

Fifth and Sixth Grade Band and Strings Informational Meeting

Our Band and Strings program will have an informational meeting this coming week on Thursday, August 31, for 5th Grade (6:00 p.m.) and 6th Grade (7:00 p.m.) at Westside Middle School. Come and find out all you need to know about Westside's elementary band and strings program for 5th and 6th grades!

No School Next Friday, September 1, 2017, (Professional Development) and Monday, September 4 (Labor Day)

Students should not come to school next Friday, September 1, due to a professional development day for teachers. Our teachers will be working hard to enhance their skills next Friday. Also, Labor Day is Monday, September 4; have a wonderful long weekend! We will see you back at Hillside on Tuesday, September 5.

Multi-tiered System of Supports for students in Westside

Westside Community Schools continues the implementation of MTSS, which stands for Multi-Tiered System of Supports.

What is MTSS? MTSS is a process of providing instruction and support to promote the academic and behavioral success of all children. Individual children's progress is monitored and results are used to make decisions about further instruction and intervention. The MTSS process is flexible and designed to meet the needs of all students. This process allows for a continuum of support based entirely on students' individual needs. This support may be provided with other students by the classroom teacher or other support staff, either within or outside the classroom.

What does this mean for my child? A key component of the MTSS process is that all children receive high quality instruction in their classroom. Universal screenings are used to review the progress of all students and are given three times per year. As a result of the screening, students may be identified as needing supplemental intervention in addition to instruction they are receiving in their classroom. If your child is identified as needing intervention you will receive notification. Please contact your child's building principal with questions.

EY Blog

Feel free to access the Excellence in Youth blog at (<http://ey.westside66.org/>). On the blog, the EY team periodically posts events and contests under the Enrichment tab (<http://ey.westside66.org/category/other-events-contests/>).

Have a great weekend!

-Cynthia Bailey, Principal