

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 1

No School
Labor Day Weekend
September 7

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.
September 10

Interim Reports
Student academic progress will be sent home with the students. Please, review with your students.
September 18

Early Release
Teacher In-Service; Students will be released one hour early.
September 23



Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents:

On behalf of the staff at Western Elementary School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2015-16 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 Keen 13". These are expectations we have of our students that are situation specific. My grandfather, who was a tremendous influence in my life, always told me that "the world would be a much better place if everyone held the door for each other". That

snippet of wisdom has stayed with me and shaped much of my vision and my role as a principal. The "Western Keen 13" represents the results of snippets of sayings to live by that will assist in molding our children and their future, too. Students will be reminded and encouraged to live up to these expectations. Students will not be given negative consequences if these are not displayed, however, we will praise loudly and explicitly those that embrace and embody the "Western Keen 13".

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