

# Westgate Wildcat News



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**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Mission of Westgate Elementary is to provide an environment in which learners will continue to succeed through quality education.

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**2020-2021**

## Principal's Message

Dear Westgate Families,

I hope everyone was able to relax and enjoy some family time together during Spring Break. We have a very busy schedule till the end of school on June 9. FSA testing begins the first week of April and continues through the end of May. All of your students' hard work will shine through as they do their best and meet the goals they have set for assessments.

**Bonita Paquette, Principal**

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### Dates to Remember

**April 1** School Closed—Pro Ed Day  
**April 2** School Closed—Holiday  
**April 12** Virtual SAC/PTA meeting  
**April 20** Report Cards distributed  
**April 23** Hat Day—PTA sponsored  
**April 23** Grand Prix Weekend PTA

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### Commitment to Character

We are excited about our Character program at Westgate. For the month of April the Character word is Self-Control. Self Control means managing your emotions and choosing acceptable behavior. In each class, a Student of the Month will be named for practicing the character trait. We appreciate your support of the Character Education Program at Westgate.

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### K-3 Technology Return Continues

Just a reminder: If you have a K-3 student and they are attending school in person, any device you borrowed from Westgate needs to be returned so that equipment can be placed in classrooms for use during school hours. Devices can be returned to the office or you may choose to send in with student. Office hours Monday thru Thursday 7:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

### Habitual Tardiness

Westgate's Kindergarten thru Fifth grade instructional day begins at 8:45 a.m. Habitual tardiness is unacceptable and unfair to other students because instruction is interrupted every time a late student arrives. Important information is given at the beginning of the day and a late student misses out on these instructions. It is most beneficial for all students to be in their classroom by the last bell at 8:45 a.m.

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### Westgate PTA Volunteer Opportunity

Grand Prix will be April 23-25 from 8 a.m.—6 p.m.

If you are able to volunteer for Grand Prix, please contact [westgateelempta@gmail.com](mailto:westgateelempta@gmail.com) for information and sign up.

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### PTA Committee for 2021-22

There will be a Virtual PTA General Membership meeting in April and May. If you are interested in running for a board position, please visit the PTA meeting held on April 12, 2021. The election of PTA officers for the 2021-2022 school year will occur at the May meeting.

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### PRIDE Awards

PRIDE is the Program to Recognize Initiative and Distinction in Education. Its purpose is to encourage and reward outstanding academic efforts. Every year four high achieving Pinellas County fifth grade students from each school are recognized at the annual PRIDE Awards ceremony. Students are honored in the areas of math, science, social studies and writing. Each student winner receives a medallion and a trophy to recognize his/her academic achievement. Westgate Elementary is honored to recognize four of our students at the PRIDE award Ceremony in April.

- Lorena Castellanos Boza Math
- Natasha Viera Fonseca Science
- Gertrude Abbott Social Studies
- Annabelle Alvarez Writing

Congratulations to our Westgate students!

See PCSB website for Summer Bridge Information