

West Elementary Lighthouse

“Lighting the Way to Success” We are West...We are the Best...We are Lighting the Way to Success

The mission of West Elementary is to inspire each student to become a creative problem solver, lifelong learner, and productive member of society.

Mr. Scott Powell, Principal

May 20, 2009

Mrs. Tracy Jackson, Assistant Principal



Special Dates:

- **May 21—1st & 2nd Awards Day at 8:30 am; 3rd & 4th Awards Day at 9:45 am**
- **May 21—5th Grade Celebration—12:30 pm**
- **May 22—Field Day**
- **May 22—Last Day of School**

FIELD DAY: This is a reminder that this Friday, May 22, 2009 is Field Day. Please make sure that your child has a towel, sunscreen, and shoes that can get wet. **NO FLIP FLOPS or SANDALS.** There will be a concession where items will range from \$.75 to \$2.00. All proceeds will go to classroom playground equipment this coming school year. The cafeteria will provide sack lunches for all the kids who normally eat school lunch. We will have hot dogs, chips, and nachos for sale!

Coach Thompson

Thoughts from Mr. Powell: It is hard to believe that the school year is already over. As we wrap up this school year, plans are well underway to make the 2009-2010 school year even better. Thank you for your support throughout the year, and thank you for the trust that you have placed in us to educate your most precious gift, your children. Please reflect on your child's report card grades. Discuss with him or her their progress and performance. Work with them to set learning goals for the summer. Help your child choose a topic to read and learn about over the summer. Make it fun! Your student may want to learn more about an animal or a job or a faraway place. They may even want to find out more about the place we live. Your interest and support in a project of this nature will reinforce to your children that their education is important to you and learning does not take place ONLY at school. The close of each school year brings with it sadness as we say good-bye and hope as we look ahead. As you progress through this ending and look ahead to new beginnings, I hope that you take a bit of the light from West Elementary...and shine.

Dear West Family, It is with a heavy heart that I must say Goodbye to my West Elementary Family which includes the students, staff, and parents. I have greatly enjoyed my short tenure here at West. Please know that I will be close by. I have taken a position at Gulfport Central Middle School as the 6th Grade Administrator; therefore, I will be graduating along with our current 5th grade students. I believe that attitude determines aptitude, so continue to push your students parents and teachers; and students, continue to strive for success. If you think you can achieve greatness, you will. Goodbye and Good Luck.

Love,

Mrs. Tracy Jackson

Assistant Principal

To the parents of children with medication in the school clinic: If your child has medication in the school's clinic, you **MUST** pick it up by the end of the school day on Friday, May 22 (the last day of school). **Any medication not picked up by this date will have to be thrown away per MHG policy.**

Reminder for 2009-10 school year: If your child requires occasional or "as needed" use of the nebulizer (breathing machine) for asthma—please be advised that I will need a **NEW** order from your child's physician stating as such. Any current orders I have are only valid for this school year. Also, remember to obtain an extra inhaler to be kept at school if needed.

If you have any questions, please call Nurse Mandy at 870-1031.

Activities and Classroom Happenings

Box Tops for Education—Please continue saving your Box Tops over the summer. This school year we earned over \$500. Let's shoot for \$1000!! Box Tops are found on over 500 items!!! One of the Long Beach schools earned over \$2000!! We can do it at West. The money goes toward school wish lists. Get family and friends to save for you. Our first contest will start in September!! Look for more information as soon as school starts.



Art—Greetings from the Art Room! Wow! This school year has flown by so quickly. It has been an honor to share my love for art with your children. I am amazed at how much they have grown artistically. I've enjoyed watching them grow into confident young artists. We've had a blast in Art this year; and I'm looking forward to more exciting activities next school year. Wishing all of you a safe and restful summer. Be Smart Love Art—Mrs. Stoll

Quest Lab—I hope everyone has an exciting and safe summer. You should be contacted by the Gulfport Gifted Parents Association soon concerning the Game Days they are having for our gifted students this

summer. Best of luck to my 5th gr. students moving on to middle school. I will miss you. I hope to see everyone else back in August.

Kindergarten—We would like to thank all of our parents for the support you have shown this year. We are so very proud of all the progress the Kindergarten students have made. Thank you again for your help and support. Have a wonderful and restful summer!

Classroom Happenings

1st Grade—Thank you for sharing your children with us this year. They have not only grown in size, but academically as well. We are so proud of their accomplishments and progress. More than a few of our students tested on 3rd grade level! As the year draws to an end, please keep in mind the importance of summer reading. Encourage your child to read for fun. Summer reading helps increase interest, confidence, and vocabulary. As

always, thank you for your support and have a wonderful summer!



2nd Grade—Thank you for a great year! Have a fun summer.

3rd Grade—We are very excited about the progress 3rd grade has made. We hope you have a great summer vacation. Remember to study those multiplication facts over the break! Have fun!!

4th Grade—We hope all of our students have a wonderful summer!



5th Grade—Wow—We did it!! What a year. Two more days left, then you are middle school bound. Remember to read this summer and engage your brain in learning. Have a Safe Summer!!