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**Westfall Elementary Newsletter**  
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**Important Dates:**

**February**

- 1st 4th grade NeSA Writing
- 2nd 4th grade NeSA Writing
- 8th 12:24 Dismissal
- 9th Parent Teacher Conferences
- NO SCHOOL
- 10th NO SCHOOL
- 13th MPTO Meeting @ 6:30
- 14th Kindergarten Music Open House
- 15th 1st Grade Music Open House
- 15th Strategic Planning Meeting 6-8pm
- 20th School Board Meeting @ 7:00
- 29th Strategic Planning Meeting 6-8pm

**School News**

This week has been great. The weather has been beautiful, and the kids have enjoyed playing outside. However, the nice weather seems to be coming to an end, but we definitely need some moisture so the snow will be good. Next week is a short week with an early dismissal on Wednesday and NO SCHOOL on Thursday and Friday. Parent Teacher Conferences are Thursday. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their progress, but also any concerns academically or behaviorally that your child might be having in the classroom. Our goal is to provide the necessary skills and concepts for your child to succeed at their grade level, and to provide additional support to those that need a little extra help. **Have a great weekend!!!**



Gung Hey Fat Choy! Happy New Year China! Both Kindergarten classes got together to experiment with chopsticks and found out it was easiest to pick up Cheetos or marshmallows! We discussed how special parades and dragon dances take place in honor of the Chinese celebration. Our "show and tells" this week have all been a connection to China! We also made dragon masks, folded fans, made origami animals, received little red lucky bags with treats, found our year of birth on the Chinese calendar wheel, and tried to write Chinese numbers! We enjoyed asking 3rd graders what year they were born in on the Chinese calendar wheel too! We wore red in honor of the lucky color for our Kindergarten friends in China! Happy New Year no matter how you celebrate!

**Parent Teacher Conferences**

**Parent Teacher Conferences are Thursday, February 9th from 10:00-12:00 and 1:00-6:30.**



### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

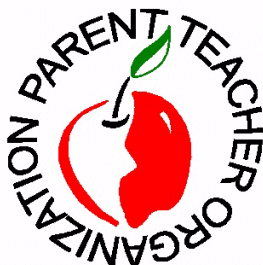
In 3rd grade we learned about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the month of January. We talked about how one person was able to "turn the world upside down." Students wrote about what they can do to help make our world a better place.

#### **I pledge to make a difference in this world by...**

- helping recycle with my family.~ Mikayla
- cleaning up litter.~ David
- making someone happy and hoping they will pay it forward.~ Sophie
- planting trees and making the world a greener place.~ Gabby
- giving away toys to kids who need them more.~ Russell
- donating money and clothes to charity.~ Josephine
- using the recycling center in Malcolm.~ Ariel

### Malcolm Parent Teacher Organization

The next MPTO meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Westfall Commons Area. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings.

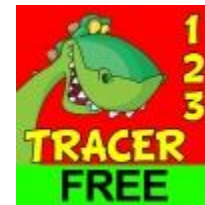


### App of the Week

With all the technology that the teachers and students are using in their classroom and the technological devices at home, we will share a primary and intermediate App every week that we find educational and beneficial to your child.

#### Shake 'em Up State Capitals

Practice your states and capitals. Shake to reveal a new state and say the state capital aloud. Touch the screen anywhere to confirm your answer.



#### 123 Tracer

Get extra practice on number recognition, counting, addition, subtraction, and writing numbers.

### Malcolm Elementary K and 1<sup>st</sup> Open Houses

Dear Parents of Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade,

I am writing this letter to inform you of the upcoming Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> grade music open houses to be held in the vocal music room located right by the Westfall office. Here are the dates and times for these events:

- **Kindergarten (Welsh) Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Parents Arrive @ 12:45 students arrive @ 12:58pm
- **Kindergarten (Luebbe) Tuesday February, 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Parents Arrive @ 1:15, students arrive @1:24pm
- **1<sup>st</sup> grade (Stewart) Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Parents Arrive @ 12:45 students arrive @ 12:58pm
- **1<sup>st</sup> grade (Nutter)- Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Parents Arrive @ 1:15, students arrive @1:24pm

During these times we will be singing songs, playing games, and giving you a better understanding of what we do in music class. Any parent, relative, grandparent, or sibling is invited to share in this musical event. Please call or email me if you have any questions. 796-2151 / [mbeach@esu6.org](mailto:mbeach@esu6.org)

Thanks,  
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