

# Minutemen News

*Important Dates and Events to Keep the Community Informed of Elementary News*

September Newsletter

Volume 1

**PTO Meeting**  
7:00 pm at Eastern  
**September 6**



**Richland County Recycle Day at Western**

*This is a great way for our building to help the environment and earn extra funds. The recycling truck will be parked in the parking lot from 2:00-4:00 pm.*  
**September 8**

**Interim Reports**

*Student academic progress will be sent home with the students. Please, review with your students.*  
**September 23**

**Early Release**

*Teacher In-Service; Students will be released one hour early.*  
**September 28**



## Letter from the Principal

**Dear Parents:**

On behalf of the staff at Western Elementary School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2016-17 school year. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure that our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

Western Elementary is strongly committed to providing your child with a relevant, innovative,



and rigorous educational experience. At the center of the experience is your child, all of your child, the whole child. A truly authentic commitment to educating the whole child looks different, and we are proud to say Western looks like no other school we have ever seen.

This year we are rolling out the "Western Habits of Mind". On the backside of the newsletter contains the description for 16 of the attributes that human beings display when they behave intelligently. This resource will provide children numerous strategies to assist in their disposition of developing a strong,

motivated and successful learner--in school and throughout life. I often hear a shared theme from parents: 'How can I make certain that my child will become a thoughtful and creative thinker equipped to face the complex problems of the future?' Habits of Mind will be our focus this school year to assist children in building these thought processes so they can become thoughtful, relevant, creative, problem solving thinkers to face the world ahead of them.

Lastly, we want to take the time to review pickup line procedures to ensure that we are creating a safe experience for our students and expedite the pickup line process. Please, remember to place the pink cards on the rearview mirror for identification and please, do not pass other cars in line even if your child has been loaded in your car. The staff will signal to you when it is time for the row of cars to leave and for the new row of cars to pull up. Safety is our top concern.

I look forward to a wonderful year at Western and if you have any questions or concerns, please, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Eggerton