Families will be notified of such an event through the Crawford Central automated phone calling system, as well as announcements on social media, websites, and area TV/radio broadcasts. Please do not call the school office for this information.



In case of a two-hour delay, everything will begin two hours after the usual time (bus schedules, school start time, etc.) and breakfast will not be served at school.

## No School

School will be closed for Christmas break from Monday, December 23 through Wednesday, January 1, 2025. School will resume Thursday, January 2, 2025.

## Career Exploration in December

Students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade will go to the Crawford Tech on December 11 to learn about the different programs that are offered and investigate possible career interests. Programs that will be explored include Auto Collision Technology, Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Computer and Information Sciences, Cooperative Education, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts and Restaurant Management, Diesel Technology, Drafting and Design Technology, Electrical Occupations, Electronics Technology, Health Occupations, HVAC Technology, Precision Machining, Veterinary Technology, and Welding. For more information about Crawford Tech visit their website at [www.crawfordctc.org](http://www.crawfordctc.org)

## December Nurse Notes

### Grade K & 6 Physicals

Just a reminder if you haven't turned in your child's physical, please do so. Pennsylvania requires ALL Kindergarten and 6th grade students to receive a physical. Physicals must be current, dated 8/28/23 (1yr within the start of 2024-2025 school year) to present. Physicals are due no later than 6/1/2025. Physical forms can be found at "Parent Resources" link on the CCSD Website, or a form can be sent home with your child from school.

### 5th Grade Students

It is not too early to start thinking about 6th grade physical examinations for next school year. Your child's physical can be as early as 8/27/2024 (within 1 year of starting the 6th grade) and will be due by 6/1/2026 of their 6<sup>th</sup> grade school year.

### Winter Weather

As the weather continues to get colder, please encourage your child to dress appropriately as they will be outside for recess if it is not raining and above 25 degrees. This includes: coats, hats, gloves and appropriate shoes/boots. It is also recommended that your child dress in layers due to varying temperatures throughout the building.

- The Nurse's Office does have extra coats, hats, and gloves. If your child is in need of these items, please call/text/email Ms. Roper or myself and we will supply them with the needed items.
- Chapstick/Lip Balm- We see a lot of chapped lips and throughout the winter months. Have your child bring their own supply of Chapstick/lip balm to keep in their backpack so they can apply it as needed throughout the school day.

## Sickness at School

- If your child is ill and fevered (100.0 or greater), they may not attend or return to school **unless they have been fever-free without the use of a fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours and symptoms have improved**
- If your child is found to have a temperature of 100.0 or higher you will be asked to pick them up from school

## West End Nurse Contact Info

- Nurse's Office Phone #: 814-724-1450 Ext. 4
- Nurse's Office Text Messenger: 814-732-0247
- Email: [jennifer.devaul@craw.org](mailto:jennifer.devaul@craw.org) or [rebecca.roper@craw.org](mailto:rebecca.roper@craw.org)
- Fax #: 814-337-5886 Attn. Nurse

Have a Wonderful Holiday Season,  
Mrs. Jen DeVaul

## PTO

We encourage you to attend our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting on Wednesday, December 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the art room. We meet the second Wednesday of each month throughout the school year. There is no membership fee.



A major goal of PTO is to support the school by holding fundraisers that help to pay for things that the school's limited budget does not. We fund field trips and other school events this way. One goal this school year is to raise funds for the renovation of the school playground. The PTO also helps support the school by mobilizing volunteers at various school events.

Your child and others are the beneficiaries of this support. We hope you will join us.

