

# Community Conversation

## September 4, 2024



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

*“Individually unique...Together extraordinary”*

# AGENDA

1. News
2. Dates and Events
3. Volunteer Opportunities
4. Reminders
5. Celebrations



1. Noticias
2. Fechas y eventos
3. Oportunidades para voluntarios
4. Recordatorios
5. Celebraciones



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NEWS



NOTICIAS



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

- ✘ Students who miss 10% of the school year (18 days, about 2 per month) are considered *chronically absent*.
- ✘ The Westlawn Attendance Team is here to help!





# WESTLAWN ATTENDANCE TEAM

## Members:

Silvia Caballero

Marcela Escalante

Sarah Jacoby

Marisa Johnson

Hilda Reyes

## Process:

- ✘ At 5 absences families will receive a direct message on TalkingPoints to alert them that 5 days have been missed.
- ✘ Additional action will be taken at various intervals to combat chronic absenteeism and support families in getting children to school regularly.



# What is Title I?



**Attendance in English**



**Attendance in Spanish**



# What Does it Mean to be a Title I School?

Being a Title I school means receiving federal funding (Title I dollars) to supplement the school's existing programs.





# What is Title I?



- Federal program funded to provide all children significant opportunities to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps
- Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended in 2015 as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)



## What are the Objectives of Title I in FCPS?

- To improve students' literacy skills and communication
- To develop students' mathematical skills and problem-solving
- To promote critical and creative thinking
- To foster resiliency and goal-setting
- To encourage collaboration and family engagement



## How are Schools Selected for Title I?

- FCPS leadership ranks schools in accordance with federal program guidelines
- Schools are identified for Title I funds based on the percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals



# How Westlawn spends Title I funds

- **Instructional Coaches**
- **Interventionists**



Please sign the English attendance form or the Spanish attendance form to help us meet our outreach goal!



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DATES AND EVENTS



FECHAS Y EVENTOS



Schedule change!

## 24-25 WESTLAWN DATES

More info on  
upcoming slides!



September 6: Outdoor Movie Night (7:15 PM)

September 9: Scouts Clean Up the Discovery Zone (5:00 PM)

September 10: PTA Meeting (Zoom, 6:30 PM)

September 11: Color Day: Wear Orange!

September 16: Students Release Three Hours Early (12:30 PM)


September 16: First Meeting of The Bandage Project

September 17: First Night of the Family Literacy Program

Contact Mrs. Reyes to enroll: [email](#) | 703-241-5125

September 18: Color Day: Wear Yellow!

September 19: Back to School Night (4:30 PM - 6:00 PM)

Subscribe to calendars 



**REMINER**

Cub Scout Pack 675 Invites Everyone to Come for...



**OUTDOOR  
MOVIE  
NIGHT**

**FREE**  
All families  
welcome!

**Friday, Sept 6th  
7:15pm**

**FEATURING  
Migration**

Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and join us  
on the field at Westlawn Elementary!

The scouts will be popping fresh popcorn  
and selling it by the bag.

For more information contact Pack Leadership  
email: [contactpack675@gmail.com](mailto:contactpack675@gmail.com)



Cub Scout Pack 675 Invita a todas a venir por



**AL AIRE  
LIBRE  
LA NOCHE  
DE PELÍCULA**

**ES GRATIS**  
¡Trae una  
manta!

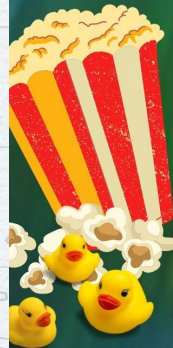
**Viernes, 6 de Septiembre  
7:15pm**

**FEATURING  
Migration**

Trae una manta o silla y únase a Cub Scout  
Pack 675 para la noche de película al aire  
libre en el campo de westlawn.

Los scouts venderán palomitas de maíz  
para beneficiar al paquete.

para más información  
email: [contactpack675@gmail.com](mailto:contactpack675@gmail.com)







## COLOR DAYS TO SUPPORT KINDERGARTEN



All Westlawn community members are invited to wear the color of the day on Wednesdays to help kindergarten students learn colors! Color days will be listed on the website calendar and reminders will be shared via social media.


Wednesday, **September 11: Wear Orange!**








# THE BANDAGE PROGRAM

Sign up here!



**THE BANDAGE PROGRAM**

-  COLLABORATION
-  COMMUNICATION
-  SCIENCE

Brought to you by passionate students at FCPS high schools!

# WHAT DO WE DO?



Hold educational virtual meetings on the most current topics in medicine and science!

Host in-person science fairs with surgical simulations, nature observations, and night sky watches!  
\*Stay tuned for our event at Fairfax County's VolunteerFest!



SCAN OUR QR CODE IF YOU'RE INTERESTED!



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## FALL SESSION

September 16th - December 20th, 2024

Grades K-4: 1-hr/wk

Grades 5-8: 90-min/wk





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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



OPORTUNIDADES PARA VOLUNTARIOS





## BE A BLUE STAR FEATURED FAMILY

We want to celebrate our **military families** during **Blue Star Welcome Week** by sharing their stories on social media. Is your family a military family and would like to be featured? Or do you know a military family who might be interested? Please reach out to [Ms. Dushok](#).











Final  
notice

# PTA Meeting



Sept. 10, 2024  
at 6:30 PM



westlawnes.fcps.edu

## JOIN THE PTA!

[Click here to join the PTA!](#)

First PTA meeting on Zoom on  
September 10, 6:30 PM.

Link will be sent out via PTA  
email list.

**2024-2025**

**PTA Board**

**President**

[Simone Rose](#)

**Vice President**

[Deirdre Ladd](#)

**Treasurer**

[Jordan Kislear](#)

**Secretaries**

[Reina Alas](#)

[Vilma Aracely Cuque](#)

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REMINDERS



RECORDATORIOS









## KISS & RIDE REMINDERS

Please **stay in your car** while dropping off or picking up at Kiss and Ride for your safety.



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CELEBRATIONS



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# Ways to Connect and Communicate *Formas de conectar y comunicar*

Weekly Family Message  
(Newsletter)



Photos, Celebrations,  
& Announcements

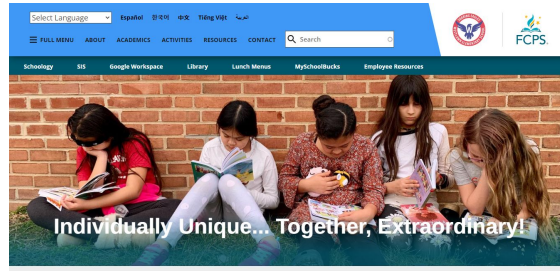


Upcoming Events,  
Students' Online  
Classrooms



**TalkingPoints**

Chat with Staff via  
Text Messages



Information Hub







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