

Westside Christian Wave Weekly

Weekly Newsletter of Westside Christian School | May 6, 2019

Thank you!

Thank you to all our parents and parent volunteers for everything you did to make this past weekend so special. We had a very successful World's Fair, middle school play, and Preschool Spring Sing. Above all, we thank God who has done so much for us and who has blessed our school and children with gifts we can use to share his love with all those around us.

Spring Band, Voice, Guitar Concert



The spring concert of the WCS band, voice, and guitar students will take place in the St. Andrew sanctuary on Saturday, May 11, at 9:00 AM. The band, which recently received a first place rating at the Lakeside Lutheran High School Fine Arts Fair (FAF), is made up of students from Westside Christian School, Our Redeemer Lutheran School, and home school. You will hear songs performed by the band at the FAF, an exciting percussion solo, and a beautiful sacred trumpet/clarinet trio. The voice students will be singing a medley of songs from Mary Poppins, along with solos they performed at the FAF. You will also be treated to some great strumming and picking by our guitar students.

Brian Hildebrandt, our band director for the past four years, will be leaving at the end of the school year. Please be sure to thank him for his service to Westside and wish him well in the future.

Called Worker Update

Dan Maki has returned his call to serve at WCS next year. We have submitted a request for an assignment of a graduate from Martin Luther College (MLC) to serve in this role. We have provided MLC with detailed information about the ministry position, as well as information about our congregation and school. The WELS Conference of Presidents and advisers from MLC will meet to assign the teacher candidates in the next few weeks. FYI, we received both Eric Wolf and Sikyung Oh as MLC graduates. :)

Naomi Laabs has returned her call to teach at Zion Lutheran School in Ohio. We are thankful that Ms. Laabs will be continuing her worship and music ministry at St. Andrew. Please keep Zion in your prayers as they continue to search for the right person to fill their needs.

WCS Volunteers...Save the Date

Did you volunteer at Westside this year? If so plan to "bee" here as we honor your service to our school. Breakfast will "bee" served from 7:15 – 8:00 AM on Friday, May 17, in the Soul Café.



Events this Week

It's Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week!

- 5/6 - Mother/Son Laser Tag at Ultrazone.
It's not too late to RSVP. Click [HERE!](#)
- 5/8 - Chapel @ 8:30 AM
- 5/9 - Kindergarten field trip
- 5/10 - Preschool field trip
- 5/10 - Plant pick-up at 3 PM
- 5/11 - Band/Voice/Guitar concert
- 5/12 - Praise Choir sings at St. Andrew

Upcoming Events

- Confirmation Services at St. Andrew
May 16 & 19
- Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
May 17
- Grades 3-4 Field Trip | May 17
- Closing Service & Kindergarten/8th
Grade Graduation | May 22
- Last Day of School & Family Picnic

WCS Shoe Drive Starts TODAY

Do you have spare shoes taking up space and collecting dust in your closet? Bring them to St. Andrew for the WCS Shoe Drive! From May 5 – July 5, we are collecting ANY type of new or gently used shoes. Our goal is to collect 2500 pairs of shoes! It is estimated that this will bring in \$1000! All money raised will be used to enhance the WCS science program. Watch your child's backpack for a bag to fill at home.

SPRING CLEANING SHOE DRIVE



MAY 5-JULY 5, 2019

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET AND DONATE GENTLY
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WESTSIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SCIENCE
PROGRAM

All types of gently used shoes accepted



Volunteer Help Needed at Family Picnic

We are only three short weeks away from the end of the school year and our family picnic. New this year, we will have *two* inflatables. In addition to the traditional jump house, there will be an obstacle course, which we hope will be more fun for the older kids. We will need two people per 20-minute session to supervise this activity. We are also still looking for help with clean-up. Thanks to those who have already signed up! Please sign up under Volunteer Opportunities in SchoolSpeak.



Box Tops is a Wrap

Grades 5 & 6 won the final month of our classroom competition for the year. All totaled, this fundraiser brought in \$542.20! Thank you to those who turned in Box Tops this year. An extra special note of thanks to Jessica Roberson for her work as our Box Tops coordinator. She gave countless volunteer hours to making this fundraiser fun for all. Thanks, Jessie!

WCS is Hiring!

Westside Christian School is hiring for our After School Care program, beginning this fall with the start of the 2019-20 year. This paid position can be filled by either one person or a couple people willing to job share. If you are interested in this part-time (M – F, 2:45 – 5:30 PM) opportunity to serve in a Christian environment, please contact either Ellen Soukup or Meredith Pucci.

Pre-K3

Ms. Sue Martalock

We are having a lot of fun learning about seeds and gardening! We categorized vegetable, fruit and flower seeds. We compared the different types of seeds...carrot, sweet pea, lettuce, cucumber, sunflower, pumpkin, and marigold. Now the fun really begins. WE put seeds in plastic bags with damp paper towel to watch them sprout. Which one will sprout first and how long will it take? We made some predications. Will we be right or will we be a little off? What a wondrous world our Lord created for us to explore and learn from!

Kindergarten:

Mrs. Karen Hong

As our kindergarten class finishes up the alphabet with the letter Z, the Superkids share a photo album of all the important activities they have done this year. We will discuss the importance of memories and photography. We will also study a timeline as we look back on our school year. This will conclude our study of each of the letters of the alphabet and their particular order. Many of the kindergartners are doing a great job reading already. Hooray! God has truly been blessing the children as they grow in his care!

Grades 1 & 2:

Ms. Sikyung Oh

This week in our Bible lesson, we learned when Thomas believed that Jesus had risen and made a puzzle to share a special message with friends or family members. In math, the first graders have started learning time, and they did a great job. The second graders were reviewing the fraction unit to prepare for their upcoming test. In Korean, they've learned the names of vegetables, and we had so much fun. Finally, we've been exploring the unit of poetry in WW. They are very creative and imaginative.

Grades 5 – 8:

Mr. Eric Wolf

Thank you to everyone who helped with the play last Friday! It was so much fun and an amazing experience. I am so proud and thankful of the work they did! The World's Fair projects also were very well done!

This week, grades 5 & 6 begin a study of ecology and the environment by looking at various national parks. They will study those amazing places and make a slides presentation about one. Grades 7 & 8 will continue their study of the human body and look at the various systems God created us with. This week, our focus will be on the digestive system.