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Sunset Hills Elementary School Newsletter

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Mission Statement

The mission of Sunset Hills School, as part of a cohesive, involved community, is to provide a quality, well-rounded education by maximizing opportunities for each learner in a safe and caring environment.

News Briefs

Reminder

3pm Dismissal
Every Wednesday
of the school year



E-MAIL

E-mail is a great way to communicate with your child's teacher.

The Westside format is as follows:

lastname.firstname@westside66.net

Sunset Hills
Expectations:
Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be Responsible



Dear Families-

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying your summer and staying cool. I would like to welcome our new families and teachers. We are excited to meet you and welcome you into your new Sunset family. It is truly a great place to be. We will miss Mrs. Farwell, Mrs. Schmidt, Ms. Guenther, Mrs. Sualy and Mrs. Galvin as they pursue adventures in new states, new schools or simply enjoy retirement.

It has been a very eventful summer on our school site. The building is getting closer and closer to completion. If you haven't had the chance yet, please go to westside66.org to see a drone movie of the building. I'm looking forward to having you see the finished product on Aug. 8th, from 6-8pm, at the district-sponsored Open House. On Aug. 9th, from 5:30-6:30pm, we will have our traditional Back to School Family Picnic/Sneak a Peek night.

Enjoy your last weeks of summer. I look forward to seeing you all and hearing about your summer adventures!

Ms. Patterson

*****Annual Information Update*****

Be on the lookout this summer to complete your annual information update through PowerSchool. Starting mid-July, parents will be able to login and update

The Community Club sends a family directory each fall containing the names of students by class, as well as names of parents, with their home addresses, phone numbers, and email information. Only families who submit information to the Annual Information Update online will be included in the Directory. Please look for the email which will come from the Westside Community Schools district office.

Calendar Reminders

Aug 9 Sneak-A-Peek/Back to School Picnic 5:30-6:30pm

Aug 14 SCHOOL BEGINS- 8:40am

Aug 21 Don & Millie's Night - 4-9pm

Aug 23 Parents' Only Night- 7pm

Aug 31 Professional Development-
NO SCHOOL

Sept 3 Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

Sept 4 Comm. Club Mtg. Media- 6:30pm

Sept 6 6th Grade Outdoor Ed Parent Mtg-
6:30pm @WMS Performing Art Center

Sept 13 Curriculum Night- 5:45-6:45pm

School Arrival

Our school day begins at 8:40 am. Students may enter at the front of the building, starting at 8:30 am. We ask that students not arrive before 8:20 am, unless:

- Participating in a school activity
- Serving on Safety Patrol
- Working with a teacher
- Attending Club 66 Before & After Care program



WHY CAN'T I ARRIVE EARLY?

There is not supervision until 8:20am, as teachers are involved in meetings and individual planning until the start of school.

SCHOOL Attendance

Each school day begins with taking attendance. It is very important that students are in their classrooms by 8:40 am so they are not missed during this procedure.

Attendance is also taken immediately following lunch and/or recess. If students leave campus for lunch with a parent, they need to be back when attendance is taken.

The school secretary will call the home or work of parents who have not called in and reported their child(ren)'s absence. Please help us with this by calling the office at 402-390-6480. Safety is our focus in making this request.

Students coming in after 8:40 am, or after attendance is taken in the afternoon, must come to the office and sign in. Students coming or going during the day for appointments, illness, etc., must also sign in and out through the office.

Please call the school office at 402 390-6480, before 9:00a.m., if:

- Your child will be absent from school for any reason.
- Your child will be late for school.
- You would like to join your child for lunch and need to order a tray for yourself.

Often times parents will tell the teacher when their children are going to be gone, but the office needs to know as well. We would appreciate your help with this anytime you know your child will be out of school. Also, please let the office know if you are going to be out of town and someone else will be taking care of your children. In the case of an emergency, we don't want to waste precious time trying to get in touch with someone.

Medication/Health Information

The health office must have a written, signed and dated Medication Authorization form from the parent or guardian requesting that his/her child be given medication during the school day (prescription or over-the-counter). This form is available in the office.

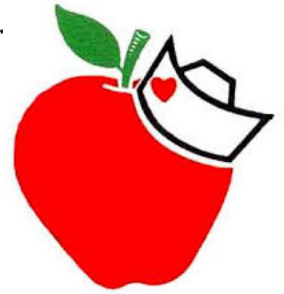
All medication must be brought to school and taken home from school by a parent. It must be in the original container, labeled with the child's name, date prescribed, name of medication, directions for use, dosage information and the time the medication is to be given.

Prescription medication requires doctor's signature on medication authorization form.

Cough drops, and any over-the-counter medication must be in the original box/package, and a Medication Authorization form must be filled out. These medications are kept in the health office in a locked cabinet.

Scrapes and cuts are washed and bandaged, if needed. We do not, and cannot, use any ointment or cleaning product on an individual. If an injury is severe or questionable, a parent will be contacted.

All medication, including cough drops, must be picked up by a parent at the end of the duration. We will not send any medication home with a child.



Sunset Hills Dress Expectations

In order to ensure a positive learning environment where all feel comfortable and respected, please follow our Sunset Hills dress expectations. We expect our students to wear clothing that:

- Is considerate of others.
- Is free of advertisements, graphics or language with drugs, alcohol, tobacco or violence.
- Is free of sexual or disrespectful comments or graphics.
- Covers appropriately. Halter tops, bare shoulders, and short shorts are not acceptable. Students will be asked to call home for a change of clothing if not dressed properly.



SAVE THE DATE- Aug 9th



Please join us for a “Back to School Picnic”, and Sneak-a-Peek of your classrooms, at Sunset Hills on Thursday, **August 9**, from 5:30-6:30pm. Bring your own picnic dinner and join us for a night of fun.

After School Plans

All after school plans should be made before students get to school in the morning. Students are expected to go directly home and should be off school grounds by 3:45 pm (3:15 pm on Wednesdays), unless accompanied by an adult. Students going home with another child after school should make plans ahead of time, as students will not be allowed to use school phones to make arrangements.

If there is a change of after school plans for your child, please call the front office at 402-390-6480.

School Lunch Accounts:

MySchoolBucks.com is still available for your convenience. This allows you to deposit money into your child’s lunch account and receive notifications when the balance is low. You may also choose to send money to the school office. Please be sure to include your child’s name on the envelope or check. Please watch for a web-link to the Free and Reduced Lunch Application. This application needs to be submitted every year for those who are eligible. Please keep in mind that it takes time to process the application. Until you are approved for free or reduced lunches, you are responsible for any lunches or breakfasts your child may take.

Personal Property Reminder

All personal items, such as skateboards, ipods, toys, footballs, basketballs, etc., should not be brought to school unless specifically requested by the classroom teacher. These items are costly and could be damaged or lost. The school will not be responsible for personal items.

2018-2019

School Lunch

Daily Hot Lunch = \$2.30
Reduced Lunch = \$.40 cents
(Free/reduced application available)
Milk = \$.50 cents
Student Breakfast = \$1.40
Reduced Breakfast = \$.30
Adult Lunch = \$3.50
Adult Breakfast = \$2.25



Parents for Lunch

Please notify the office before 9:00 a.m. if you plan to join your child for lunch. Please stop and pay at the office before you go to lunch. The cost of an adult hot lunch is \$3.55. Adult hot lunches cannot be taken off your student’s lunch account.

Lunch Times	Recess Times
K 11:45-12:05	12:05-12:25
3-4 11:55- 12:15	12:15-12:35
1-2 12:05-12:25	11:45-12:05
5-6 12:15-12:35	12:35-12:55

Fifth Grade & Parents- Take Notes!

Your fifth grade child will have the opportunity to tryout band and string instruments during the first two weeks of school. We invite you to encourage your child to take part in this opportunity at each elementary. We will send home information to parents after each presentation and tryout experience is completed. We look forward to teaching your child to play a Band or String instrument. -Mr. Freeman & Mrs. Carpenter-Johnson





Sunset Hills Elementary School

2018-2019 Supply List

Kindergarten- *Mrs. Carroll*

Crayola crayons - 1 pack (24)
Glue sticks - 2 packs
Crayola markers - 1 pack
Watercolor paint - 1 set
Colored pencils - 1 pack
Student scissors (Fiskars) - 1 pair
Dry erase markers - 1-2 markers
Tissues - 1 boxes
Black felt tip markers 1-2
Headphones - 1
FOR ART- Play-Doh (2 containers)
& Glue sticks - 2 packs

First Grade- *Mrs. Kara Skiermont*

Crayola crayons - 1 pack (24)
Highlighters - 2
Glue sticks - 2 packs
Pencil/Crayon Box
Post-it-notes - 1 pack
Headphones (or earbuds) - 1
Large pink eraser - 4 packs
Elmer's glue - 1 bottle
Crayola markers (broad tip) - 1 pack
Wide ruled spiral notebook - 1
Tissues - 2 boxes
2 pocket folder - 2
Ziploc bags (snack, sandwich or gallon) - 1 box
FOR ART- Sharpie fine point permanent markers - 2 pk - black ink,
Glue sticks - 2 packs



Kindergarten- *Mrs. Kaylee Gillespie*

#2 Pencils (non-mechanical)-1 box of 12
Large Pink Eraser-1
Crayola Crayons-2 boxes (24 count)
Crayola Colored Pencils-1 box
Crayola Markers-1 box
Elmers Glue sticks-2 packs
EXPO Low Odor Dry Erase Markers-1 pack (Skinny)
Pencil Box (NO pencil bags)
Two pocket folders-2 folders
Tissues-1 box
Small Headphones

Second Grade- *Mrs. Vanessa Schutte*

Crayola crayons - 1 pack (24)
Glue sticks - 2 packs
Elmer's glue - 1 bottle
Crayola markers - 1 pack
Highlighters - 2
Pencil/Crayon Box
Colored Pencils - 1 pack
Post-it-notes - 1 pack
Headphones (or earbuds) - 1
Large pink eraser - 4
Wide ruled spiral notebook - 2
Tissues - 2 boxes
Dry erase markers- 2
Scissors - 1
Pencils- 1 pack
2 pocket folder - 1

FOR ART- Sharpie fine point permanent markers - 2 pk - black ink,
Glue sticks - 2 packs



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2018-2019 Supply List cont.

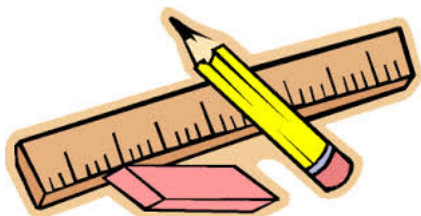


Third Grade- *Ms. Molly McMeekin*

Crayola crayons - 1 pack (24)
Glue sticks - 2 packs
Post-It notes - 1 pack
Crayola markers - 1 pack
Pencil top erasers - 1 pack
Colored pencils - 1 pack
Ziploc bags (gallon or quart)
Student scissors (Fiskars) - 1 pair
Dry erase markers - 1-2 markers
1 composition notebook
Highlighter - 1
Tissues - 1 box
Pencil box or pencil - 1
Black felt tip markers 1-2
Headphones or earbuds - 1
FOR ART- Crayola Twistable
Colored pencils 12CT

Fifth Grade- *Mrs. Ashley-Carnes*

Crayola crayons - 1 pack (24)
Large pink erasers - 1 pack
Glue sticks - 2 packs
Yellow highlighters - 1 pack
Crayola markers (broad tip) - 1 pack
Post-It notes - 1 pack
Colored pencils - 1 pack
Student scissors - 1 pair
Tissues - 2 boxes
Pencil bag (*not a box*) - 1
Black Sharpies - 2 markers
Spiral notebooks - 4
Two pocket folders - 6
Composition book - 4
FOR ART- Sharpie- Silver or Gold
Metallic Permanent Marker, kleenex



Fourth Grade- *Mrs. Assman*

Crayola crayons - 1 pack (24)
Pencil top erasers
Glue sticks - 2 packs
Yellow highlighters - 1 pack
Dry erase markers - 1 pack
Dry erase markers - 1 pack
Post-It notes - 1 pack
Colored pencils - 1 pack
Student scissors - 1 pair
Tissues - 2 boxes
Pencil bag (*not a box*) - 1
Black Sharpies - 2 markers
Two pocket folders - 5
Spiral notebooks - 3
Composition book - 2
Ruler
Ziploc bags (any size)
Earbuds or headphones
Black felt tip markers
Box of #2 wooden pencils
FOR ART- Elmer's Glitter Glue
pens - 10 pk, Crayola markers
10 ct classic fine line



Fifth Grade- *Mr. Fry*

Large pink erasers - 1 pack
Glue sticks - 1 packs
Yellow highlighters - 1 pack
Crayola markers (broad tip) - 1 pack
Post-It notes - 1 pack
Colored pencils - 1 pack
Student scissors - 1 pair
Tissues - 2 boxes
Spiral notebooks - 4
Two pocket folders - 4
Earbuds
3-ring binder
Box of #2 pencils
FOR ART- Sharpie- Silver or Gold
Metallic Permanent Marker, kleenex

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2018-2019 Supply List cont.

Sixth Grade- *Mrs. Jagels*

Personal Use (labeled)

1 highlighter
5 glue stick
6 composition notebook
2 single subject wide rule notebooks
2 paper 3-prong folders
1 1 inch poly binder
Earbuds/headphones
FOR ART- Crayola colored
pencils 24 ct & kleenex

Specialists-

Highlighters (yellow)
Post-it notes
Erasers/pencil top erasers
Kleenex (multi boxes)
Hand sanitizer (multi bottles)
Dry erase markers
Folders
#2 wooden pencils



Sixth Grade

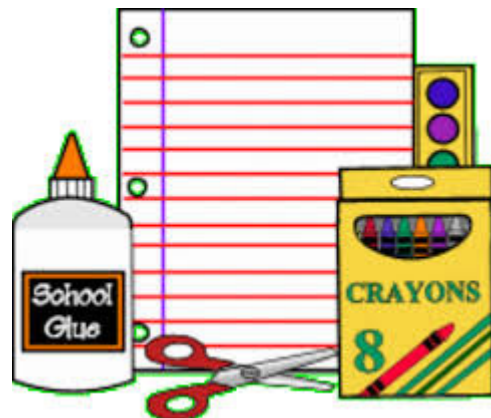
Community Use (unlabeled)

1 pack of #2 wooden pencils
Tissues - 1 box
Large pink erasers

Sixth Grade

Optional Items

1 pencil box or case (standard size)
IPad stylus
Scissors
Protractor



2018-19 School Staff

Principal	Ms. Michelle Patterson
Secretary	Mrs. Janine Miller
Kindergarten	Mrs. Maria Carroll
Kindergarten	Mrs. Kaylee Gillespie
Grade 1	Mrs. Kara Skiermont
Grade 2	Mrs. Vanessa Schutte
Grade 3	Mrs. Molly McMeekin
Grade 4	Mrs. Jill Assman
Grade 5	Mrs. Beth Ashley-Carnes
Grade 5	Mr. Jason Fry
Grade 6	Mrs. Lindsey Jagels

Specialists

Art	Mrs. Jennifer Jurgensen
Band/Strings	Mrs. Gail Carpenter-Johnson
Counselor	Mrs. Kristen Bivens
ELL	Mrs. Mary Fergurson
EY	Mrs. Jenny Henningsen
Librarian	Mrs. Diana Hiatt
Music	Mr. Mick Huntley
Physical Education	Mr. Andrew Mantzaris
Psychologist	Mrs. Jessica Cole
Speech Pathologist	Mrs. Joan Tucker
Resource Teacher	Mrs. Kelly Collins Miss Reigan Lawrence

Educational Assistants

Ms. Linda Carlson
Ms. Bri Choyeske
Mrs. Kari Finocchiaro
Mrs. Katrina Hayes
Ms. Kayla Prouty
Ms. Maddi Schremmer
Ms. Alexis Studenberg
Mr. Louie Wilson

Food Service

Ms. Dottie Bruckner

Building Services

Mr. Orlando Stubblefield

Early Childhood

Site Director:

Mrs. Joan Crum

Assistant Director:

Mrs. Jen Wood

Preschool Teacher:

Ms. Emily Assman

Mrs. Becca Whitlow

Special Needs

Preschool Aide:

Mrs. Loretta Houlton

School Age Staff:

Ms. Kelly Fuxa

Ms. Maddie Schremmer

Ms. Nicole Sullivan

Ms. Hannah Turman

Ms. Abby Turman

School Activities

Calendar 2018-19

AUGUST

- 9 Sneak-A-Peek/Back to School Picnic
5:30-6:30pm
- 15 SCHOOL BEGINS- 8:40am
- 15 Don & Millie's Night- 4-9pm
- 24 Parents Only Night Out- Sunset pool - 7pm
- 30 Band/Strings Curriculum
Presentation @ WMS- 6-6:45pm

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Professional Development Day-
NO SCHOOL
- 4 Labor Day- NO SCHOOL
- 5 Comm. Club Mtg, Media- 6:30pm
- 7 6th Grade Outdoor Ed Parent Mtg-
6:30pm @WMS Performing Art Center
- 12 Curriculum Night- 5:45-6:45pm
- 19 Don & Millie's Night - 4-9pm
- 22 Spirit Day
- 25 Picture Day

OCTOBER

- 2-3 6th Grade Outdoor Ed
- 3 Comm. Club Mtg, Media- 6:30pm
- 17 Don & Millie's Night - 4-9pm
- 12-19 Bookfair
- 17-18 Conferences 4-8pm
- 20 NO SCHOOL
- 23 Professional Development Day-
NO SCHOOL
- 27 Spirit Day
- 25 Picture Re-take & All School Photo
- 27 Halloween Parade & Parties- 2:20pm

NOVEMBER

- 7 Comm. Club Mtg, Media- 6:30pm
- 10 Veterans Day & Grandfriends Day 2:30pm
- 17 Spirit Day
- 21 Don & Millie's Night - 4-9pm
- 22-24 Thanksgiving- NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER

- 5 Comm. Club Mtg, Media- 6:30pm
- 7 Gingerbread Houses- 3:30pm
- 11 5th & 6th Grade Band/Strings Concert
@ Sunset Hills- 9:30am
- 17 Evening Band Concert @ WMS, 5th
& 6th graders- 6:00pm rehearsal,
7:00pm performance
- 18 Evening Strings Concert @ WHS for
District Wide 6th graders- 6:00pm
rehearsal, 7:00pm performance
- 20 Evening Strings Concert @ WHS for
District Wide 5th graders- 6:00pm
rehearsal, 7:00pm performance
- 19 Don & Millie's Night - 4-9pm
- 22 Spirit Day
- 22 Winter Celebration- 2:30pm
- 23 Winter Break begins- NO SCHOOL
- 19 Don & Millie's Night - 4-9pm
- 22 Spirit Day
- 22 Winter Celebration- 2:30pm
- 23 Winter Break begins- NO SCHOOL

JANUARY

- 8 SCHOOL RESUMES- 8:40 am
- 9 Comm. Club Mtg, Media- 6:30pm
- 15 Professional Development Day-
NO SCHOOL - MLK Day
- 16 Don & Millie's Night - 4-9pm
- 19 Movie Night - 6-8pm
- 19 Spirit Day

FEBRUARY

- 6 Comm. Club Mtg, Media- 6:30pm
- 8 Skate Daze- 6-8pm
- 12 District Strings Solo & Ensemble
Concert @ WHS optional concert for
6th graders; 7:00pm performance
- 14 Valentine Parties- 2:00pm
- 19 Professional Development Day-
NO SCHOOL - President's Day
- 20 Don & Millie's Night - 4-9pm
- 23 Art and Soup Night- 6-8pm
- 23 Spirit Day

MARCH

- 6 Comm. Club Mtg, Media- 6:30pm
- 6 Spring Pictures
- 8-14 Book Fair
- 4-7 Conferences 4-8pm Day TBD
- 11-14 Conferences 4-8pm Day TBD
- 18-22 SPRING BREAK
- 20 Don & Millie's Night - 4-9pm
- 23 Spirit Day
- 28 Band-o-rama Extravaganza @ WHS
7:00pm Concert; 5th grade rehearsal
9-11:30am, 6th grade rehearsal
12:45-3:00pm, Concert- 7:00pm @WHS

APRIL

- 10 Comm. Club Mtg, Media- 6:30pm
- 16-20 Staff Appreciation Week
- 17 Don & Millie's Night - 4-9pm
- 19 Teacher Comp Day - NO SCHOOL
- 25 Talent Show - time TBD
- 20 Spirit Day
- 27 Kdg Round-Up-
No School for Current Kdg students
- 30-May 4 Screen Free Week
- 27 District Wide Big Band Dance@ WHS
4:00pm elementary rehearsal, 5:30pm
Concert @ WHS
- 28 Band-o-rama Extravaganza @ WHS
7:00pm Concert; 5th grade rehearsal
9-11:30am, 6th grade rehearsal
12:45-3:00pm

MAY

- 1 Comm. Club Mtg, Media- 6:30pm
- 2 District Band & Ensemble
Concert @ WMS optional concert for
6th graders; 7:00pm Concert
- 3 Talent Show - time TBD
- 7 5th & 6th Grade Band/Strings Concert
@ Sunset Hills- 9:30am
- 14 Evening Event: District Strings West Fest;
5th & 6th Grade Strings @ WHS-
6:00pm rehearsal, 7:00pm performance
- 15 Don & Millie's Night - 4-9pm
- 18 All School Family Picnic
- 18 Spirit Day
- 25 Last Day of School - 1:00pm dismissal



The art room is looking for supplies to help fill our choice studios so we are reaching out to you! These may be items you have laying around the house and would like to donate. Below is a list of items we are in need of. If you don't see it on the list but think it may work we would love to try it! Thank you supporting art at Sunset Hills!

- Jennifer Jurgensen

Drawing

Still Life objects

- Small toys
- Animals
- Fake plants
- Glass vases/bottles

Fiber Arts

Fabric

Yarn

Buttons

Fabric glue

Thread

Embroidery floss

Crochet Thread

Beads

Crochet hooks

Knitting needles

Pins and Pincushion

Sewing basket (for storage)

Safety pins

Burlap

Plastic canvas

Pinking shears

Ribbon

Lace

Collage

Scrapbooking paper

Scrapbooking stickers

Stamps

Shaped hole punches

Tissue Paper

Puffy paint

Glitter Glue

Sculpture

All Purpose Standard Hot

Glue Sticks

Recyclables

- Toilet paper tubes
- Paper towel tubes
- Scrap cardboard
- Bottle caps

Popsicle sticks

Pipe cleaners

Duct tape (any color)

Blocks or Legos

Wooden dowels

Wood Scraps

Tooth picks

Q-tips

Westside Community Schools

School District 66
909 South 76th Street
Omaha, NE 68114
402.390.2100

Student Calendar 2018-19

July 2018

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March 2019

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April 2019

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May 2019

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1:00 Dismissal

June 2019

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Bold dates indicate days students will be in school.

SCHOOL BEGINS

Semester 1: August 14
Semester 2: January 7

Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 15-17
March 4-7* and March 11-14*
*Over a 2-week window, one night per week.

First Semester Conference Days:
Elementary: Monday & Wednesday
Middle School: Monday & Tuesday
High School: Tuesday & Wednesday

Second Semester Conference Days:
Elementary: Thursday (3/7) & Tuesday (3/12)
Middle School: Monday (3/4) & Tuesday (3/12)
High School: Tuesday (3/5) & Wednesday (3/13)

Last Day of School
May 24
1:00 Dismissal

NO SCHOOL

- Professional Learning - August 31
- Labor Day - September 3
- Intersession- October 19
- Professional Learning - October 22
- Thanksgiving Break - November 21-23
- Winter Break - December 24 - January 4
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 21
- Presidents' Day - February 18
- Spring Break - March 18-22
- Teacher Comp Day - April 19



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The Westside Community Council will once again organize a Battle of the Books event for the 2018-2019 school year. This event is open to all 4th through 6th grade students in the District. Registration will begin in October, and the battle will be held on the morning of March 30, 2019 at Westside Middle School.

Westside's Battle of the Books is a quiz-bowl style competition. To participate, students will form teams of three or four students. Teams may have five students, but at most four students may compete in any round. Since this is a team event, individual students do not have to read all the books on the list to participate.

For next year's competition, we will be using the 2019 Golden Sower nominees.

1. *Soar* by Joan Bauer
2. *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown
3. *All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook* by Leslie Connor
4. *Moo: A Novel* by Sharon Creech
5. *Garvey's Choice* by Nikki Grimes
6. *Slacker* by Gordan Korman
7. *Wish* by Barbara O'Connor
8. *Maxi's Secrets: (Or, What You Can Learn from a Dog)* by Lynn Plourde
9. *Towers Falling* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
10. *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan

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