



# The lil' Warrior



Westside Elementary School  
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Parent Newsletter for February 2018

Westside Elementary School, 1834 Highway 91 West, Jonesboro, AR 72404, 870-935-7501, [www.westsideschools.org](http://www.westsideschools.org)

2017 - 2018 Parent and Family Engagement Plans for the District, WES, WMS, & WHS are posted on the school's website. If you would like a hard copy, please contact your child's office.



**PARENT CENTER INFO**  
**ALLISON NEELEY**  
**870-935-7501 \*4261**  
**HOURS Monday-Friday**  
**8-12**

## Dates To Remember

2/14 Valentine's Day Parties

K- 9:00-9:45

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10:30-11:15

4<sup>th</sup> - 12:30-1:15

1<sup>st</sup> - 1:15 – 2:00

2/15 Parent/Teacher Conference 2:30 – 8:30 Pick up popcorn and jewelry items

2/16 NO SCHOOL

2/19 School Board Meeting

2/20 2<sup>nd</sup> grade music concert

2/22 PTO Meeting

2/20 & 2/22 Pre-K Parent Teacher Conference 3:30-6:30

2/26 – 3/2 Dr. Seuss Week

4/2 & 4/3 Pre-K Registration

4/4 & 4/5 Kindergarten Registration



This month Westside will be embarking on a special project, an all-school book club called **One School, One Book**. Every family with a child in grades Pre-K thru Grade 7 will receive a copy of the same book – Katherine Applegate's *The One and Only Ivan*. You will be asked to read it together at home over the next few weeks. Westside administrations is personally asking you to make the time so that your family can participate in this special activity.

Reading aloud at home is valuable because it better prepares your child to be an effective reader, and it is also a fun, worthwhile family activity. With the **One School, One Book** program, we aim to build a Community of Readers at our school. Everyone – students, parents, teachers, even administrative staff will all be following along together.

Your child received a copy of *The One and Only Ivan* at a special school-wide assembly introducing the program and the book. Along with the book, you will receive a reading schedule so that you can keep up at home. Generally, you will be asked to read about 15 minutes each night.

In school, your child will be invited to answer daily trivia questions to encourage and reward attentive listening. You will soon find that your child will take pride in knowing and anticipating the details of the story. In class, students will explore the book through activities and discussion. You will want to make sure your family keeps up so that your child can be included. Throughout the month, EVERYONE will be talking about *The One and Only Ivan*!



## Snack-A-Grams

The Parent Center will be selling valentines as a fundraiser. You will get to choose from a bag of chips or ring pop for \$1.

They will be on sale  
February 5<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup>

Delivery - February 14<sup>th</sup>

Elementary & Middle School



Did you know E-Notes has two new options? Westside will send out School Closings and Athletic announcements only through the following two features. Please see [westsideschools.org](http://westsideschools.org) to find more details and to sign up.

Westside Athletics Pre-K-12

Westside School Closings  
Pre-K-12

Just a reminder that Westside Elementary is still participating in Box Tops for Education. When you see a product that has a Box Top, please clip it. Save up several and then turn these in to Mrs. Rickman. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents to the school and we greatly appreciate your help.