



SEPTEMBER 2011

THE BOBCAT

A PUBLICATION OF THE WEST JEFF ELEMENTARY PTA

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sep 2/6 | Assessment Days |
| Sep 5 | No School, Labor Day |
| Sep 8 | Curriculum Night, 5:15-6:45 |
| Sep 27 | Picture Day |
| Sep 28 | Early Release, 1:05pm |
| Sep 30 | Field Day |
| Oct 4 | PTA—3pm / CDM—4pm |
| Oct 6 | School Store open at lunch |
| Oct 14 | Movie Night, 6:00pm |
| Oct 26 | Early Release, 1:05pm |
| Oct 28 | Trunk or Treat, 6:30pm |
| Oct 31 | Class Parties, 2:30pm |



welcome class of 2024!



Field Day
Friday,
September 30th



Our annual **Field Day** is scheduled for **Friday, September 30th**. All Parents are welcome! If you would like to help out, please contact Heidi Terrell at 303.697.7399



West Jeff Elementary School
26501 Barkley Road
Conifer, Colorado 80433
303.982.2975
www.wjepta.org

PRINCIPAL CORNER

Dear West Jeff Families,

It has been wonderful meeting all of you-both students and parents! It is hard to believe how time has flown since the beginning of school. As I write this, we are almost finished with our first week already. I have been lucky enough to be in every classroom and talk to every student's class before I have to leave for my maternity leave. We have talked about school-wide behavior expectations as well as our R.O.A.R. program this year. Please ask your child about what we talked about last week, and let us know if there are areas that might need clarification.

For our first two months we will be focusing on building the West Jeff Community. Students can earn a ticket for being helpful, welcoming someone new, doing their job, or other things that help build a safe, respectful and responsible community of learners here at West Jeff Elementary. Students who have earned three will get a small reward and be placed in a drawing for a class celebration of success. We are looking forward to lots of celebrations throughout the year! As our year progresses our focus for earning these tickets will change along with our Second Step Curriculum that is taught weekly in each classroom. Please let the PTA know if you are interested in being a part of our Second Step Classes.

While I am out, Summer Guerrina will be our Interim Principal. Summer comes with great experience in education and a high interest in learning more about working in elementary schools. You should have received a letter regarding this placement and more about Ms. Guerrina in your child's Friday Folder on August 26th. She was able to get to all classrooms on the first day of school to introduce herself to all of the students with me. If you have questions, please let us know. I am sure that Ms. Guerrina would be happy to meet with you.

I will miss you all (even though we just met) while I am away. I will try to keep you all updated on my return date. My goal is to be back before Halloween! I sure wouldn't want to miss all of the excitement at that time of the year.

Thank you all again for being so welcoming and supportive of my transitions this year. While I know the beginning of this year may seem a bit disjointed, I am looking forward to the rest of the year and many more with your children, this wonderful staff, and all of you. West Jeff truly is a great place to be!

Warmly,

Wendy Woodland
Principal, West Jeff Elementary



Mrs. Wendy Woodland

“Focusing on building the West Jeff Community.”



Mrs. Summer Guerrina

8th Annual Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 28th, 2011, 6:30pm–7:30pm

WJE Baseball Field

Come enjoy some Halloween Fun. Trick or Treat at West Jeff, Trunk Decorating Contest, Best Costume Contest and More. Admission is one **LARGE** bag of candy per person.

For additional information, to register your “trunk” or looking to volunteer, please contact Tina Bertsch at 303.816.1236 or Kathleen Widlund at 303.838.4675.

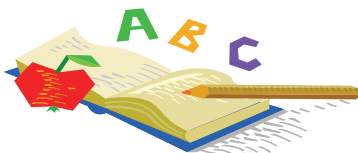


INTRODUCING SOME NEW FACES AT WEST JEFF...

**Joan Grawe
2nd Grade**



I am thrilled to be teaching at WJE this school year. I taught special education in Iowa after college and chose to stay home when my children were born. I have one son who will soon be turning 20 and attends Metro State. My daughter is in 6th grade this year and attends WJMS. My husband works for Ecolab and covers the country on business. We have lived in Conifer the past 13 years and love hiking and camping in the mountains. In my free time, I help with my daughter's girl scout troop, Confirmation Team at church, and PTA activities. I have enjoyed substituting at WJE for the past five years and getting to know all of the students at the school. I am very excited to have my own classroom of 2nd graders this year and continue to be a part of the WJE community.



**Derek Bahlmann,
5th Grade**



This is my second year as a full-time teacher, and its my first year teaching 5th grade. I graduated from the Metropolitan State College of Denver (Metro State) in 2008.



I am a HUGE sports fan, especially basketball and football. In my spare time I love to play golf and basketball. I also coach a competitive boys 8th grade basketball team for Rock Canyon High School, this winter will be my 6th year.

**Wendy Bittner
Teacher Librarian**



I am excited to be a part of your school community! I have been a member of the Conifer community for 20 years. I have been married to my wonderful husband for 32 years. Our two beautiful, married daughters and a 16 month old granddaughter live in the Denver area. I love to hike with my six year old silver standard poodle named Cosmo and spend my spare time playing with my granddaughter and working on art projects. My education includes a BS degree from The University of Texas, Austin in Elementary Education and Art. In addition, I hold a Masters degree in Curriculum Instruction from Lesley University, Cambridge, Mass. and a Masters degree in Library Information Science from Denver University. I have been an elementary classroom teacher and teacher librarian at Elk Creek Elementary School in Pine, Colorado for 18 years. This will be my first year dividing my time between Elk Creek and West Jeff. As a teacher librarian, I work with students and teachers. Together the teacher librarian and classroom teacher plans curriculum lessons integrating the use of education technology and library resources into the lessons. When lessons are planned collaboratively between the classroom teacher and teacher librarian, students have the advantage of two teachers working together with students providing more individualized and small group attention.

I look forward to meeting all the West Jeff families and working with each and every West Jeff Elementary student in the near future. Please stop by the library anytime!

**Julie Tank-Williams,
Instructional Coach**



I have my Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. My Master's Degree is in Language and Learning Disabilities. I have been teaching for 24 years. Seventeen of those years have been in Jeffco schools. I have two children that are in college. I enjoy running, mountain biking and skiing. I love to be outdoors.

I am excited to be at such a wonderful school that has such a big emphasis on community.

FROM THE CLASSROOM

Mrs. Beabout
Kindergarten

Just wanted to thank ALL the kinder parents for entrusting their beautiful children to me!! The transitions from mommy and daddy to me has been so easy thanks to the wonderful support of these parents!! Love them all and want to thank them again!!! Alicia

FROM THE OFFICE

If your student will be **absent** or **late**, please do not forget to call in to the attendance line at **303.982.2950, Option 1** before 10:00am. Your call is greatly appreciated by our office staff and helps them assure your child’s safety.

Also, beginning this year, you have the ability to keep your child’s information up-to-date and correct with your current telephone, address and other essential information. This can be done via the Jeffco Connect Website. <https://jeffcoconnect.jeffco.k12.co.us>. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Effective immediately through December, we have construction going on out back of our building. We **cannot** have anyone park in the back of the building. This also means **NO STUDENTS ARE TO BE PICKED UP OUT BACK OR AT THE ROADS BEHIND OUR SCHOOL!** All students are to be picked up out front in parent pickup.



WJE PTA CHAIR POSITIONS

We still have some open PTA chair positions available.

Membership Secretary—Assists in recruiting members and maintains membership reports for our school.

Restaurant Family Night Chair—Coordinate School Fundraisers with local and nearby restaurants.

For additional information, please contact Kelli Silvernale at 303.816.9619.

Holiday Elf Shoppe
Tuesday & Wednesday,
November 29th & 30th



Crafters will be selling to students, staff and families on Tuesday and Wednesday. Public sale will be from 3:35—6:30 each evening. For additional information you may call Laurie Darmofal, 303.816.1260.

MORNING MEETING/SECOND STEP

This year West Jeff is continuing the **Compassionate Kids** program which combines **Morning Meeting** and **Second Step**. **Morning Meeting** occurs every morning for 30 minutes and sets the tone for the day.



Second Step teaches students the core value of empathy, impulse control, problem solving and anger management.

We are in need of additional volunteers that can help out each Wednesday (or every other Wednesday) in the classroom guiding this meeting. The Wednesday morning meeting run by parents allows teachers an additional half hour of collaborative planning time together. If you would like additional information or are interested in participating, please contact Kelli Silvernale, PTA President, 303.816.9619.

E-Book Fundraiser



You should have received a packet about our e-book fundraiser. Our school earns \$6.00 for each book sold. These monies support our Reflections Art Show and the Science Fair.

We will **NOT** be selling Gold C (discontinued by the company) or Entertainment books through the school this year. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Bacher at 303.838.9010.

YOUR PTA DOLLARS & DONATIONS



If you’ve ever wondered, here is a partial list of services and activities paid for through PTA membership, donations and fundraising.

- Bobcat Newsletter Printing
- Student Recognition Pins and awards
- Reflections Art Show (ribbons, refreshments)
- Science Fair (ribbons, refreshments)
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation

The staff and students appreciate your continued support of our school community. If you have questions, please contact Kelli Silvernale, PTA President, 303.816.9619.

WJE PTA MEMBERSHIP—IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

**Membership Application
West Jefferson Elementary PTA
2011-2012 School Year**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please do **NOT** send me PTA information or the newsletter via email.

Please enter an amount for all that apply:

\$ _____ PTA Membership: \$25

\$ _____ Tax Deductible Pledge Amount
(pledges of \$100 or more may eliminate PTA Fundraisers throughout the year)
NOTE: Cookie Dough Fundraiser is sponsored by the school, NOT PTA

\$ _____ School Directory \$5 – **FREE** with PTA membership
Only include this amount if you are NOT a PTA member and would like to order a directory. Additional directories are \$1

\$ _____ Yearbook Pre-order \$18 Child _____

\$ _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT DUE**

Please return completed form with payment to WJE office or mail to:

WJE PTA, 26501 Barkley Road, Conifer, CO 80433

PTA Use Only:

Total Paid: _____ Check No. _____ Date: _____ Member No. _____

Submitted to CO PTA _____ Given Directory _____

WJE PAWS VOLUNTEER FORM (People Actively Working in School)

Help us make our school stronger and more successful! Please check the areas below where you would like to be involved in. THANK YOU for doing your part!

Parent/Guardian's Name

Phone E-mail Best Time to Reach You Best Way to Reach You (phone, email, texting)

Volunteer Opportunities

Curriculum/Enrichment:

- Make copies or file
- Classroom helper
- Library volunteer
- Computer Lab helper
- Art Room helper
- Lunch/recess duty/help
- AM Bus Duty
- Morning Meeting/2nd Step
9:00-9:30am, Wednesdays

Events:

- Movie Nights (2nd Friday of the Month)
- Field Day (Friday, September 30)
- Reflections Art Show (October)
- Trunk or Treat (Friday, October 28)
- Elf Shoppe (November 29/30)
- Holiday Parade (Saturday, December 3)
- Bake Sale at Conifer (Saturday, December 3)
- Book Fair (December/April)
- Science Fair (late January, early February)
- Arts in March (Friday, March 16)

Other:

- Parent Buddies for new families
- Bulletin Boards
- Marquee
- Box Top and Capri Sun program
- Baking or Providing Food for events

Please list any other special skills that you would like to share or any other ways you would like to help.

SAVE THE DATE!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2011
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

MARSHDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
26663 N. Turkey Creek Rd., Evergreen, CO

JEFFCO MOUNTAIN AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS **INTERNET SAFETY SEMINAR**

INTERNET AND CELL PHONE SAFETY
by Mike and Cassandra Harris, Investigators
Jefferson County District Attorney's Office

Do you know the dangers which exist for your child on the Internet, their cell phone or iPod? What is Sexting?

Many parents worry a sex offender may be living in their neighborhood. Have you ever wondered if a sex offender may possibly be talking to your child?

In the last year several children in Colorado have been approached by sex offenders online, cell phones and iPods. Some of these same children were sexually assaulted by these sex offenders.

Many parents of these children were shocked to find their child had been communicating with a sex offender.

Some parents might not feel this is an area of concern since their particular home does not have Internet access. We have cases where children have gone to their friend's homes and communicated through their Internet access.

Our children and the Internet is a growing problem in Colorado. Worried about Facebook or Myspace.Com? How about **ANYPLACE** Online? Any site is a concern where personal information is posted. Learn about "Just 3 Things!"

Mike and Cassandra Harris are Investigators who work on Crimes Against Children cases with the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office. This husband and wife police team is dedicated in protecting children. Since 1996, Mike and Cassandra have been active in their fight against sex offenders who prey on children through the Internet. They were the first in Colorado and one of the first in the United States to go after sex offenders on the Internet. Their efforts have resulted in over a 500 sex offenders being arrested. They have presented over 2000 times throughout the Nation and in Colorado. They have been featured on **Oprah, Dr. Phil, The Today Show, Court TV with Al Roker, A&E Investigative Reports and ABC Evening News** to mention a few.

Take an hour out of your busy schedules to hear how daring these sex offenders have become with our children right here in Colorado. Learn what we as parents can do to make our children safer. We teach our children not to talk to strangers. However, these strangers are now coming into some of our homes via the Internet, cell phones and iPods.

Afterwards, join us in a group discussion on **Internet Technology in the Home - A Parent's Guide**. Topics will include current technology and devices with internet access, parental filtering methods via hardware and software, and online sources of information to help educate parents and kids about internet safety.



WEST JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY 2011-2012 EVENT CALENDAR

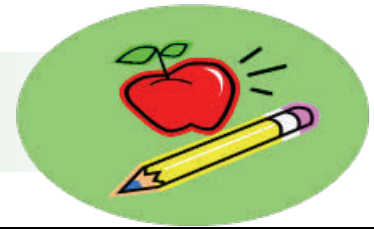
**SIGN UP FOR WJE BOBCAT NEWS AND COMMUNICATIONS VIA EMAIL
ON OUR WEBSITE: WJEPTA.ORG**

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| September 8 | Curriculum Night, 5:15-6:45pm |
| September 30 | Field Day |
| October TBA | Reflections Art Show |
| October 4 | CDM/PTA meeting (PTA will begin at 3:00 and CDM at 4:00) |
| October 6 | School Store, open during lunch |
| October 14 | Movie Night |
| October 17 | Original Art Works come home |
| October 24-28 | Red Ribbon Week |
| October 24-28 | Boo Bag Sales (available at lunch) |
| October 28 | Trunk or Treat, 6:30—7:30pm |
| October 31 | Halloween classroom parties, 2:30pm |
| November 1 | CDM/PTA meeting (PTA will begin at 3:00 and CDM at 4:00) |
| November 3 | School Store, open during lunch |
| November 11 | Movie Night |
| November 16 & 17 | Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| November 29 & 30 | Elf Shoppe for Students |
| December 1 | School Store, open during lunch |
| December 3 | Conifer Parade/Float |
| December 3 | West Jeff Bake Sale on Parade route |
| December 6 | CDM/PTA meeting (PTA will begin at 3:00 and CDM at 4:00) |
| December 16 | Winter classroom parties, 2:30pm |
| January 5 | School Store, open during lunch |
| January 10 | CDM/PTA meeting (PTA will begin at 3:00 and CDM at 4:00) |
| January 13 | Movie Night, 6:00pm |
| February (TBD) | Science Fair |
| February 6-10 | Val-O Gram Sales (available at lunch) |
| February 7 | CDM/PTA meeting (PTA will begin at 3:00 and CDM at 4:00) |
| February 10 | Movie Night |
| February 14 | Valentine classroom parties, 2:30pm |
| March 6 | CDM/PTA meeting (PTA will begin at 3:00 and CDM at 4:00) |
| March 9 | Movie Night |
| March 16 | Arts in March |
| April 3 | CDM/PTA meeting (PTA will begin at 3:00 and CDM at 4:00) |
| April 13 | Movie Night |
| April 27 | Spring Fling |
| May 1 | CDM/PTA meeting (PTA will begin at 3:00 and CDM at 4:00) |
| May 7-11 | Teacher Appreciation Week |
| May 11 | Movie Night |
| Last Day of School | Talent Show |

All dates are subject to change.

****Also stay tuned for family restaurant nights in our local community each month.****

ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU SEPTEMBER 2011



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| No School | No School | Turkey Noodle Soup or Country Style Steak Strips or Entrée Salad | Teriyaki Chicken or Galaxy Pizza or Back Pack Lunch w/Yogurt, Seeds, Muffin | Hot Dog on a Bun or Ravioli or Entrée Salad |
| Labor Day Holiday | Assessment Day | | | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Chicken Sandwich or Entrée Salad or Cold Cut Combo Sandwich | Quesadilla or Beefy Nachos or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich | Colorado Proud! Chili or Crispy Chicken Wrap or Entrée Salad | Crispy Breaded Chicken or Sloppy Joe on a Bun or Back Pack Lunch w/Yogurt, Seeds, Muffin | Big Daddy Pizza Day! Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza or Entrée Salad or Sun Butter & Jelly Sandwich w/Cheese Stick |
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| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| Cheeseburger or Hamburger or Entrée Salad or Cold Cut Comb Sandwich | Bean & Cheese Burrito or Corn Dog or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich | Mac & Cheese or Entrée Salad or Ham & Cheese Wrap | Turkey & Gravy on Mashed Potatoes or Galaxy Pizza or Back Pack Lunch w/Yogurt, Seeds, Muffin | French Toast w/Sausage or Ravioli or Entrée Salad |
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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| Hot Dog w/Chili or Entrée Salad or Cold Cut Combo Sandwich | Soft Taco or Stuffed Bread Sticks or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich | Spaghetti w/Meatballs or Crispy Chicken Wrap or Entrée Salad | Chicken Nuggets or Hot Ham & Cheese on a Bun or Back Pack Lunch w/Yogurt, Seeds, Muffin | Big Daddy Pizza Day! Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza or Entrée Salad or Sun Butter & Jelly Sandwich w/ Cheese Stick |
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Lunch includes an entrée and a choice of sides. Milk is offered daily at lunch. Menus are nutritionally balanced with a wide variety of healthy selections including fruits and vegetables. Nutritional information is available on the website at jeffco.publicschools.org

Menus are Subject to Change without notice due to price and product availability. For the most accurate lunch menu offerings, please call the lunch line at 303.982.2950, option 4.



Student Lunch Price - \$2.50, Adults \$3.50,
Milk \$ 0.50,
Water/Juice \$ 0.25

Meal Pay - Manage your child's school lunch account on the Internet by logging on to www.mealpay.com or phone 1.866.609.0949

Employment Opportunities

Looking for the perfect P/T job? 2 -6 hours / day, Advancement opportunities

Call 303.982.6747

