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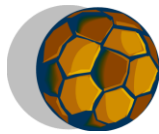
Our First Edition

By: Mrs. Siemer, Paw Print Newspaper Sponsor

Thank you for reading the very first edition of The Paw Print. We are all very excited to be putting this newspaper together for you! There are 27 members of the newspaper club, all in grades four through eight, who will be working hard to provide you with an interesting look at what's going on at Westgate, in our community, and in our world.

All of the articles have been written by students during our meeting times or on their own at home. Some things you'll see in our publications are current events, jokes, short stories, puzzles, games, and original artwork.

So sit back and relax as you peruse our first ever edition of The Paw Print. We hope you enjoy it!



WESTGATE SOCCER HAS STARTED!

By: Caitlyn Osborne

Westgate soccer has started! We have several teams. The fourth grade team won their first game, 15-2. Cheer for Westgate Lions, GO LIONS!

In P.E., we have been learning about soccer. It's a good sport and fun to play. When you play soccer, you run, dribble the ball, and kick the ball into the goal. You are active and being active is a good way to stay healthy and fit. Instead of sitting on the couch and watching TV, play soccer!



Early Childhood Makes a Move

By: Emilee Jenkins, Morgan Carey, and Maddie Wheeler

Everybody loves the new Early Childhood Center that opened on July 1, 2011. Here are some things about how the new building is better: some people like to see their new friends, the new dress-up area, and the new toys and cubbies.

Some people miss the big room, the playground, and the old class they were with, but Adrienne L. says, "I like the smaller rooms and my favorite thing is that there are sinks the classroom."

The preschool moved because it is growing. When Mrs. Shari saw the new building, she said the area had lots of potential. It is brighter and they like the colors. The space is very useful and it's very organized for the kids to put up their things. The kids love it! They think the building feels like Westgate. The workers love the new preschool, but they do miss talking to the church people at the other building.

Opening day was really fun and Mrs. Sheri was very excited about school starting and the first chapel.



Parade to Save the Day!

By: Izzie Clawson

On Saturday, September 10, 2011, student council and students walked in the Wentzville Fire Department parade that the firefighters did to raise money for breast cancer.

Students handed out candy, rulers, and folders with Westgate labels.



SNICKERS OR MILKY WAY?

By: Lexi Myers, Roving Reporter

Westgate students were surveyed and asked the following question:

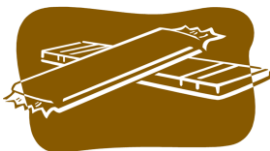
Would you rather eat a Snickers or a Milky Way?

The results were:

Snickers: 43%

Milky Way: 57%

Look for another survey in the December issue!



Camp Creation

By: Cailey Patterson and Jonathan Owens

This year's Westgate Creation Camp was held at a Salvation Army Camp. There were many games, but the favorites were paintball, ziplining, and GaGa ball. Even on the cold and rainy days, everyone still had fun. The chefs were very nice and the food tasted great. The speaker "Big Chap" touched many hearts this year.

Eighth grader Lexi Cork said, "It was the best year yet!" Kelsey O'Banion, a first time fifth grader, said, "It was the best!" Students are already excited for next year.





Spotlight on New Staff at Westgate

We'll spotlight new staff members in each issue of the Paw Print!

Meet Mrs. O'Banion, New Third Grade Teacher

By: Emilie Chartrand and Sofia Cooper



- **How long have you been with Westgate?** Six years and I have been a staff member for three years.
 - **Is it hard to teach?** No.
 - **What is your favorite subject?** Social Studies.
 - **What do you do on weekends?** I spend time with my family.
 - **What kind of impact has God made in your life?** He gives me grace daily and reminds me to give grace to others.
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Meet Mrs. Boyce, New Administrative Assistant

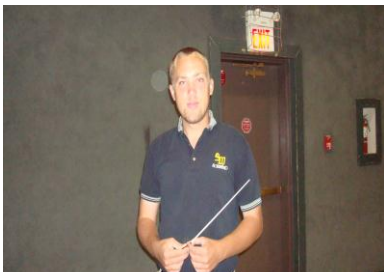
By: Morgan Carey

- ❖ **Do you have kids?** Yes, two girls, Paige and Brooke.
- ❖ **What is your favorite book?** The Bible.
- ❖ **Who is your favorite singer?** Luther VanDross.
- ❖ **What is your favorite TV show?** Leave it to Beaver
- ❖ **What are your favorite foods?** Hersheys with almonds, strawberry yogurt, beans, and pork.
- ❖ **Why did you want to work at Westgate?** I think that God sent me this job and I was impressed from the start.
- ❖ **Do you like Westgate?** I love it!



MEET MR. SCHAFFER, NEW BAND TEACHER

By: Josh Sander, Emilee Jenkins, and Maddie Wheeler



Our new band teacher's name is Doug Schaffer. He is from Wright City, Missouri. He plays the tuba and his favorite instrument is the tuba, too. When we asked him if he liked teaching at Westgate he said, "Oh, I love it!" During class sometimes he does little skits to tell the lesson. We think he is the best band teacher ever!



John 8:12 – Jesus spoke to the people again. He said, "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will never walk in darkness. They will have the light that leads to life."



New Lions



We'll showcase new students in every issue!



Cooper S., 3rd Grade

By: Kelsey O'Banion

How do you like Westgate so far? It's pretty good.

Have you made any friends yet? If so, how many?
Yes, five.

How do you like your teacher? A lot.

What lessons are you looking forward to? Reading.

What is your favorite subject? Science



Donovan C., 4th Grade

By: Madison Wheeler

My name is Madison Wheeler and I'm interviewing a boy named Donovan Lloyd. He is in fourth grade at the age of nine years old. His favorite season is summer. His favorite color is red. His favorite genre of song is rap. His favorite book is Diary of a Wimpy Kid, the Ugly Truth. His favorite subject is P.E. He likes Westgate.



Dylan C., 4th Grade

By: Emilee Jenkins

My name is Emilee Jenkins and I interviewed Dylan Curtiss. He is in fourth grade. His favorite hobby is building Legos and his favorite seasons are winter and summer. He likes the colors red and black, and his favorite subject is P.E. He loves Westgate.



Anthony B., Kindergarten

By: Sofia Cooper and Riley Merrifield

What's your favorite season? Winter

How many people are in your family? Four

What's your favorite color? Blue

What is your favorite sport? 4-Square

Do you like Westgate? Yes



Reviews



Here's what we think of...



Orange Leaf Yogurt: Tasty Treat After School

By Jonathan Owens, Restaurant Reviewer

This place is amazing! Orange Leaf makes frozen yogurt and has a lot of toppings. They have wedding cake, snicker doodle, chocolate, and many more tasty flavors. Some of the toppings are cookie dough, pineapple, gummy bears, and marshmallows.

It opened up this summer and is near Pizza Street on Highway K. Orange Leaf is near Westgate, so when school is over, go there to get yummy frozen yogurt.

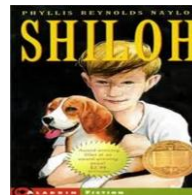
Look below for a coupon they gave us. You should go there!



Captain America

A Movie Review by Kyle Patterson

Captain America is an action packed adventure about Captain Steven Rogers. He and his small army of American soldiers are trying to stop an evil scientist. His name is Hydra and he has an army of special soldiers. Watch Captain America to see if Captain Rogers and his gang can stop Hydra and his army of special soldiers. It is awesome!



Shiloh

A Book Review by Joshua Sander

Shiloh is a sad and exciting book written by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. It's about a dog named Shiloh. A kid named Marty Preston finds Shiloh. Then he finds out Shiloh belongs to Judd Travers who mistreats his dogs. Read this book to see if Marty can save Shiloh.



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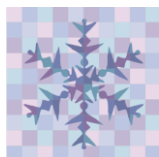
Riddles

By Emily Mullen

- 1) Why did the two worms not go onto the Ark in an apple?
- 2) Why do cows wear bells?
- 3) A golfer has two pairs of pants. Why does he only wear one?
- 4) What starts with 'T,' ends with 'T,' and is full of 'T'?
- 5) Why was 6 afraid of 7?
- 6) Why did the skunk call the restaurant?

Candy Bar Game

1. What candy bar can't hold on to anything?
2. What candy bar is a galaxy?
3. What candy bar is a red planet?
4. What candy bar is not laughing out loud?
5. What candy is twin letters?



Fun with Analogies

By Maddie Wheeler



Winter : cold :: summer : _____

Pumpkins : October :: ornaments : _____

January : first :: December : _____

grass : green :: dirt : _____

breathe : air :: eat : _____

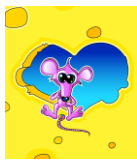
Cardinals : red :: Brewers : _____

A note from Mrs. Siemer: Do you know how to read analogies? The single colon (:) stands for "is to," and the double colon (::) stands for "as." Try reading it with the words instead of symbols. It's the same in math! ☺

Answers – hot, December, last, brown, food, blue

Candy Bar Game - 1. Butterfinger. 2. Milky Way. 3. Mars. 4. Snickers. 5. M&M

Riddles – 1. All the animals had to go in pears. 2. Because their horns don't work. 3. Because he has a hole in one. 4. A teapot. 5. Because 7 8 9! 6. She wanted to place an odor.



Ponacho's Island

An original story by Kelsey O'Banion



Once there was a mouse named Ponacho. She lived at the Letturs Burg Dock. One day she got on a boy's backpack that was going on a boat. Ponacho always dreamed of going on a boat. She went to explore human life on a boat.

Ponacho was very hungry, so she went straight to the garbage cans. When she got on top of a can, she saw another trash can FULL of moldy cheese. "My favorite!" she said. "Come to mama delicious, moldy cheese! I am going to come here every day!"

After Ponacho ate all of the cheese she could eat, she was really tired. She went to see what time it was and it was 10:30 p.m.! She went to the boy with the backpack's room, and slept next to his head on the pillow.

When Ponacho awoke, she saw that it was ten o'clock in the morning, so she went out to get some brunch. After brunch, she heard music. She went to see what was going on. It was a party! When Ponacho got to the party, she realized why the boy was there. It was a school-starting-party, ocean theme! There was something there that she fell in love with a long time ago, "CHEESE!" Ponacho yelled. But nobody heard her.

The party lasted for three hours. Ponacho spent the next few hours sleeping until she heard screaming. "What's all the racket about?" she asked. She went to the back of the boat and saw the anchor had made a hole in the boat. "We're sinking?" she asked in amazement. "We're sinking! The lifeboat!" Ponacho thought. She headed straight for the lifeboat.

After three hours everyone went to sleep, even Ponacho. The next morning when Ponacho awoke, she was alone. No people, no ores, no boat! "Where am I," she said in a tired voice. All of the sudden she snapped awake and she realized that she was stranded, on a very small island!

Later that morning, Ponacho found a straw on the island and made a knife out of a palm tree branch. To eat and drink, she would shake the tree, catch a

coconut, cut it in half, and put the milk on one side and the food on the other side. Luckily, the coconuts grew fast.

Ponacho knew something was missing. After an hour of hard work, it was ready. Her new look. Boy mice would chase her if they were there. She was stunning, beautiful, and glamorous, like she was a new mouse. After new fashion, it was getting dark so Ponacho got just the right amount of sand and water, and she sculpted a 3D rectangle. Then she got two leaves. She folded one in half for the pillow and used the other one as a blanket. She went right to sleep.

After three weeks, Ponacho discovered something to escape from the island! She would cut the tree down with her knife and make a mouse-sized boat that would fit everything! And that's exactly what she did. And with the extra wood, she made two ores for the boat. She used sand and milk to make paint for the boat and called it BIG MOUSE #1.

"Set sail!" Ponacho yelled. And off she went. Six hours later she arrived at Lettursburg Dock with nothing harmed. When she got on the dock, she saw her friend, Geeza, and Geeza saw her. They were both very happy. Ponacho was right about the boys. They chased her all around the dock.

Geeze threw a "Welcome Home" party for Ponacho. She invited every mouse on the dock. It was a great party. There was music, dancing, boys, and a welcome home cake. The best thing was when she got a present from the best mouse on the dock. His name was Jake. He gave her a special necklace and Ponacho just loved it!

After the party, Ponacho went to her nest and put her things away and went to bed. Tomorrow she would go on another boat trip. She couldn't stop thinking about it, but finally after two hours, she went to sleep. Tomorrow she would go on another boat trip, but this time with her friend, Jake.

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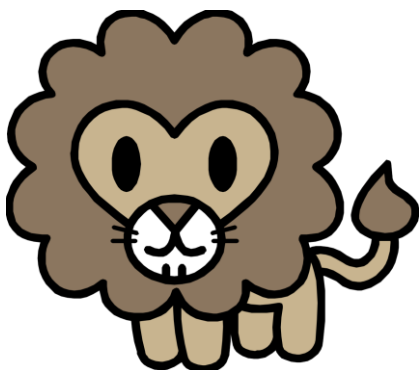
Hanna Findley

Hi, my name is Hanna Findley and I am the Editor-in-chief of the Paw Print. I am 14, in eighth grade, and my favorite subject is math. My favorite color is purple and I absolutely love Justin Bieber. My favorite food is pepperoni and mushroom pizza, and when I grow up I want to be an orthodontist. I have a brother here at Westgate in third grade. I love it at Westgate and I will be sad to leave.



Meagan Turner

Hi, my name is Meagan and I am a sports editor. A sports editor writes about sports! Being part of the newspaper club is going to be so much fun! I play soccer and volleyball. I have two sisters, Sarah and Erin. Of course, we all play sports! Hopefully you do, too!



Morgan Carey

Hi, my name is Morgan and I go to Westgate. My favorite food is pizza. I have two dogs named CoCo and Angel. My favorite subject is Art. I have one brother and one sister. My favorite restaurant is Japanese Steakhouse. I love puppies. I also love peanuts.



Gavin Cork

My name is Gavin Cork and I am the head art director for the Paw Print. I play four sports: baseball, basketball, flag football, and tackle football. My favorite color is a dark green and my favorite subjects in school are lunch and history. My favorite hobby is to build things. I am twelve years old and I love school!



Roman Bishop

Hey! My name is Roman Bishop. I am the tracking manager for the Westgate Newspaper Club. I work with groups to give them ideas for the paper, and I'm also going to keep track of what everyone does. It's going to be a great year.

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*Philippians 4:13 –
I can do everything
through Him who
gives me strength.*