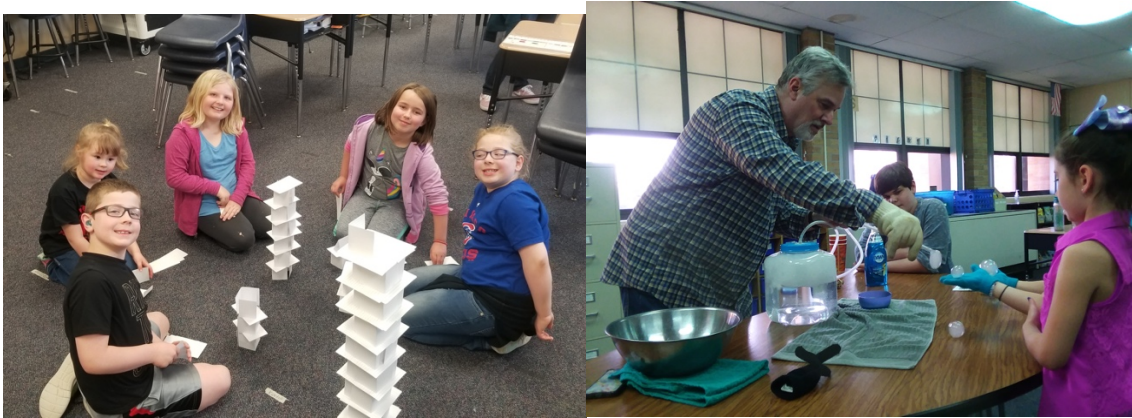


STEAM Night was lots of fun!

Thanks to Community Club for a fantastic STEAM Night! All the exhibits were excellent, and kids and families had a blast. There were science experiments, a telescope to help us explore the evening sky, snakes and ferrets, art projects, an indoor planetarium, dry ice bubble-blowing, a digital communications exhibit, and more. What a wonderful way to enjoy science, art, and technology!



Children's Behavioral Health Presentations

We would like to continue to remind you of a valuable collaboration in place between Westside Community Schools and Children's Behavioral Health at Children's Hospital & Medical Center. This partnership allows us to address the mental health needs of our children and families districtwide. The services offered through the Student Assistance Program include free assessments and short-term counseling, where students and their parents are invited to complete two free face-to-face sessions. Children's Behavioral Health therapists are able to help you address any cognitive, emotional, developmental or personal issues that your student or family might be facing. Students and families have two options:

1. Contact your Counselor, Social Worker or School Psychologist for information about Children's Behavioral Health, or

2. Call Children's Behavioral Health directly at 402-955-3900 to schedule an appointment. Children's Behavioral Health is located at 1000 North 90th Street (southwest corner of 90th & Western Streets.)

In addition, Westside Community Schools will host several **free parent seminars** offering valuable information from experts at Children's Hospital & Medical Center. All seminars run from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. The remaining seminar is:

May 8, 2018 @ Sunset Hills Elementary Topic: Self-Harming Behaviors

We believe this partnership with Children's Behavioral Health will continue to enhance the existing mental health supports for students and families within the Westside Community Schools. Please feel free to contact your school for more information.

Hillside Parent Meeting

Come one, come all to the May 2 Hillside Community Club meeting. Near the top of the meeting, Title I information will be presented to attendees. The short agenda is as follows:

- Title I general information
- A review of Westside Community Schools' School Family Engagement Policy
- A review of the current parent/guardian compact

We would love to have you join us so you can learn more about what Title I means for our students!

The meeting begins on Wednesday, May 2, at 8:45 a.m. in the portable classroom outside. Please check in at the office to obtain a visitor's badge or sticker.

We hope to see you there!

Earth Day Celebrations

Earth Day at Hillside was celebrated on Friday, April 20, 2018. We had several activities dedicated to Earth Day at our school. First graders sang songs dedicated to our Earth and planted flowers; sixth graders studied the rainforest and sources of oxygen; fifth graders conserved paper and learned to use QR codes to access information during an Earth Day activity. Also, fifth graders created passion projects to raise environmental awareness. They crafted an awareness campaign and calculated the cost of planting trees or protecting an endangered animal. All projects were crafted on iPads to decrease paper usage. Third grade cleaned up Hillside's campus (thank you, third grade!).

Hillside Tigers also work every day to conserve resources as they reduce, reuse, and recycle. Happy Earth Day! (Earth Day is Sunday, April 22, this year.)

PBiS: Did You Know?

Did you know that Hillside has a team dedicated to our program of Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports here at Hillside? These involved parents team with staff members to facilitate positive behavior and to find new ways to foster positive behavior at Hillside.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

BOGO BOOK FAIR

Contact Mrs Kenny at
kenny.kelly@westside66.net if you are
able to help during any of these times

TUESDAY 4/24 3:30-4:30 PM

WEDNESDAY 4/25 11:45-1:15 AND 3:30-6:00 PM

THURSDAY 4/26 3:30-4:30PM

FRIDAY 4/27 3:30-5:00 PM (TEAR DOWN AT 4:30)

Westside Middle School's

Westside Edge Show Choir Camp

Monday - Friday, June 4 - 8, 2018

What: Westside Middle School's show choir staff presents an opportunity to get an edge on your middle school try out. This week-long camp students the opportunity to be a part of a show choir that will put together a performance show as well as have opportunities to participate in other music interests workshops.

When: The camp will run daily from 9 A.M. until 4 P.M. with a public performance at 3 P.M. on Friday, June 8th.

Who: All boys and girls entering grades 6-7-8 for 2018/19 school year. It is first come – first served, and there are a limited number of spots available!

Cost: **\$200.00** per student – includes a box lunch, water and snacks, and a T-shirt.
(Contact Mr. Djernes for need-based reduced tuition)

Other Info:

- Check-in at the WMS Performing Arts Entrance.
- The performance will take place in the Westside Middle School Performing Arts Center on Friday, June 8th at 3:30 P.M. Family and friends are encouraged to come watch the performance free of charge.
- Students should wear appropriate comfortable clothing throughout the week.
- Staff will include Westside Middle School director Nick Djernes, professional choreographers, and additional qualified show choir staff.
- Questions should be emailed to djernes.nicholas@westside66.net.
- Registration form AND check must be received no later than **Wednesday, May 16, 2018**.
- To register a student for the show choir camp, mail a \$200.00 check (**made payable to POMMS**), along with a completed registration form to:

Mr. Nicholas Djernes
Show Choir Camp
Westside Middle School
8601 Arbor Street
Omaha, NE 68124

Westside Edge Show Choir Camp Registration

Student Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade (in Fall): _____

Male Female School (in Fall): _____

Student's Address _____ Apt # _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (____) ____-____ Email: _____
(Registration confirmation and other information will be communicated via email)

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: (____) ____-____

T-Shirt Size: Youth M (10-12) Youth L (14-16) Adult: S M L XL

Parent Release: Please accept the application of _____ in the 2018 WMS Show Choir Camp. I hereby release the Westside Schools and its employees and agents from all claims on the account of any injuries sustained by my child while attending the clinic.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Hillside Water Bottles for Sale in the Office

Hillside water bottles are available in our main office. The cost of a water bottle is \$5.00. These are nifty, color-changing water bottles (they turn blue when there is cold water inside). Please take the extra step of identifying your child's water bottle with a name or initials printed on it in permanent marker! All water bottles look the same.