

Westmore Elementary PTA General Meeting

Meeting Date: November 11, 2025 **Time:** 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Location: Westmore Gym

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 November 11, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. About 12 people were in attendance in person.

Consent Agenda

- I. Minutes from October 8, 2025 PTA Meeting ([Appendix A](#))
- II. Treasurer's Report ([Appendix B](#))
- III. Past Committee Activity Summaries ([Appendix C](#))

Principals Report

The kids were really excited about Read-a-thon. They have already read 83,600 steps, which is 1,000 ahead of our goal. As a school we were at 95.1% for attendance which is hitting our goal. We have cooler weather coming up, but we need to keep reminding the kids to dress warm. They need snowpants, jackets, hat to go on the grass—15 degree threshold. This month is acts of kindness—where we are spreading kindness. They are working on their challenge through November 21st, where students show support for one another—2 students that hand in checklist are chosen to go on WETV. Kindness rocks day is coming up put on by student council. Report cards have been available and online for a couple of weeks—they can call main office if they need help accessing. Conferences (starting Thursday Nov 20th 4-7pm and November 24th 8-11, 12-3, and 4-7 pm) are coming up and spots are still available for parents to visit all teachers. Mrs. Rudden is going to start a monthly family book check-out on Fridays after school—we are trying to promote access to families who might not have a library available starting Friday, Nov 21st at 2:45-3:15pm. Book Blizzard is coming up—day before winter break. Its a whole day of reading and crafts with grandparents to visit that day—PTA will put this on but school will also put out a request to donate wrapping paper for gifts and helping with grandparents. Sometimes they also incorporate an assembly that day, so they are working on a theme for that. Erin's law presentation will be coming up soon as well (Tuesday, Dec 9th). This is a state of IL required prevention program about child sexual abuse. Teaching students K-5 age-appropriate techniques to recognize abuse and tell a trusted adult. There will be no school Nov 24th - Dec 1st.

Committee Planning (Upcoming)

- 1) **Family Game Night** - Ande Ngola: Coming up this coming Thursday, 11/13. Ande will bring all of the games. This is a family event with a lot of games kids may not have seen before. They will have puzzles as well. Games will be appropriate for all ages.
- 2) **Book Fair** - Taryn Mueller: Monday of conferences, November 24, 8-6:30 PM. You can shop in the gym and online. There is a sign up for volunteers—they are set for set-up and take down.
- 3) **Giving Tree** - Taryn Mueller: They got the same place in Dec 9th @ Guaranteed Rate in Elmhurst for the wrap party. Bring your own scissors and tape to help with wrapping. Should be coming out before Thanksgiving for donations. They could use more wrapping paper donations.

- 4) **Feed the Teachers** - Kendra Risley: November 24th, they will have more snacks that day for teachers (4-7 pm for conferences). Villa Perk is donating coffee. Michael Anthony's is donating some money towards pizza. Teachers can come and grab food throughout the day. Currently is 50% full and more things were added.
- 5) **Restaurant Night** - Caisey Schneider: 2 night event on November 24th and 25th at Anyways, during the week of Thanksgiving. Its for both dine in and carryout. Flyers have been sent out already.
- 6) **Math Contest** - Aurora Scahill: Will be December 3rd. We will see if we can get this in teacher's newsletters and blast to 4th-6th teachers.
- 7) **4th-5th Grade Movie Night** - Adriana Rodriguez: They thought the K-3 Movie night went well and was very smooth. There were 14 volunteers. For the 4th-5th graders, they are trying to find ideas instead of a movie night. Possible ideas: Crafts, games, hangout. Have a few activities as options with music in the background. Kids like to play Uno at the tables during lunch. Maybe change and position as a Parent's Night Out instead. Should we raise the price for this event? We also have funding in our budget to support students.

Updated Committee Process

Guidance from IL PTA is to create a new committee policy about how we structure committees moving forward. Will include how chairs are supported and selected, responsibilities of a chair, and what they can/cannot do. This will include documentation of committees, that will be as open-ended as possible to accommodate changes to committees; balanced with some guidelines but also flexibility for revisions. Before we have the next general PTA meeting, the PTA board will draft up these guidelines and share this at the January meeting.

One person asked about the resolution about the yearbook committee, so a general update was given. At this point, we will move forward with the committee as structured. The goal will be for us to update the guidelines so there is clarity for all moving into next year. One parent made a recommendation for these guidelines to be very clear and black and white moving forward. We will need to balance sharing the volunteering opportunities with the specific needs to ensure everyone feels utilized.

Announcements

Other meetings and events are on the back of the agenda with other events coming up. Other movie night will be March 6th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 13th on a Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

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