## Our Mission:

is to provide all students with a fun, open environment where they feel comfortable to explore independence, friendships and creativity. This program serves as a safe place in which all students are encouraged to embrace their differences and practice kindness towards one another."

# The Wildcat Way!

In order for all children participating in the Before/After School Program have a rewarding and safe experience, certain conduct and behavior will be prohibited as stated below. Students who engage in conduct prohibited by this policy will be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion from the program.

#### **Prohibited Student Conduct Policies:**

Students may be subject to disciplinary action with regard to the following:

- Failure to comply with reasonable requests from program staff.
- 2) Using language or gestures that are profane, lewd, vulgar, or abusive.
- 3) Lying to program personnel.
- Theft of, intentionally damaging, or destroying program property, or the personal property of a student or staff member.
- Engaging in discrimination, including the use of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability as a basis for treating another in a negative manner.
- Possession of or threat to use, a weapon or instrument of violence.
- Intimidation and bullying, including actions or statements that put an individual in fear of bodily harm.
- Physical contact such as hitting, kicking, scratching, and punching a student or staff member.
- Initiating a report warning of fire, explosion, or other catastrophes without valid cause, misuse of 911, or discharging a fire extinguisher.
- Engaging in other willful conduct that significantly interferes with the normal operation of the program.

#### **Discipline Policy:**

The level of discipline will depend upon the seriousness or the repetitiveness of the conduct. Our hope is that early warning will avoid subsequent violations. There is a NO TOLERANCE of above policies 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

- Verbal warning by staff member or on-site Supervisor and notification to Parent/Guardian by on-site Supervisor.
- Notification to Parent/Guardian by on-site Supervisor and Program Coordinator.
- Meeting with Program Director, on-site Supervisor and Parent/Guardian. School Principal, Social Worker and homeroom teacher are invited at the discretion of the Program Coordinator and are advised on all meetings.
- Possible suspension <u>from program</u>. Three suspensions from program during current school year will be followed by permanent expulsion from program.

# Welcome to



# Before & After School Program!

2020-2021



"Where everybody makes everybody feel like somebody."

# Our Students, Your Success!

At West Elementary's Before & After School Program, students will participate in a range of different activities that will aid in their success. Children are always encouraged to participate in the many different activity offerings. After school activities can support social, emotional, cognitive, and academic development, reduce risky behaviors, promote physical health, and provide a safe and supportive environment for children and youth.

## **Indoor Activities**



- Board games
- Homework help
- Crafts/Art-based activities
- Themed days

## **Outdoor Activities**

- Playground
- Playing in the snow (and sun!)
- Kickball
- Physical activities
- Sidewalk chalk





#### Mr. Travis. Supervisor

Hello, and welcome! Mr. Travis, a graduate from WSE in 2016, is excited to start his first school year at West Elementary as a supervisor with everyone! Graduating from Daemen College in 2020 with a B.S. in English Adolescent Education, Mr. Travis has an undying love

for education as he is currently a preferred building substitute teacher at East Senior. Mr. Travis goes to SUNY Fredonia where he works to complete his Master's degree in Curriculum & Instruction for Inclusion Education. In addition, when Mr. Travis is not at work or school, he enjoys upcycling old furniture, spending time with loved ones, bike riding, and reading. He is eager to welcome everyone back to our program while being safe, happy, and healthy.

# Meet the Staff!

Whether you're new to our program or returning, our dedicated staff is glad you're here and is eager to give you a warm welcome! This year, we are excited to share some new and some returning faces that make our West Elementary team complete.

#### Miss Nicole. Assistant

Hello students I am Ms. Nicole. I attend school at Buffalo State College for becoming a high school teacher. I spent my quarantined days hiking, spending a lot of time with my dogs, and tried out skiing for the first time! Can't wait to be back in school with you all.



#### Miss Morgan. Assistant

Hi my name is Morgan and I'm going to school to become a teacher. I have three dogs named Daisy, Ozzy, and Ruby. My favorite thing to do with them is to take them camping. Some of our favorite places we've been to is Outer Banks, Wakens Glen, and

Lake George. This is my first year working at West Elementary and I'm so excited to get to know everyone.

#### Miss Christina. Assistant

Hello, my Friends! I am so excited to see your smiling faces again at the Before and After School Program. For those of you who are new, or need a bit of a refresher, I am Miss Christina and I am one of the Program Assistants at



West Elementary. I am currently a student in University at Buffalo's School Psychology MA/AC Program and am also working towards an advanced certificate in Mindful Counseling for Wellness & Engagement. When I am not working as your Teacher, or studying as a student, I enjoy spending time outside, connecting with friends and family, and cooking yummy vegan meals. Can't wait to see you all soon!

#### Mrs. Churchill. Assistant

Hi! My name is Mrs. Churchill and I am a Teacher Aide at West Elementary. I am married with two children and I also have a dog named Sammie. My hobbies include reading, going for long walks and spending time with my family. I am looking forward

to seeing some old friends again and also some new ones in the before/after school program!

#### Mr. Jacob. Assistant

Welcome back everyone! I am so glad to be back at the Before and After School Program. In case you don't remember, or are new to our program, my name is Mr. Jacob and I am one of the Program Assistants at West



Elementary. I am a graduate student at the University at Buffalo working towards a Master's degree in history and a certificate of advanced study in secondary education. When I am not in program or at school, I like to play guitar, read books, watch movies with my friends, and spend time with my family. I am so excited to be returning and I can't wait to see you all soon!

We cannot wait for a fun-filled year ahead!