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# West Orange Elementary School

## Principal's Message—Sandra Preciado

Dear West Orange Families,

The year is off to a great start! October brings us many great activities such as Parent Conferences and Red Ribbon Week. It also marks the beginning of our Tuesday night Library Nights. Starting, Tuesday, October 6th our Library Nights will resume from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Remember that all of our school events are also scheduled on our school calendar on our web site. Please let me know if there is anything I can assist you with as the year progresses.

**Go Warriors!**

Sincerely,

*Ms. Preciado*



### Important Dates:

ELAC Meeting	10/6 8:15 AM
WOSA Meeting	10/7 8:30 AM
Parent Conferences Min Days	10/12- 10/15
Red Ribbon Week	10/26- 10/30
All Star and Red Ribbon Assembly	10/29
Staff Development Day— No School	11/3
Veteran's Day— No School	11/11

### Remember:

- School starts at 8:00 every day. Children need to be lined up when the bell rings.
- School is out at 1:50 for TK/K and 2:00 for 1st-3rd and 2:21 for 4th & 5th on Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri.
- Every Wednesday is a minimum day.

## Home School Communication



This year, West Orange will continue to have our Orange folder in place for communication with your teacher, the WOSA events and the school. Please check the folder weekly and return it to school. Also, the office will continue to

make phone calls home via our School Messenger call system. The number is linked to your primary number, which for most families is the home phone number. If you would like a different number called,

please contact the school office.

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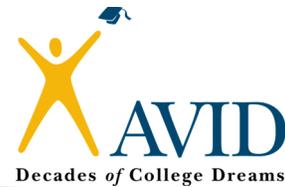
Attendance/Sick Line:  
714-628-5475



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## West Orange is an AVID School!

- We are implementing **AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination**, in our 4th and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes this year. Our goal is to expand AVID each year until we have implemented school-wide.
- AVID provides a system and structure within the classroom to provide students with the skills necessary for success in high school, college, and beyond! AVID sets high expectations for our students while providing them with the support they need to be successful.
- Our feeder schools, Portola Middle School and Orange High School, are AVID demonstration schools. We are aiming to provide a cohesive transition for our students as they continue into secondary education.



## Your Right to a Free and Appropriate Education

Article IX, Section 5 of the California Constitution states: "**The legislature shall provide for a system of common schools by which a free school shall be kept up and supported in each district.**" The California Supreme Court held that this provision prohibits public schools from charging mandatory fees for curricular and extracurricular educational activities. This decision affects our students in several areas:

**Art Projects:** All students must be provided with the supplies to complete art projects. Once projects are completed, students may be charged the cost of supplies if they wish to keep them. Students may not be charged for food items prepared as part of the class.

**Binders/Notebooks, Class Materials:** Teachers may recommend optional materials, provided there is no penalty for students not having these items. No fees may be required for participation in a class or use of supplemental novels, workbooks or supplies.

**Fieldtrips/Outdoor Science School:** Schools may charge fees in connection with school related field trips and Outdoor Science School as long as no student is denied the opportunity to participate. In the case of Outdoor Science School, an alternate activity must be provided for students who choose to stay home.

**Donations:** Donations are voluntary only. There will be no negative impact for failing to donate. Programs may be cancelled or modified if financially unfeasible given the level of donation.

