

The Longhorn Way

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BIG THANKS to our PTO: Special thanks to Colleen Wilson for leading our PTO this year as president. Her endless time and commitment has been incredible. I am sure in the next few years she will still be involved; but we thank her for her service to the kids of West Middle. At the last board meeting, the new board members were elected.

Welcome to the 2017-18 PTO Board:

President: Laura De Luca

Vice President: Jennifer Gibbs

Treasurer: Cynthia Pavelka

Recording Secretary: Julie Moriarity

Corresponding Secretary: Amy Glisson Past President: Colleen Wilson

8th Grade VP: Julie Smola

7th Grade VP: Jill Moss

6th Grade VP: Sarah McCarthy

1500 Summer Learning: I challenge you to have your child read 1500 pages this summer. Summer Reading slump is a real issue. Ensure your child continues their good reading skills. Students reading 5-6 books during the summer can prevent a decline in reading. Here are some ideas to get kids excited about reading this summer:

- Start a summer book club with friends. If friends aren't nearby, they could discuss the book over google doc or another discussion board.
- Create a family scoreboard for the amount of pages everyone reads over the summer.
- Set aside 20-30 minutes a day to drop everything and read.
- Participate in the St. Louis County or City library programs to encourage reading.
- Keep a reading notebook. Have students draw pictures of what they have read.
- Read to a younger sibling or neighbor. It improves community and reading.
- Keep writing skills up to by having kids write everyday.
- Read recipes and make them in the kitchen together.

Summer Reading Bingo: Mrs. Ruzicka, our librarian, has created a [website](#) for the reading incentives available through West Middle Library for the 2017-2018 school year. A few important highlights to talk about with kids:

- Students can complete a Summer Reading Bingo card (on website) to earn a prize in our library. The deadline to receive the prize is August 25, 2017.
- Students can join the Google Classroom with code **cy3zx9** to access the Readers Award nominees and quizzes.
- The website also has links to Summer Reading lists and programs offered outside Parkway.

Report Cards: Middle and high school students can access report cards on the Infinite Campus portal beginning on May 30 through June 14. If you wish to print or save your student's' 2016-17 report cards, you need to access them on the portal by **June 14**. On June 15, summer school schedules and progress grades will be available in Infinite Campus.

Thanks for sharing your child with us.

~ Annie

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Looking Ahead

Monday, May 15

11:30 am 5th Grade Visit - Henry/Mason Ridge/Highcroft/Bellerive

3:15 pm Quote the School - Mrs. Hurlbert

Wednesday, May 17

11:30am 5th Grade Visit -Pierremont/Claymont

Last Day for After School Activities

Thursday, May 18

Middle School District Track Meet @ South High

Friday, May 19

Longhorn Day!

6th Grade - Tropicana Bowling

7th Grade - Sports Fusion

8th Grade - Six Flags

Don't be pushed by your problems, be lead by your dreams.