

# The **WESTERN** Wire

A monthly newsletter for parents and friends of Western Avenue School May/June 2006 Issue

## Western Avenue Tidbit

As the weather continues to get warm and we come close to the end of the school year, students have a tendency to lose focus. Here are a few suggestions to help children maintain focus and avoid early summer bliss.

- Encourage your child to continue using their assignment notebooks, and review assignments each evening.
- Create a calendar mapping out projects, tests, and assignments to help students plan accordingly.
- Continue to set aside a mandatory homework time to help balance school and outside activities.
- Engage your child in conversation about school matters.

## Principals' Perspectives

As this final newsletter is being printed, numerous preparations are underway to close out the current school year. You will notice the many activities scheduled for the remaining five weeks of school on the attached calendar.

Some highlights are as follows:

- May 1-5 – Staff Appreciation Week
- May 2-4 – Visual Arts Expo @ 9:00-4:00p.m – Normandy Villa
- May 3 – Visual Arts Expo – Evening Student Reception @ 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Normandy Villa
- May 8 – Board Recognition Meeting
- May 15 - 31 – Cultural Fair
- May 16 – Summer School Registration @ 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. - PJH
- May 18 – Cultural Fair Parent Viewing @ 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- May 26 – DARE Graduation
- May 30 – June 1 – Class Picnics
- June 2 – Field Day
- June 5 – Field Day Rain Date
- June 6 – Kindergarten Graduation
- June 6 – Jesse White Tumblers
- June 7 – Last Day of School Dismissal @ 9:30 a.m.

## Western Avenue Prepares for Cultural Fair Activities

Following the leadership of staff members Judy Kubas and Diane Comandella, staff and students of Western Avenue are preparing for a two week long Cultural Fair to be held May 15 – 31, 2006. Each of our grade levels is focusing on a continent - studying the customs, climates, languages, and different cultures for that part of the world. The week will culminate with classes moving through all classroom areas of the building viewing the displays each grade level has created demonstrating the results of their research activities. Please join us on May 18 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. to see the outstanding efforts of our students during the month of May.

## Western Avenue School Volunteers to be Honored on May 17

One of the components of Western Avenue School that makes it a special place for student learning is the high level of community volunteerism. On May 17, 2006 we will be honoring those individuals who have given of their time this year to support student learning. Beginning at 9:30 a.m., we will be enjoying a breakfast and presentation of thanks from all of the students at Western Avenue School. Invitations will be arriving through the mail. If you do not receive one but have given of your time doing volunteer work during the 2005 – 2006 school year, please contact the Western Avenue School office.

Your child's teacher and grade level team will be working with Mrs. Wilson and me to create classes for next year. The process is long and complicated, as we will balance classes by gender, number, special needs, ability levels, and combinations of students. With four teachers at each grade level, every attempt will be made to place your child in accordance with his/her academic and social needs.

The school year has certainly breezed by quickly. We thank you for all of your support through the rough spots as well as the easy times. Without community support, Western Avenue students would not thrive as they do. We may not say it often enough but THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO! May you have a wonderful spring and fantastic summer; if you find yourself near school, please stop by to say "hello" as we will be around on and off throughout the summer.

