

# WEST VINCENT PTA

# Weekly News

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### Good evening Wildcats!

October is just around the corner and we have a ton of awesome things planned. Throughout the week, be on the lookout for separate emails on our first **All Pro Dad Breakfast** of the year as well as registration for our first **Bingo Night!**

Keep reading for details on **ongoing & upcoming events** like our **Online Spirit Wear Sale** which runs through 10/2, the return of our annual **Wildcat Walk-a-Thon** in October, after-school activities, and the annual **Reflections Art Contest**. Exciting things are coming!

Lastly, a quick update on our contact info. You can always reach out to [info@westvincentpta.org](mailto:info@westvincentpta.org) for general questions, but if you need to get in touch with a specific board member, we now have @westvincentpta.org email addresses. Our most up-to-date contact information can always be found on the [PTA website](#).

With kind regards,  
Your WVE Executive PTA Board

Ashley Jakubik, *President*                      Keely Dadamo, *Vice President*  
Julie Smith, *Second Vice President*      Teresa Schimek, *Treasurer*  
Rose Spofford, *Corresponding Secretary*  
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## WILDCAT WALK-A-THON

# 10/18

West Vincent Elementary PTA's fourth **Wildcat Walk-a-Thon** is set for **Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**. By combining fun, fitness, and fundraising, we hope that all students will help us reach or exceed our goal of \$25,000! In the past, donations have allowed for additional assemblies, family events, after-school programs, and the completion (finally!) of our multi-year playground enhancement project. Donations from this year's event will allow us to continue to meaningfully support the West Vincent Elementary community.

As you're likely aware, we are **going digital** in 2022 by introducing PledgeStar, an online platform implemented to make fundraising easy with low administrative costs. Information was sent home last week, but if you missed it, you can snag a copy on the [PTA website](#).

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the [fundraising committee](#) with any questions. Thank you in advance for your support!

[Visit our Walk-a-Thon page on PledgeStar](#)



## PURCHASE SPIRIT WEAR ONLINE

# 9/19 - 10/2

West Vincent Elementary & OJR spirit wear is still available for purchase online via D&D Screen Printing through **Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Love a good weekly Spirit Day as much as we do? From tees and hoodies to flannel PJ pants, many fun options exist to help you rock a 'fit that'll show off your school pride!

[Purchase your spirit wear!](#)



## YEARBOOKS 10% OFF

# THROUGH 9/30

2022-2023 yearbooks have been available for purchase for a bit but time is running out on the current promotion! Order by **September 30<sup>th</sup>** for **10% discount**. For more information, see the flyer available on the [PTA website](#).

[Purchase your yearbook!](#)



## REFLECTIONS

# ENTRIES DUE 10/15

The 2022-2023 Reflections Art Contest is open for entry! Each year, students in grades Pre-K through 12 are recognized for bringing the Reflections theme to life through dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts. This year's theme is **'Show Your Voice!'**

Deadline for entries is **October 15<sup>th</sup>**. This year, entries and digital files may be submitted online via our new [entry form](#). Alternatively, the [paper form](#) may still be downloaded and filled out, but **online submission is strongly encouraged & preferred**. Physical art and/or paper forms must be dropped off on or before the 15th to the West Vincent Elementary front office; PDF versions of the form and digital files may also be emailed to [reflections@westvincentpta.org](mailto:reflections@westvincentpta.org).

Submission examples:

Form version	Art type	Submission method
Online	Digital	Online form
Online	Physical	Online form, art to office
PDF	Physical	Email or print form, art to office
PDF	Digital	Email form & art

For more information about the contest, see the news post on the [PTA website](#), visit the [PA Reflections page](#), or contact our Reflections chair [Anjani Juvvadi](#).

[Submit your 2022-2023 Reflections Art Contest entry](#)



## SCIENCE EXPLORERS

# BEGINS 10/15

Science Explorers is back this year offering an after-school science club experience geared for students in grades 1-5. Each four-week series (topic) runs from 3:15-4:15 PM on either Tuesdays or Wednesdays. The cost per topic is \$99, but if you register for four or more topics by **September 30<sup>th</sup>**, you can **save \$50** off of the total price of registration with code **FALL22**. Please see the news post on the [PTA website](#) or [download the flyer](#); registration is now open via the [Science Explorers website](#).

[Register for Science Explorers](#)



## OTHER UPCOMING

# EVENTS

**TUESDAY, OCT 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 PM** | Youth activities & athletics night @ OJR Middle School | **FLYER** | an event brought to you by the OJR Middle School PTA, various community organizations will be on hand to provide information about local sports & activities. Admission is free for parents; no advance registration required!

**FRIDAY, OCT 7<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM** | October executive PTA meeting

**MONDAY, OCT 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 - 8:00 AM** | All Pro Dad breakfast | [event blog post](#) | [participant registration](#) | add to calendar: [Google](#) / [iCal](#)

**TUESDAY, OCT 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM** | October general PTA meeting

**FRIDAY, OCT 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM** | Bingo Night! | participant registration live on 10/1 | add to calendar: [Google](#) / [iCal](#)

To ensure that these and other future events are a success, we could really use your help! In addition to our event-specific needs, we still have **many other open opportunities**, including assisting with the coordination of school assemblies as well as additional Talent Show support. Please reach out to [Keely Dadamo](#) for more information.



## TOGETHER we can do so much!

# JOIN THE PTA

Who belongs in the West Vincent Elementary PTA? **YOU do!**

**Our PTA creates connections and the ultimate school experience for our children.** Being a member of the PTA amplifies your voice and gives an avenue to weigh-in on decisions that affect you and your family.

With the start of a new school year near, please **join or re-join** to help create a positive environment at the school and in our community. Memberships are good for a year, so if you've joined in the past, now is the perfect time to jump back in! Individual memberships are \$7.50 or join as a couple for \$15.00. We look forward to your involvement and appreciate your support!

[Join the WVE PTA today!](#)

## ONGOING WAYS TO SUPPORT THE WV PTA



### MINTED

Our code **FUNDRAISEINCENT** can be applied towards ALL Minted cards and gifts. Each order placed using your code returns 15% back to our program and provides you with 20% off your Minted order.

### AMAZON

When you are shopping on Amazon, login through [smile.amazon.com](#) or [HERE](#) and a portion of your purchase will be donated to the WVE PTA.

### BOX TOPS

For more information on the digital Box Tops program, please visit the [Box Tops website](#).