

Welcome to Back to School Night!

Westover Elementary School

Making a Difference Together...the Westover Way

September 12, 2019



Agenda

- * Welcome
- * Staff Introductions
- * Making a Difference Together
- * PTO Message
- * Classroom Visitation



Core Values that Drive Our Work

The Westover Way

- * Be Respectful
- * Be Safe
- * Be Prepared

Westover's Vision

At Westover Elementary School, we collaborate to inspire our students to be creative problem solvers and lifelong learners. We promote a respectful, equitable atmosphere that elevates academic excellence and social emotional growth for all.

Celebrations

92.4% of students met 2 or more EOL literacy measures

89.6% of students met 2 or more EOL math measures

Local Equity Accountability Achievement Score:

- *3.2/4.0 in Literacy*
- *3.8/4.0 in Math, increased from a 2.8 in 2018*

State Accountability Model Score: 5/5 stars

Climate Survey Data:

- *100% of staff agree that staff morale is positive in the school; increased from 50% in 2018*
- *100% of staff agree that there is open communication within our school; increased from 38.9 in 2018*



Key Questions

- * Are our children learning?
- * Are they learning enough?
- * How do we know?
- * If not, why not?
- * What are we going to do about it?



School-Wide Expectations

- * **90 minute literacy block as prescribed by MCPS**
- * **70 minute math block using the new Eureka Math Curriculum, Curriculum/PTO Night, October 1, 2019**
- * **Integration of technology**
- * **Formal writing process instruction outside of 90 minute Reading/LA block**
- * **Ongoing data collection and use of formatives**
- * **PBIS upgrades, including classroom/morning meetings and mindful minutes**



Student Instructional Day

- * The student day is from **9:25-3:50**
- * Students will be invited into classrooms at 9:20
- * Students will be considered tardy at **9:25**--morning announcements will begin *promptly* at 9:25
- * Instruction will continue until 3:45
- * Afternoon announcements will begin at **3:50**-- **students will be called for dismissal following the afternoon announcements**



Enhanced Security

- * When visiting, please remember to always enter the school through the main entrance doors and to stop by the main office
- * **All visitors MUST sign in and show ID each time they visit**
- * Staff members have been encouraged to stop any and all persons in the building that do not have the appropriate identification or visitor's badge

Safety During Arrival

- * **STUDENTS SHOULD NOT ARRIVE AT SCHOOL BEFORE 9:05 a.m.** School doors will remain locked until this time.
- * They should line up at the designated areas where teachers will be on duty.
 - * Students K-5 will line up outside of their classrooms upon arrival and will be supervised by adults and patrols.

Car Loop

- * Please be reminded that cars should safely use the PICK-UP/DROP-OFF LOOP to drop off or pick up students.
- * Please, **NO PARKING IN THE PICK-UP/DROP-OFF LOOP!**
- * NO drop-off and pick in the bus lane or the parking lot.

Correspondence and Communication



- * Check out the Westover website, **migrating to new platform by the end of the month**
- * Principal's Newsletter, *The Westover Way*, bi-weekly
- * **Grade level newsletters, monthly, posted on website**
- * Principal Coffees will be held in November and in April
- * PTO meetings, first one on **October 1st**
- * Sunday Screammers, Connect-ED system
- * **Twitter**, follow me at Audra Wilson@Westover_Prin
- * Friday Folders

Positive Behavior Interventions

- * The Westover Way
- * ORANGE Wallaby Tickets
- * Peace Day celebrations
- * Referrals
- * Reflection Sheets
- * Restorative Questions



Goals for 2019-2020

- * Differentiate instruction with a special emphasis on differentiated centers and independent work
- * Implement new Eureka math curriculum with fidelity
- * Implement MCPS requirements for literacy block, including the use of on and above grade level complex text and the use of formative assessment data to plan for instruction
- * Decrease office referrals and focus on developing problem solving strategies with students



Message from the PTO

Follow us on Facebook: Westover Community Alliance

Visitation

Have a Great Night!

Locations:

Grade K: Individual classrooms

Grade 1: Individual classrooms

Grade 2: Room 114 (Albaugh)

Grade 3: Room 211 (Davis)

Grade 4: Room 217 (Krakaur)

Grade 5: Portable 2 (Smith)

Please take time to complete the BTSN survey at the end of your visit! Your feedback is important!