

**May 13, 2025 PTA Meeting
Westmore Elementary School**

Minutes are considered a high-level overview of the meeting.

For more information on any specific topic, please ask PTA officers.

The Westmore Elementary School PTA met on May 13, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. About 18 people were in attendance in person.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from April 8 PTA Meeting ([Appendix A](#))

Treasurer's Report ([Appendix B](#))

Taryn Mueller motioned to approve the consent agenda as it stands. Kendra Risley seconded the motion. This was approved.

Principal's Report

Mr. Dart reported that there are over 264,000 reading steps in the school right now. The big recent event was STEM Day for the 5th grade class. The 5th graders also visited Jackson Middle School. The kindergarten class went to the zoo, and 3rd graders went to the Shedd Aquarium for field trips. Mr. Dart reminded everyone to fill out their registration. Class picnics are coming up for each grade. The school will have a senior walk for high school seniors to come back to the school on May 23. The last day of school is May 27. There will be a 5th grade celebration that day.

Mrs. Coco, Mr. Ritt, and Mrs. Otteson shared that this is an exciting time for 5th grade students. Next week is a staff versus 5th grade kickball game. The 5th Grade Committee has done a lot to make things great for the students. The 5th grade social (Glow Party) is on Friday, May 16. Safety Patrol went on a field trip recently.

Election of New Officers for Secretary and Treasurer

Taylor Thinnes reported for the Nominating Committee that they nominate Adriana Rodriguez as treasurer and Alison Hitzker as secretary.

Taylor Thinnes motioned to approve the slate of nominees by voice. Kendra Risley seconded the motion. This was accepted.

Taryn motioned to move forward to approval the slate. Kris Castaldi seconded the motion. This was accepted, and Adriana Rodriguez and Alison Hitzker are treasurer and secretary for the next school year.

Approval of Code of Conduct

Taylor Thinnes shared that this Code of Conduct would be finalized for the 2025-2026 school year. It would be added to the bylaws during the fall bylaws approval meeting. Ande Ngola shared a few amendments to the code of conduct. You will sign the code of conduct when you pay for PTA membership fees.

Taylor motioned to approve the code of conduct as initially presented. Caisey Schneider seconded the motion. This was accepted.

Taryn motioned to make the changed amendment. Kendra Risley seconded the motion. This was accepted.

Committee Planning

5th Grade Committee: Kris Castaldi shared that they are decorating lockers and hallways for the 5th graders this week. During the last day, there will be a clap out for them. There will be 2025 magnets and a class photo on all the lockers. On Friday there is a Glow Party. There is a 5th grade picnic on May 22.

New Business

- **Annual Report:** Ande Ngola shared information about the annual report. See the next page for the annual report.
- **Summer Meetings:** There will be a summer audit meeting after July 1. There will also be a planning meeting to set the budget for next year. This will also be in July.

Submit any PTA receipts you have to Taryn Mueller by June 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m. This was the last PTA meeting of the school year.

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Westmore Elementary PTA

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Number of members: 82

Number of events held: 13

- Pool Party - 333 attendees
- Back to School Bash
- Kindergarten/1st Grade Social
- Parent Social
- Trunk or Treat
- Summer Party
- Two (2) Movie Nights - 100 students/event
- Two (2) Family Game Nights - 90-100 participants/event
- Three (3) Math Contests

Fundraisers included:

- Read-a-thon (earned \$10,195)
- Spiritwear sales (earned \$66)¹
- School Pictures (earned \$1,130.96)
- Creation and publication of the Westmore Yearbook (\$earned \$1,152)
- Two (2) Scholastic bookfairs (earned \$1,129.11 in cash and \$683.78 in Scholastic dollars)
- Four (4) Restaurant Nights (earned \$962.04)

We supported the Westmore School community through the following activities:

- Financial support of admissions/tickets for classroom field trips for each class
- Financial support provided to teachers for their classrooms
- Helping Hands funds to ensure all families and students can participate in PTA activities
- Fully funded school-wide assembly
- Financial support for end-of-year class picnic activities
- Meals for staff during parent teacher conferences
- Crafts and volunteer support for Book Blizzard
- Giving Tree
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Tickets and bus service to celebrate the support of the Safety Patrol
- Fifth grade picnic

Sponsors included:

- Restaurant night restaurants: Lombard DQ, Oak Brook Terrace Lou Malnati's, Elmhurst Portillo's, and Nachorita
- John Noldan with Guaranteed Rate, Spoonburger Food Truck

¹ Excludes Kindergarten Open House sales

- Conferences & Staff Appreciation Donors: Dominick's Pizza, Elmhurst Jewel, Chicks 'n Salsa Mexican Grill, Raising Cane's, Billy Bricks, Portillo's, Oak Brook Terrace Pete's Fresh Market, Five & Hoek Coffee, Sassy Bisquits, Trader Joe's, Costco, Surge Salon, Four Lakes Alpine Snowsports

Ella Graesynn Raven Violet Emma
 Madilyn ^{no > 5} Julian Katie Jackson ^{Q O P n}
 Audrey ^{no > 5} Mia Kenzie Wyatt Isabella
 Harrison ^{no > 5} Ambrey Belaid Nora Nicholas

Dear PTA board members of Westmore,
 We want to thank you so very much for
 your generous financial support of our
 safety patrol field trip. We are grateful
 and lucky to have you leading our awesome
 PTA! Regards,

Safety Patrol Team 2024-2025

M. Ratt Tyler Sawyer DJ Freddie
 Avery Pearl Olivia Shame Austin
 Adali Ara Paisley Natalie Nat Anna