

Westside Consolidated School District

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Westside Alumni Newsletter

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Alumnus Zach Williams wins Grammy

Westside alumnus Zach Williams won a Grammy last night for his Christian album *Chainbreaker*. This is Williams's second Grammy nomination and his first win. He lives in Nashville with his family.

One District, One Book prompts community members to read

On January 22nd, Westside launched a One District, One Book (ODOB) campaign for everyone in the district to read *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate. Students in pre-k through seventh grade received a free copy of the book along with a reading plan. *The One and Only Ivan* is based on the true story of a gorilla who held captive in a mall that doubles as a circus.

The campaign began with assemblies for the elementary and middle school, during which curriculum director, Pam Dooley; superintendent, Scott Gauntt; and librarians, Lori Gauntt and Christie Lewis, spoke to students to encourage them to participate by reading the book with their families.

A community launch followed the next day, where Ivan the gorilla made an appearance at the junior high boys' basketball game. (The district would like to thank Mr. Keith Campbell and Mr. Tom Dooley for their help with the launch.) Recently, Ivan has also made appearances in the car rider line, at a middle school basketball game, and at Sonic in Bono.

The middle and elementary schools are also having a hashtag contest. Everyone who is participating in ODOB may post pictures on social media with #ivanwes for the elementary

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school or #ivanwms for the middle school. The school with the most hashtags will win a hashtag trophy. Other planned events include trivia nights on both campuses.

Community members can help by reading the book and discussing it with others. The purpose of this program is to promote a culture of literacy throughout the district.

Lenovo Chromebooks for sale

Westside is selling Lenovo X131e Chromebooks for \$50 as is. All devices are factory reset.

Call 870-336-8047 during regular school hours for more information.

Baseball chili supper and Student Council auction Tuesday

The Westside Baseball team will host its fourth-annual chili supper on Tuesday from 4:30 to 7:30 in the high school cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 and will include chili, cheese, crackers or corn chips, cinnamon roll, and tea.

Student Council will host a silent auction on Tuesday from 6 P.M. to the senior high game half time. Patrons may bid on gift cards, gift baskets, homemade items, and other items.

FFA auction slated for February 23rd

FFA will hold its annual auction on February 23rd in the elementary cafeteria. Dinner tickets are \$10 for a fish and chicken meal with all of the fixings, beginning at 5:30. The auction will begin at 6:30--there is no entry fee.

Sonic donates mini blasts for AR goal achievers

Sonic in Bono donated 300+ mini blasts for high school students who achieved Accelerated Reader goals during the first semester. "I don't think Sonic expected to have so many students to reward," said high school librarian Arin Parks. "This is not something they will be able to do for us again, but we are so grateful for their contribution. We are encouraging students and their parents to say thank you to this business for everything they do for our school."

The high school began using AR again this year. Other rewards students have received have included a live stream awards ceremony, Sonic ice cream cones, front of the lunch line passes, hat passes, a movie afternoon, and achievement certificates.

