

## Hawks Eye View

West Middle Community School has been buzzing since we got back to school in late August. We kicked off the School year with our annual Back to School Bash where every student receives a backpack and a meal. We had over 500 people attend this event hosted at the Asylum Hill Boys and Girls Club.

On October 9th the Junior Fire Marshall Event was sponsored by The Hartford. Students in grades k-4th assembled outside to learn about fire safety. They had the opportunity to try on the gear, sit in the fire truck, and take a class photo with the Hartford's mascot Larry the Stag.

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, Family Bingo Night, we had over 40 participants attend our game night. We raffled off prizes, students ran the concession stand, prize baskets were donated by our volunteers, and staff. We received so much feedback about the amount of fun that parents, students and staff had that we are planning another night in December.

Last Friday October 26th students in grade Pre K thru 4th had the chance to learn about helping professions thru the Department of Public Works Touch a Truck. Students were excited to meet the workers, get in the trucks and their favorite part, beep the horn. It was also enlightening to hear about the training, testing and requirements needed to operate the machinery.

West Middle hosted a Middle Grades Career Day Monday October 29th for Grades 7 & 8. We had local artists/authors, coaches, as well as Fire Chief Freeman, Officer Figueroa, Ms. Stacy Wylie Arthur and Dr. Nicole Rodriguez present an array of different topics such as becoming an author, doing humanitarian work, college and career preparedness and much more. For photos go to; <https://photos.app.goo.gl/op7UX5QSvgr7mQqD8>

Volunteer Opportunities - Tuesday Afternoons from 4:30-5:30pm with our 2nd graders partner with United Way Readers to encourage literacy.

Wednesday and Thursdays between 9-11:00am our school store is open for classes to purchase positive behavior rewards. Thursdays and Fridays 9:00am-3:00pm we are looking for library assistants to organize books and check books out for students.

Upcoming Events at West Middle  
Annual Thanksgiving Feast November 16th  
Holiday Family Bingo December 4th

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