

# Westar Elementary Newsletter

September 2020

**"Make it a great day or not...  
the choice is yours."**

**--Mr. Bogart**

## Hybrid Times for K-5th Grade

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### AM Session:

**7:40 AM – 10:25 AM**

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### PM Session:

**11:55 AM – 2:40 PM**

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**Success is the sum of small  
efforts, repeated day in and  
day out.**

**--Robert Collier**

To report an absence  
please call our Attendance  
Line at:

**623 327-2848**

## A Message from Mr. Bogart, Principal

We are just over a month into the school year. It's been an interesting experience moving through distance learning classes throughout the day. There is such a cross-section of extremely wonderful teaching taking place as well as some awkward moments. Our staff has really worked hard to step up their game and they are doing an amazing job and continuing to look for ways to improve!

Our teachers opening up their homes to students and students opening their homes up to their class adds an extra layer, unusual in the context of our teaching profession. The engagement piece for staff is a struggle as proximity for that teacher can get lost in distance learning. However, there are some who have really figured this out.

Being well prepared is a must, even more so in distance learning. And even though you are well prepared sometimes technology doesn't cooperate. Just when things get rolling you get kicked out of an amazing conversation never being able to pick up where you left off.

Many of our teachers have tried to maintain their same daily rituals but doing so in distance can be a struggle. You really know how much you enjoy being around children when they aren't here for months! We miss them immensely and we are looking forward to having them in-person soon!

## A Message from Ms. Schaefer, Assistant Principal

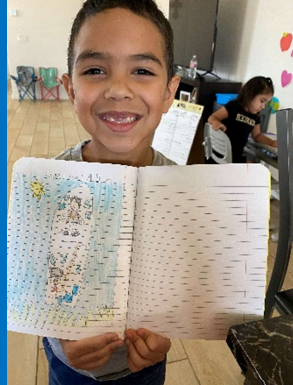
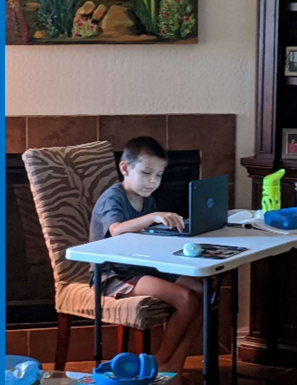
Hello Westar Comets!

If you asked me to pick one word to describe this year, it would be challenging to decide! We have had to show flexibility in our teaching styles. We have shown tenacity in the way we problem-solve moving our teaching fully online. We have joy that we get to be with our kids on Google Meets during the day. We have also shown commitment in doing what we can to help, grow, and care for kids each day, even during a global pandemic!

I am so proud to be part of such an incredible community of teachers, students, and families. Thank you for partnering with us as we cultivate curious and confident problem solvers!



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Distance Learning creates a challenge for STEAM education, but check out how are teachers are meeting that challenge:



## What's happening at Westar:

**Free Grab & Go Meals offered at all Liberty Elementary District Schools.**

**Monday - Friday**

**7:00 AM - 8:00 AM**

**11:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

Breakfast and Lunch will be available during both times.

Anyone under the age of 18 may participate. Students do not need to be present to pick up meals. Please contact [ccabanilla@liberty25.org](mailto:ccabanilla@liberty25.org) with any questions.

At Westar, you can drive by the gym side of the school and they will have a station set up with the meals. The Free Meals will continue through December of 2020.

**Cheers to Mrs. Amenhasuer and Mrs. Neugebauer!**

Mrs. Amenhauser is our amazing PE teacher here at Westar and nothing can slow her down from applying for and receiving grants! In the last few months she has secured almost \$10,000 in grants to help enhance PE for all of our students! Mrs. Neugebauer has also received a STEM project grant of almost \$4,000 to go toward the creation of a robotics club. Look for more information on this club coming in December!

**How can we help?**

Onsite Support Services [lgoodman@liberty25.org](mailto:lgoodman@liberty25.org) or [wes@liberty25.org](mailto:wes@liberty25.org)

Special Education [dryan@liberty25.org](mailto:dryan@liberty25.org)

504's [jadams@liberty25.org](mailto:jadams@liberty25.org)

Hybrid curriculum and instruction [ncamp@liberty25.org](mailto:ncamp@liberty25.org)

Liberty Online School [rcagle@liberty25.org](mailto:rcagle@liberty25.org)

Technical issues with devices or hotspots [LESsupport@liberty25.org](mailto:LESsupport@liberty25.org)

General questions [wes@liberty25.org](mailto:wes@liberty25.org)

