# Community Conversation March 6, 2024



Together we are strong. Together, we unite. Together we soar.

We are Westlawn.

"Individually unique...Together extraordinary"



Agenda		
1	New Updates Actualizaciones Nuevas	
2	Reminders Recordatorios	
3	Q&A Preguntas y Respuestas	



# 23-24 WESTLAWN DATES





March 4-8: Read Across America Week

March 6: STEAM Enrichment Program Starts Today!

March 11: Spring Picture Day

March 13: Restaurant Night - Chipotle

March 13: Fun Clothing Day: Dapper Clothing Day

March 16: Westlawn Day!

March 20: Laps for Learning



# NOT-SO-SECRET STAFF (AND STUDENT) SPIRIT DAYS



We will *continue* celebrating *Not-So-Secret* Staff (and Student)

Spirit Days on Wednesdays!

Wednesday 3/13: Dapper Day

A TalkingPoints message will go out on Tuesdays as a reminder.

# FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

- March 3 March 22
- \* The survey will ask questions targeting:
  - x Welcoming Environment
  - x Communication
  - x Student Success
  - x Advocacy
  - x Family and School Partnerships
  - x Community Partnerships





CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR

### WESTLAWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH | 4-8PM 6299 SEVEN CORNERS CTR. FALLS CHURCH, VA. 22044

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE 2J76FYX
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify, \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.







RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS PARA

### WESTLAWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

33% DE LAS VENTAS DEL EVENTO SERÁN DONADAS A LA CAUSA

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Para que las órdenes en línea se tengan en cuenta para el evento de recaudación de fondos, deberán ser del mismo lugar del evento y realizarse durante las horas del mismo. Las órdenes con servicio de entrega y las realizadas con una tarjeta de regalo no cuentan para el evento. Se requiere un mínimo de \$150 dólares de ventas para recibir cualquier donación.

# LAPS FOR LEARNING

- We realize all students did not receive envelopes for this fund-raising event
- Families need to keep track of online donations received for their child
  - x Online database doesn't identify the specific child

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Students in grades 5 and 6 can also have the opportunity to participate in an in-School STEAM Club if they are unable to stay after school. Contact Ms. Winters of mbeinters@fccs.edu. for more information.

## STEAM Academy

in partnership with Northrop Grumman

We are excited to be able to offer after school STEAM Academy once again this year! Here are the clubs we are offering in the Spring. If you are interested, complete the form and return to school. Registration is first come, first served. Free super snacks will be available. There is unfortunately NO BUS available for these programs. Please plan to walk or drive and work together with neighbors for carpooling.

### Grow Grow: Gardening Fun!

Mrs. Hunt

(arades 3-4)

Let's get outdoors and prepare garden beds, plant seeds, and start a teepee garden.

### **Engineering Design Challenges**

Ms. Burke

(grades 2-3)

Students will use the Engineering Design Process to explore a variety of fun building challenges each week.

### **Lego Robotics**

Mr. Stuebner and Mr. Guerra

(grades 4-6)

Do you like Legos, animals, and robotics? Use your building skills and problem solving to figure out how to help animals and the environment while using Lego SPIKE kits.

### **Debate Club**

Westlawn 8th grade Alums with Ms. Granados

(grades 5-6)

Will artificial intelligence take over the world? Are allens real? If you are seeking to debate questions like these, look no further than the Westlawn STEM Debate Club! This club will allow students to immerse themselves in open-ended discussions and learn how to debate and develop their research and presentation skills.

### Wonderlab

Ms. Terrell (grades 2-4)

Have you ever wondered if rainbows can walk? What about growing veggies a different color or using crystals to make art? Ever think about pulling apart color? If that is you join Ms. Terrell in a wacky, arty, wonderful time mixing science and art together! Open to 2nd and 3rd graders! NOTE: No class April 17th.

### Drone Club

Virginia Tech Applied Research Corporation

(grades 5-6)

Students will code and program drones, race drones through obstacle courses, and have fun! They will be able to incorporate loops, conditionals, variables, and more into their code using Blockly.

### Westlawn Leadership Academy

Mr. Maloney

(grade 6)

Come join this super popular club exclusively for 6th graders! We mix Scratch coding with leadership skills and create goals for our future. Come learn how to believe in your unique skills and help change the world! Part of this club is a college tour field trip.

### Micro:Bits

Ms. Michelle White (grades 4-6)

With Microbits, students bring coding to life in the real world with LED lights, sounds, and sensors. We learn the basics of block coding, create games and tackle challenges as well as use the Microbits to program our Finch Robots!

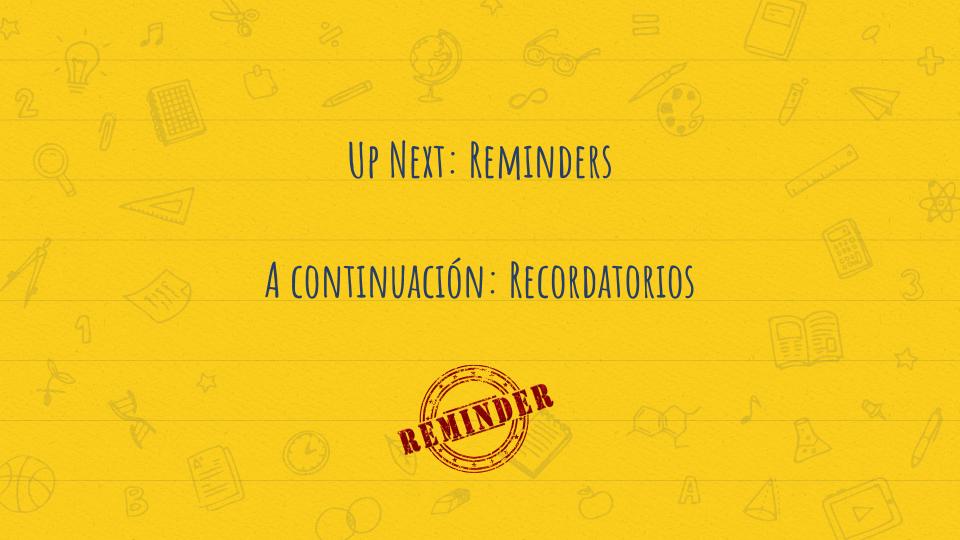
### **Anatomy & Physiology**

Ms. Rezcallah (grades 2-3)

Have you ever thought about being a doctor, nurse or other medical professional when you grow up? If you feel inspired to learn more about the human body and how it works, this class is for you! We will learn about the bones, skin, muscles, and organs like your heart, lunas, and brain!









# LAPS FOR LEARNING

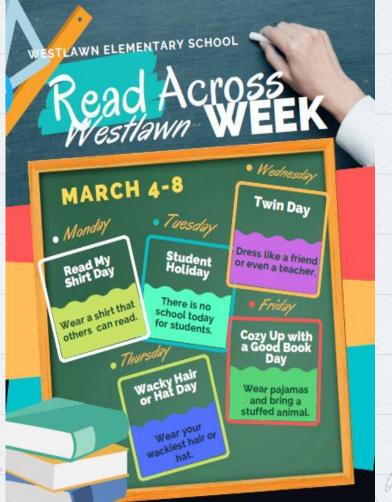
Wednesday, March 20 during instructional day

Link to volunteer





# READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK









**GAMES! CRAFTS! SNACKS!** 



# OUR SCHOOLS, OUR FUTURE WITH DR. REID

- Our Schools, Our Future: Community Conversations Continue

  Join Superintendent Dr. Michelle Reid for Our Schools, Our Future A Community

  Conversation. Your voice matters! Share your thoughts about FCPS and bring your questions to a conversation on:
  - Tuesday, April 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at <u>Graham Road Elementary School</u>.
  - Tuesday, April 30, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at <u>South County Middle School</u>.
  - Thursday, May 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at <u>Terraset Elementary School</u>.
  - Wednesday, May 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at <u>Hybla Valley Elementary School</u>.
  - Thursday, May 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at Poe Middle School.
  - Tuesday, May 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at Katherine Johnson Middle School.



# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

### Kindergarten Registration: It's as Easy as 1-2-3...

There's an easy five-step process for parents wanting to register their child for kindergarten:

- 1. Determine eligibility.
- 2. Identify your local school.
- Gather documents.
- 4. Fill out forms.
- 5. Schedule an appointment.

After the appointment at the school (the student and one caregiver must be present), the student will be ready for orientation, Bridge to Kindergarten, or any other introductory events each school may host. Read more about the <u>registration process</u>.



# LET'S GO FACEBOOKING



Follow us on Facebook for timely updates and TONS of photos! | ¡Síguenos en Facebook para actualizaciones oportunas y TONELADAS de fotos!



# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHT

Fifth graders asked to make an unboxing video. We said OH YEAH!

How can I make sure an outdated computer image won't derail "Do It for the 'Gram"?





# DO IT FOR THE 'GRAM



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# **Ways to Connect and Communicate**

Formas de conectar y comunicar

Weekly Family Message (Newsletter)



Photos, Celebrations, & Announcements



Upcoming Events, Students' Online Classrooms





Chat with Staff via Text Messages



Information Hub





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