

West Terrace Elementary School

March 13, 2009

Upcoming Events

- March 23-27
No School-Spring Break
- Tuesday, April 7
KG Round-Up/6:00 PM
- Friday, April 10
SNOW MAKE UP DAY
- Monday, April 13
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- Thursday, April 16
4th & 5th Grade Family
Science Night
- Tuesday, April 21
5th Gr Honors Dinner
6:00-7:30 PM/Cafe
- Thursday, April 23
Spring Pictures
8:00-10:00 AM/Cafe
- Friday, April 24
Generations Day
10:30-12:30
- April 27-May 6
ISTEP+
- Thursday, April 30
Choir Program
6:30 PM/Gym

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Black Cat News

Notes from the Principal

Accelerated Reader

Students are using a computer software program called Renaissance Place, or Accelerated Reader (AR), at school. This program has a special feature called Home Connect. Home Connect is a fun, easy-to-use, easy-to-understand web-based interface that allows you, the student, and the teacher to share in the educational experience by viewing progress in AR while outside of school.

You can view Home Connect from any computer with an Internet connection using these browsers: Internet Explorer 6.02 or later, Firefox 1.5 or later, or Safari 2.0.3 or later.

Students in grades 1-5 will bring home a letter that contains their User Name and Password.

Home Connect log in web site:

<https://Hosted223.renlearn.com/124278/HomeConnect/Login.aspx>

In Home Connect you can also:

-Click **Email Setup** to sign up to receive emails showing your student's quiz or test results.

-Click **Help** to get answers to your questions about Home Connect.

Spring Pictures

Thursday, April 23 - No payment is to be made on picture day. When picture package arrives you may send in payment at that time. If you do not wish to purchase, simply return package to school.



Notes from the Counselor

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRY

3314 Forest Avenue

Evansville, IN 47712

Phone: 401-1556

Angel Food Ministry is now accepting debit/credit card payments online.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

To enroll, a child must be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2009. A copy of the child's legal birth certificate (not the hospital certificate with footprints) and the child's social security card should be presented at time of enrollment. Up-to-date physical exam records are due before the first day of school.

Kindergarten Round-Up is Tuesday, April 7th at 6:00 P.M. Please plan to attend.

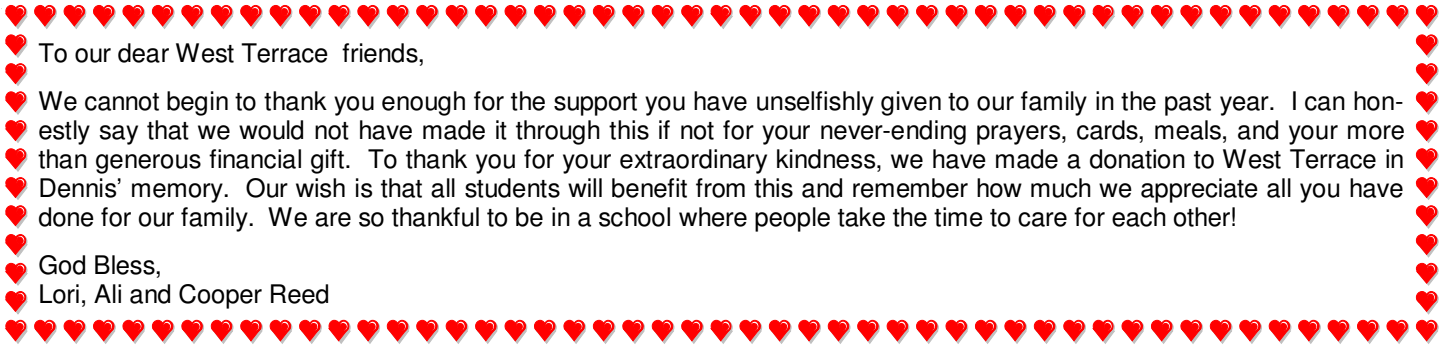
SNOW MAKE UP DATES

Friday, April 10

Monday, April 13

Friday, May 22

"Connect Ed" is the new EVSC school-to-family communications system designed to notify families through phone, text, or email of important school and/or weather-related information. You should have received a message announcing these make-up dates. It is important to keep your phone information up-to-date in the school office.



To our dear West Terrace friends,

We cannot begin to thank you enough for the support you have unselfishly given to our family in the past year. I can honestly say that we would not have made it through this if not for your never-ending prayers, cards, meals, and your more than generous financial gift. To thank you for your extraordinary kindness, we have made a donation to West Terrace in Dennis' memory. Our wish is that all students will benefit from this and remember how much we appreciate all you have done for our family. We are so thankful to be in a school where people take the time to care for each other!

God Bless,
Lori, Ali and Cooper Reed

UPCOMING ART/TECH EVENTS

Google Design Contest - Due by March 31: 4th and 5th grades design 'themed' doodles for the Google logo.

Design Ads Contest for American Classified - Due by April 3: Students design ads for participating area businesses.

Creative Spotlight Arts Show (Walkway by Old National Bank) - Saturday, April 4: Students can sell their art masterpieces. Set-up time is 10:00 AM with show time from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM. **West Terrace Choir will perform from 12:45-1:00 PM.**



EVSC Board Room Display - Monday, April 20-Friday, May 1: The 5th grade photography work that was done earlier in the year will be displayed in the Board Room located in the Administration Building, 1 S.E. Ninth Street.

If you saw the Sunday, March 15 edition of the Evansville Courier & Press you saw the article Hooked Up: EVSC students show off technical triumphs. The article, on the front page of the Local section, featured the Tech Expo at Ivy Tech that was held on Saturday, March 14. **Merritt Wright, Daylen Tracy, Courtney Logue** and **Evan Logue** showed off their ARTimation (clay animation) project. What an awesome story and picture! Thanks for representing West Terrace so well!

BILLBOARD DESIGN CONTEST UPDATE

Black Cat Congratulations to **Reaghan Herrin** for being selected from the K-2 category of the billboard contest sponsored by the Vanderburgh Co. Solid Waste Management District, Keep America Beautiful, Veolia Environmental Services and Lamar Outdoor Advertising. Reaghan's winning entry will be on a billboard at Red Bank Road and Lloyd Expressway intersection facing west.



FAR System to Help EVSC Recover Funds More Efficiently

The Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation has elected to use an outside company to recover returned checks that have been used to pay for school lunches. No longer will the district or school staff arrange for the repayment of checks returned for non-sufficient funds. The Federal Automated Recovery System (FARS) will now be responsible for the electronic collection of non-sufficient funds checks turned in to any school or district account.

The EVSC will gladly accept your checks. When you provide a check as payment, you authorize the EVSC to either use information from the check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. You also are authorizing FARS to collect a \$20 fee through an electronic fund transfer from your account if your payment is returned unpaid.

If you have any questions about this system, please email EVSC Director of Food and Nutrition, Pat Barsumian, at pat.barsumian@evsc.k12.in.us or call the Office of Food and Nutrition at 435-8258.

Set an example. Let your kids see you reading for pleasure!

STUDENT COUNCIL UPCOMING EVENTS



Vanderburgh Humane Society Donation Drive

We know that everyone has been hit in some way by the recession. However, businesses that rely on donations are hurting even more. Student Council has decided to help the Vanderburgh Humane Society by holding a donation drive **April 6-17**. They have asked for a few specific items they need at this time, although they will gladly accept any donations. Please keep these items in mind for donating:

- Bath towels: these can be new or used. They will take towels that are stained or have holes.
- Heavy-duty dog toys: they would rather you spend \$7 on one toy that will last a dog months instead of 7 cheap toys that will last one day. Kong brand toys and Buster cubes are known to be good, long lasting dog toys.
- "cake" and "paté" style wet cat food
- Clay cat litter
- Distilled water



Car Wash to Benefit the Vanderburgh Humane Society

Also please mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 11, 10:00-12:00 AM**. Student Council will have a car wash at West Terrace to raise money to donate to the VHS. We are asking for either a monetary or an "item" donation from our 'customers.'

The Student Council reps are very excited about this project and are working very hard to make it a success. Student Council members will be taking a field trip to the Vanderburgh Humane Society to see its operations and what they do to help the animals in the community. We appreciate you support!



RAZZLE DAZZLE

Tryouts and Practices

April 23: Tryouts	2:16-4:00 PM	
April 28: Practice for groups 1-11	2:16-4:00 PM	2:16-4:00 PM
April 29: Practice for groups 12-22	2:16-4:00 PM	2:16-4:00 PM
May 5: Practice for groups 23-33	2:16-4:00 PM	2:16-4:00 PM
May 13: Practice for ALL groups	1:00-3:00 PM	

SAFETY PATROL

It is that time of year when we try to assess the needs for the following year. We are looking at options for safety patrol guards. If your child will be walking to school on a daily basis next year, please notify the office at 435-8733 as soon as possible.



YEARBOOK PICTURES

We had so much wonderful help on the yearbook this year, and it was appreciated! **THANK YOU** to all of the parents and teachers who took pictures and to the homeroom representatives who collected the pictures and designed their homeroom pages. They look awesome! Special thanks to Monie Siscel and Annette Wright for all of their extra work on this project!! The yearbooks are scheduled to arrive in time for the autograph party. Don't forget to continue taking pictures until the end of the school year for the extra pages that we add over summer break. Contact Joanne Bogard at threekidsareus@yahoo.com with questions.

PTA NEWS

SOFT DRINK TABS

The Black Cats have collected 111 pounds of tabs so far. That is about 111,000 tabs!! We received a check for \$29.97. IT ALL ADDS UP! Keep saving and sending in those tabs!

EVSC CLOTHING BANK COLLECTION

The week of March 30-April 3 West Terrace will be collecting toothpaste and gently-worn clothing for the EVSC Clothing Bank. Collection boxes will be located just inside the main doors of the school. If you have questions please contact Glenda Nelson at 985-0510.

See the West Terrace web site, www.evscschools.com/westterrace, (PTA page) for a **list of recyclable items** and the **2009 recycling dates**. If you do not have access to the internet, a few copies will be located outside the main office.

HACIENDA WEST "GIVE-BACK" DAY

Hacienda West has planned a "Give-Back" day for May 20. West Terrace will receive 20% back on all sales, with no cap on the amount we earn! Homeroom names will be on the back of each coupon and the homeroom with the most sales will earn either a piñata/candy or chips/salsa party on May 21. We must do over \$300 in sales to make a profit....so *save the date* and enjoy a meal at Hacienda while earning money for your school!