

The Longhorn Way

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I know families received a connect message from Dr. Marty expressing his sympathy about the recent tragedy in Florida. I ditto his sentiments. I want you to know that our priorities are not only to educate your child but to keep them safe. While they are in our care, we are to act as loco parentis, Latin for “in place of parent,” I promise we will do our best to care for them.

One way we work to ensure every student feels safe is to make sure they are connected to our community by building strong relationships. Relationships are the foundation of the work we do here. We want to ensure that every child has a trusted adult in our community. Connection to adults and students is particularly important with middle schoolers as they search for independence and strengthen their decision making skills.

In addition, to working to connect with students we also want to prepare them to think during crisis situations. We use our 4E Training to educate them on their options. The 4E Training includes: Educate, Evade, Engage, and Escape. It is vital that everyone is aware of the surroundings and are proactively prepared for any situation. This includes understanding the layout of the building for exit points, how to evade (barricade a room), and understanding their options in a crisis. Please continue to listen and talk with your child about any concerns and we will do the same. We want to always do what is best for “our” kids.

Reminder: Heart Health Month Next week is Heart Hero Spirit Week. On Tuesday it is Crazy Sock Day On Wednesday, wear West Colors for Spirit Day. Show everyone that WEST is BEST. Thursday is Throwback Thursday. Dress like your favorite decade. And on Friday, it is “Dress like a PE Teacher” Day.

PTO: Tuesday is Spirit Night/Day at Mod Pizza! It's ALL DAY! [Mod Pizza Flyer](#) need to be turned in when ordering for 20% of the order to come back to WMS PTO.

Thanks for trusting us to care for your children.

~Annie

Mark Your Calendar

February 19: President's Day - No Classes

February 20: Crazy Sock Day

PTO Fundraiser Mod Pizza - Ellisville- All Day

February 21: West Longhorn Spirit Wear Day

6 White Field Trip - Sheldon Concert Hall 9:00am - 12:00pm

8th Grade African American Scholars Field Trip

6th and 7th Volleyball Tournament Southwest Middle @ 3:30pm

February 22: Throwback Thursday - dress like your favorite decade

8th Grade Volleyball Tournament @ Southwest Middle @ 3:30pm

February 23: Dress Like a PE Teacher

Orchestra Field Trip - SIU - Edwardsville

*Children do not care how much you know
until they know how much you CARE*