



From the Principal...

Dear Westbrook Families,

We have had an eventful week! We had picture day, our first special lunch, and the Walk for Westbrook!

Walk for Westbrook The 2019 Walk for Westbrook was a huge success! The children were thrilled to experience the special stops along the Walk, each inspired by different sights around the world! Students loved pretending to swim through the Great Barrier Reef, take pictures of European sights, listen to the sounds of the rainforest, walk through the pyramids, and more! Special thanks to our fabulous Walk for Westbrook Leadership Team Members: Lisa Dister, Kelly Morales, Lynda Franco, Jenny Gamboney, and Kristin Lindstrom! Thank you to our PTO Officers for all of your support and hard work: Sara Christensen, Roseann Houghton, Jacki Kochanski, Kristen Benwitz, Dianne Malara, and Rachael Boris. Thank you, too, to the many wonderful parents who volunteered their time and talents before, during, and after the Walk. Thank you to the community members who volunteered to come to the Walk. It was wonderful to see the students laughing and smiling as they walked through each station! We had so many come out to chalk our sidewalks. We are so thankful for the support of the community! Lastly, thank you to the AMAZING Westbrook students and families for their efforts to raise money for the Walk for Westbrook! The money raised by Walk for Westbrook will directly support special assemblies, programs, and other opportunities for Westbrook students and families through the Westbrook PTO. **Today is the last day to submit pledges.**

Fall Conferences Westbrook will hold parent-teacher conferences on the following dates*:

- Tuesday, November 12 from 4:20-8:20pm
- Thursday, November 14 from 4:20-8:20pm
- Tuesday, November 19 from 4:20-8:20pm

**Please note that Kindergarten teachers have an additional sign-up time during the day to accommodate their AM and PM parents.*

Conference sign-ups are NOW OPEN. Click on the link on [Westbrook School's homepage](#).

You may now access the site and sign-up for conferences with your child's classroom teacher, specials (art, music, PE), special education teachers, as well as related services staff.

Step-by-step directions of how to sign-up for a conference [can be found here](#).

Coffee & Sweets You are invited to come enjoy a cup of coffee and some sweets with Karl Anderson (assistant principal) and me on Friday, October 18th from 9:30-10:30am. We will be sharing information about the book *Conscious Discipline*, which is the focus of our staff book study this year. We will discuss and review the different strategies that the authors suggest to help children grow their emotional intelligence. [Please RSVP by Monday, October 14th!](#)

Tasty Bites The Westbrook PTO will be sponsoring the Tasty Bites Program again this year for our kindergarten and first grade students! Please [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the Tasty Bites Program and to provide permission for your child to participate. *Please complete this form by Friday, October 11, so that your child can participate. Without a form submitted, your child will not be permitted to try the sample fruit/vegetable/herb.* Contact Allison Poulos and Joellen Fitzgerald at westbrooktastybites@gmail.com with any questions!

Follow Us on Instagram and Twitter Please follow us on Instagram and Twitter! Our username is: **westbrook_d57.**

Have a lovely weekend! Thank you for your support!

Kind regards,

Kristin Vonder Haar

WALK FOR WESTBROOK 2019-2020





A Note from our Nurse...

It's that time of the year.....

The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months and older. The Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses and prevent flu-related hospitalizations.

Speak to your child's pediatrician/physician for further information.

Julie Tworek, RN

Westbrook School Nurse

Kim Finnerty, RN, District Nurse

Safety Reminders at Westbrook School

- **For the safety of the students and staff, please do not bring your pet when dropping off or picking up your child. Even the friendliest of pets will protect their owner if they feel they are in danger, many young children are afraid of them, and students may be affected by allergies. The presence of an animal can create an uncomfortable situation for parents and staff. Thank you for your cooperation.**
- **We request that you discontinue all cell phone calls when you are dropping off or picking up your child. Your undivided attention will contribute to the safety of children and staff.**
- **When waiting at Door 9 for your student to be dismissed, please do not allow anyone to climb on the wall/fence. We would not want anyone to get hurt.**

Important info about Student Attendance on our 2019/20 half-day Institute Day

Throughout the 2019/20 school year, there will be five days of half-day attendance for students throughout the District.

- ▶ At Westbrook, only 1st grade students will attend on those days from 9:20 to 12:20. Please note the difference dismissal time for our busers and walkers. Our 1st grade students will not need to bring a lunch on these days.
- ▶ Our Kindergarten and Circle of Friends students will enjoy the WHOLE day off for the five Institute Days listed below.
- ▶ Our Kids' Corner program will only be available to our 1st grade students from 7:00 to 9:20a.m. Please make sure to inform your private daycare providers of this variance in schedule.

Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns. Below are the Half Day Attendance Dates.

*Non Attendance Day for Circle of Friends and Kindergarten students

*1st grade 9:20 a.m.-12:20 p.m.

Half Days Listed below:

Friday, October 11, 2019

Friday, January 17, 2020

Friday, February 14, 2020

Thursday, April 9, 2020

Friday May 22, 2020

Reminder:

Please email the office wb-office@d57.org along with *your teacher* to notify us of any dismissal changes.

Thank you

Parent Volunteers Needed in Library

Thank you to everyone that has donated his or her time to the LRC already...the help you give really makes a difference.

The October schedule is up so please be sure to check it out and sign up to volunteer:

[LRC October 2019](#)

If you want to be added to the monthly schedule email list, please email Lynda Franco @ westbrooklrccochair@gmail.com

Thank YOU!

Bus Tags

If your student is a bus rider, please make sure you attach the bus tag provided by the District Business office to the handle on top of your child's backpack.

This tag is required to ride the buses. If you did not receive a tag, please contact the office Thanks!



Check out Westbrook School for Young Learners on Instagram!!!



Picture Re-Take Day is November 13

All students that were absent on picture day will take a picture on re-take day.

If you were simply not happy with your child's picture, please email your teacher and we will make sure they are on our list!

Calendar of Events at Westbrook School

- October 9.....Ed Foundation Meeting, LRC, 7pm
- October 11.....Half Day for 1st Grade Only
- October 11.....No school for Circle of Friends & Kindergarten**
- October 14.....Columbus day - No School**
- October 16.....PTO Meeting, LRC, 7pm
- October 17.....Board of Education Meeting, Fairview,7pm
- October 24.....D57 Parent Tech Info Session, Fairview, 6:30pm
- October 25.....PTO Walk Pancake Breakfast
- November 4.....No School - Staff Institute Day
- November 6.....1st Grade Special Lunch
- November 7.....Board of Education Meeting, Fairview , 7pm
- November 12, 14, 19.....Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 13.....Picture re-take day
- November 13.....Ed Foundation Meeting. LRC, 7pm
- November 15.....Report Cards Distributed
- November 20.....PTO Meeting, LRC, 7pm



Please refer to the online calendar for a more complete list of upcoming Westbrook events, and other fabulous information on our webpage by [clicking here](#).

Absences/Emails to School

If your child will be absent from school, please contact us at (847) 394-7340, Option 1, to report the absence.

Also, if there will be any changes in your child's daily routine, please send an email to your teacher so that she is informed and include the Westbrook office (WB-Office@d57.org).

Transportation Questions

Please call First Student directly at 847-635-9877 with any questions or concerns pertaining to bus transportation.



Westbrook School (847) 394-7340
 103 South Busse Road (847) 394-7349-fax
 Mount Prospect, IL 60056

**Bee Safe, Bee Kind
 Bee Ready to Learn :)**





Marti Meyers
Art Teacher for first grade
mmeyers@d57.org

Welcome to Mrs. Meyers' Art Class

See what's happening in the art room on Instagram
[@westbrook_school_artists](#)

It has been great working with the first graders each week!

We have started the year learning about the artist Jackson Pollock. We practiced making line and movement with our whole bodies. The artists then completed a mixed media collage of a "Crazy Hair Day Llama"



Painting like Jackson Pollock

For our next project, we learned about the primary colors and how to use those colors to mix the secondary colors. Ask your first grader:

- Blue + Red = _____
- Red + Yellow = _____
- Blue + Yellow = _____



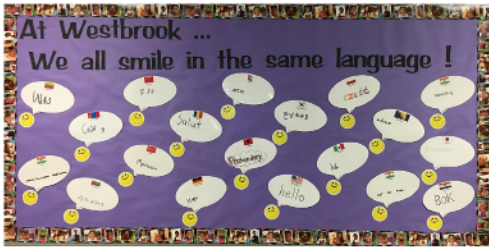
Practicing color mixing



Painting using watercolor crayons



ENGLISH LEARNER SUPPORT SERVICES



“One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way.”

Frank Smith

Language is one of the most important gifts you can give to your child.

Every year at Westbrook school we have so many students who speak a different language at home.

We celebrate and honor this linguistic and cultural diversity among our students and families at Westbrook.

Here are some benefits of being able to speak more than one language:

- Being bilingual (multilingual) has a positive effect on the brain. Students who speak a second language can have a better attention span.
- There are more job opportunities for bilinguals depending on which languages you speak (tourism, journalism, and translation).
- As Charlemagne stated **“To have another language is to possess a second soul”**, speaking a different language helps you become more open minded.
- Bilingual students can make a lot of friends and communicate with people from other cultures.
- You can learn additional languages more easily because language skills reinforce each other.
- Social-emotional connections. Children who become bilingual are strongly connected to entire family, culture and community.

Raising multilingual children gives many opportunities as well as some challenges.

Here are some frequently asked questions and answers to help parents support their children’s language development in both languages at home:

My child prefers to speak English. What should I do?

- Your child is most likely speaking English because that is what his/her friends are speaking. Continue using your native language even if your child responds in English. Talk about the special people in his/her lives who speak your language. Your language is a gift, and speaking it keeps your family connected!

Will my child get confused using two languages?

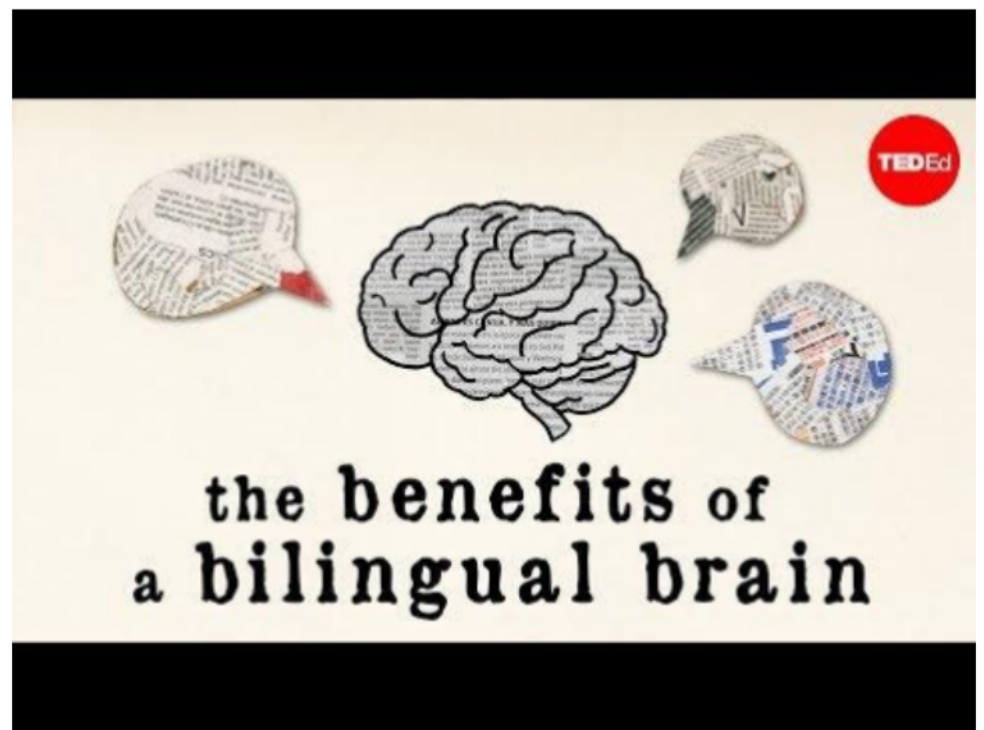
- Young children can learn two or more languages at the same time. Do not panic if children combine words or phrases from both languages. They are not getting confused. They are learning the rules and vocabulary from English and your home language and sorting them out in their brains. It’s a sign of good learning and thinking!

Is it okay to read books to my child in my native language?

- Yes! Making a habit of reading together is important, no matter what language you read in. If you are most comfortable with your native language, read to your child in that language. Reading to your child daily and discussing stories with your child will increase his or her vocabulary, knowledge of the world, and understanding of story structure.

If I only read to my child in my native language, will my child ever learn to read in English?

- In school, children receive reading instruction and they practice reading independently in English. Reading aloud to your child in your native language at home will lay the foundation for learning to read in English. Check out materials in your language from the local library (books, DVDs, and music). Share rhymes, chants, songs, and poems that you learned as a child. Look for some fun activities at your library, festivals, and cultural events in your community.



Click on the video “The Benefits of a bilingual brain” and learn about many benefits of speaking two or more languages.

EL Support Services Team – Mrs. Olena Faktor, Mrs. Jenny DeAngelo, Mrs. Pia Chojdecki

Information referenced from PBS Parents: *Learning Two Languages*, EDC: *The Gift of Language*

2019
WALK FOR WESTBROOK



Walk Around The World



Thank you volunteers, Westbrook teachers and staff, and parents for an excellent event! We had a blast! Reminder: all donations are due by tonight at midnight to be eligible for raffle prizes! tinyurl.com/walkforwestbrook2019





Parent Academy

Mark your calendars!

Join the District 57 technology coaches for an informational session designed especially for parents/guardians.

Thursday, October 24

6:30-7:30pm

Fairview Multipurpose Room



Plugged-in Parents: Grades K-8

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Thursday, October 31

Morning Parade 10:45am

AM Circle of Friends & AM Kindergarten

Afternoon Parade 2:30pm

**PM Circle of Friends, PM Kindergarten &
all of First Grade**

In case of inclement weather we will not be able to move the parade inside due to space restrictions. A parent email will be sent out to notify everyone.

Reminder: No food or drinks (other than water) are allowed in the classroom



FAIRVIEW SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

The District 57 community is invited to informally tour the Fairview School addition during an open house prior to the Oct. 17th School Board meeting.

Come explore the new space and see how it has enabled the District to better serve the students of today and tomorrow. District administrators and School Board members thank the community for supporting our schools and making this exciting project possible, and they look forward to welcoming all residents who would like to see the finished product!

Thursday, Oct. 17, 2019

6:15 – 7 p.m.

Fairview School, 300 N. Fairview Ave.

The School Board meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

Community members are welcome to attend.



D57 EDUCATION FOUNDATION

\$35 PER PERSON

**OCTOBER 18, 2019
8-11 PM**

FALL EVENT

**STATION 34
PIZZA & PUB**

*\$35 PER PERSON INCLUDES
BEER, WINE & APPETIZERS

RAFFLE, MUSIC & FUN!
proceeds benefit grants for
all D57 schools

www.57edfoundation.org

*tickets are \$35, after 10/10/19 \$40

PEPS Mini Meeting

Developing an IEP Binder

The IEP binder is an organizational system to help you prepare for IEP meetings and support communication with your child's school team. **Please bring a 3-ring binder, dividers, your child's IEP, report cards, work samples, outside evaluations, etc.** Additional resources and support in developing the binder will also be provided. Our PEPS Parent Ambassadors will be available to help you organize.



Coffee and light snacks will be provided.

Conversation with Mount Prospect Public Library

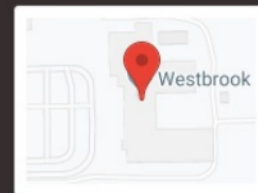
The library would like to learn more about your experiences in the community as a parent of a child with special education services. They want to know your thoughts about how to strengthen their programming or if there are any concerns. Please come with your insights!

WHEN

Tuesday, Oct. 8th, 10am

WHERE

103 Busse Road
Mount Prospect, IL



[Get Directions](#)



Agenda

10:00-10:10 Learn how to create an IEP binder

10:10-10:45 Time to develop the IEP binder

10:45-11:15 Conversations with Mount Prospect Public Library

What is PEPS?

Facebook

PEPS (Partnering with Educators and Parents to Support student needs) is a networking group for parents of children with special needs in any of the District 57 schools. At our meetings we will support each other by sharing our experiences, discussing topics of interest and addressing questions and concerns. We will gather information from other parents and/or professionals so that we can better support our children in their education and community.

<http://www.d57.org/StudentServices.aspx>



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

701 West Gregory Street - Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056
P (847) 394-7300 | F (847) 394-7311 | www.d57.org

The District 57 Administration Office is pleased to present this information about upcoming events and news from local organizations that serve our community's children.

Mount Prospect Fire Department Poster Contest

Grades K-5 are encouraged to design a poster using the NFPA Theme: "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice your Escape!" Deadline is October 9.

Sign Up for Fall Art Classes at The Art Studio, 1326 W. Central Road

Registration is underway for our fall and holiday art classes for ages 3 years through adult. For more information, visit www.mppd.org or call 847-640-1000

Register for Fall Dance Classes at the Mt. Prospect Park District

Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Contemporary, Hip Hop and Modern classes for ages 2 through adult. For more information, visit www.mppd.org or call 847-640-1000

Cub Scout Pack 151 Is Looking for Boys & Girls from Westbrook or Fairview Schools!

We start in K but kids can join Cub Scouts up until 5th grade. Please contact: pack151mtprospect@gmail.com or visit our website at <http://pack151mtprospect.org/>

KIDS WORKSHOPS + CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY AT GATHERED!

D&D to Sewing, we got your kiddos covered! Visit us online for current workshops and/or to start planning your birthday! Go to <https://www.gatheredboutiqueandworkshop.com>

Prospect HS Youth Dance Clinic

Prospect HS Youth Dance Clinic is on Friday, October 11th. Please email Katina.Frericks@d214.org for the registration form

Run/Walk or Volunteer at the 5th Annual Lemons of Love 5K on Sunday, October 6

Join us at this fun, family event featuring a DJ, medals, raffles and a coloring table. Funds raised support programming at our Cancer Resource Center. More info / to register, go to: TinyURL.com/y4w3qxzz

Studio Art Classes for Ages 7-14

We're a brick and mortar art studio offering fun, high quality, affordable classes. Just minutes from Fairview. More info, go to www.helloartstudio.com

No School? No Problem! YMCA After School and School Days Out

Our afternoons are filled with climbing, swim, the gym, homework & more. Snack and Bus included. K-5th grade. More info, <https://www.ymcachicago.org/lattof/programs/school-age>

October 4, 2019