

# Minutemen News



*Important Dates and Events to Keep the Community Informed of Elementary News*

## September Newsletter

Volume 1

### Richland County Recycle Day at Western

*This is a great way for our building to help the environment and earn extra funds. The recycling truck will be parked in the parking lot from 2:00-4:00 pm.*  
**September 14**

### Constitution Day

*Constitution Day commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787.*  
**September 18**

### Interim Reports

*Interims will be sent home with students who receive below average grades. Please, review with your students.*  
**September 22**

### Early Release

*Teacher In-Service; Students will be released one hour early.*  
**September 27**

## GROWTH MINDSET THEME FOR SEPTEMBER:

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NOT KNOWING AND NOT KNOWING YET.

# Letter from the Principal

## Dear Parents:

On behalf of the staff at Western Elementary School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2017-18 school year. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure that our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

Western Elementary is strongly committed to providing your child with a relevant, innovative,



and rigorous educational experience. At the center of the experience is your child, all of your child, the whole child. A truly authentic commitment to educating the whole child looks different, and we are proud to say Western looks like no other school we have ever seen.

This year we are celebrating The Lex Way. The Lex Way encompasses Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Learn expectations throughout the school day. We will also focus on a monthly Growth Mindset theme. Each mindset will encourage children to continue learning and growing. This

month's Growth Mindset is "There is a difference between not knowing and not knowing yet". These resources, Growth Mindset and The Lex Way, will provide children numerous strategies to assist in their disposition of developing a strong, motivated and successful learner--in school and throughout life.

Lastly, we want to take the time to review pickup line procedures to ensure that we are creating a safe experience for our students and expedite the pickup line process. Please, remember to place the pink cards on the rearview mirror for identification and please, do not pass other cars in line even if your child has been loaded in your car. The staff will signal to you when it is time for the row of cars to leave and for the new row of cars to pull up. Likewise, please, stay on the left side of the driveway even when you are to the road getting ready to turn right or left. This allows the busses to enter on the right side of the parking lot without interference. Remember, safety is our top concern.

I look forward to a wonderful year at Western and if you have any questions or concerns, please, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Egerton