

**WEST LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**  
**A COLLEGE BOARD SCHOOL**  
**OCTOBER, 2015**



Hello Families!

We have an exciting month ahead of us with Homecoming activities, the football game, and Explore Courses.

October Count is extremely important for each school in DPS. Students' attendance is monitored and schools receive funding based on your child/ren attending school. Please ensure all young leaders arrive on time and attend all classes in order for us to get the most accurate count. Thank you for your support!!

**Important Dates:**

<b>October 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Homecoming Football Game @7:00 at All City Stadium</b>
<b>October 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Student-Led Family/Teacher Conferences @4pm-7pm</b>
<b>October 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO SCHOOL for Students--Teacher Data Day</b>
<b>October 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Family Meeting Topic: Sexual Assault Prevention</b>
<b>October 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Explore Courses</b>
<b>November 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>

**Daily Schedule:**

7:45 am -3:15 pm - M, W, Th & F  
7:45 am – 1:45 pm Tuesday

**Student-Led Family/Teacher Conferences:**

The basic concept: students lead the conferences about their academic and social-emotional progress. Young leaders take ownership of their learning experience, sitting at the table with families and teachers. Young leaders may share their body of work through a variety of mediums including portfolios and/or work samples.

**Parent Teacher Home Visit Project:**

This year, we will continue our partnership with the Parent Teacher Home Visit Project here at West Leadership Academy. Your child's advisor is an advocate between our young leaders and

**Contact Information:**

**WEST LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

**951 Elati St.**

**Denver, CO 80204**

**Phone-720-423-5460**

**Guadalupe Algarate, Secretary**

**[Guadalupe\\_Algarate@dpsk12.org](mailto:Guadalupe_Algarate@dpsk12.org)**

**Please call or email with any questions!**

families, and will support your child in their academics and behavioral well-being. In order to build, continue and strengthen relationships, all advisors will be calling soon to schedule home visits. Home visits are short visits where the advisors will introduce themselves to families, talk about their roles and also learn about the hopes and dreams that you have for your child, as well as their personal hopes and dreams. The home visits can take place in the comfort of your home or at any place of your choosing. We are excited about these connections and the possibilities that these home visits will create with you all.

### **Explore Courses:**

Explore Courses are wonderful opportunities for our young leaders to actively engage in specialized interests and educational opportunities in order for them to learn new skills and try out new ways of thinking. Our hope is to offer a wide-range of opportunities and experiences that students would not otherwise have. The exploratory curriculum will be challenging, rigorous, and exploratory in nature. Please be on the look out for more information in the near future and mark on your calendars the dates of Explore Courses: *October 26th- October 30th*.

### **Early Release Days:**

Tuesdays will be early release days; the school day will end at 1:45 pm. The purpose of the early release day will be to allow teachers/facilitators the opportunity to have ongoing professional learning communities and engage in professional development.

### **Uniforms:**

Uniforms are required at WLA. There are several uniform options and range in price from \$5.00 - \$25.00 depending on design. Blue or black jeans, slacks, shorts and skirts are acceptable as long as they are neat and meet the length requirement. **Red clothing or shoes is not acceptable on the West Campus.**