



## Westview Elementary



**Westview Elementary**  
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**Hours:** 7:45 am - 2:00 pm

### *Special Features*

- After School Foreign Language program
- WVOW-TV and Radio Production and Broadcast Stations
- ESL—English as a Second Language
- Math Enrichment Leagues
- “Reading Counts” Computerized Reading Enrichment Program
- Kids Plus After School Program

At Westview Elementary School, our staff members are dedicated to providing students with a safe and structured learning environment that fosters positive educational experiences. Our staff also recognizes the importance of embracing and respecting the differences within our diverse community. We are committed to helping each student realize their own potential for success.

### *History*

Westview Elementary School is located in central Champaign’s Clark Park neighborhood. The school opened in 1951, became a K-5 building in 1977, and

### *Schools of Choice Theme*

Westview’s Schools of Choice Theme is *Communicating in the 21st Century*. Students are given the opportunity to work in Westview’s television studio (WVOW TV). At WVOW—TV, all students through the guidance of our teachers are given the opportunity to showcase a project from their classroom which is translated into a television program that is broadcast on our in house TV station to all classrooms. Our fourth and fifth grade students provide the technical assistance in producing, directing and editing the programs under the guidance of our enrichment specialist and our library media specialist. Our fourth grade students are responsible for the morning WVOW radio broadcasts as students prepare and present the morning announcements under the guidance of the enrichment specialist.

### *School Climate*

At Westview, we recognize the importance of a safe and respectful school climate in setting the foundation for all students’ academic success. Our staff models and reinforces our Westview Expectations (*Respect Yourself, Respect Others, and Respect Property*) with our students from the first day of school. Students are recognized daily, weekly and monthly for their positive behavior. At Westview, we also recognize the importance of character education in developing students who are good citizens. At Westview we use the CHARACTER COUNTS! program that addresses the “Six Pillars of Characters” (trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship). During each month a different pillar of character is reinforced and celebrated with all students at our monthly community meetings.

### *Enrichment Program*

At Westview, our enrichment specialists have developed an award winning program that has given students from second through fifth grade the opportunity to engage in a variety of projects in a variety of curriculum areas. Some of the awards that our program has won include:

- Two time national winner and runner up of the “Earth and Sky” competition through National Public Radio
- National Finalist in the Sally Ride “Toy Challenge” competition in Durham, NC



### *Business Partnerships*

Westview students, staff and our business partners work together to extend learning opportunities.

- Peter Fox Development Corporation
- University of Illinois
- Women’s Volleyball Team-WILL-TV and Radio



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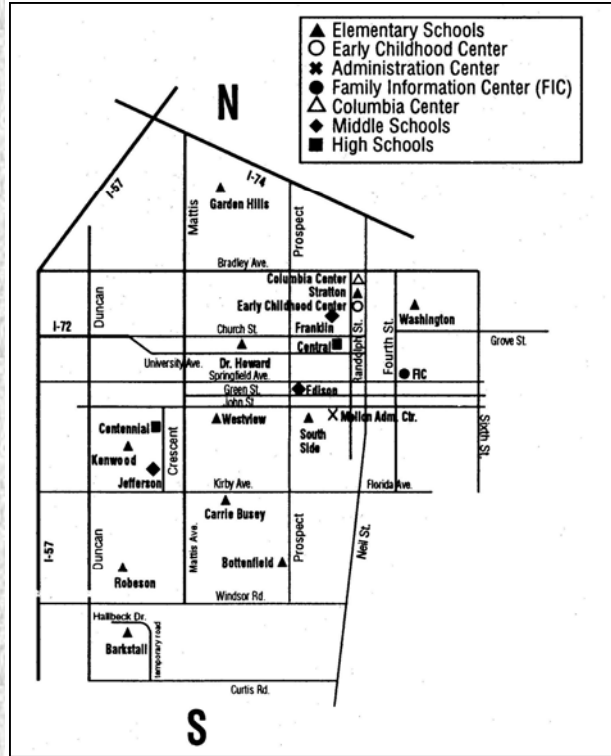
### Library Media Center Services

Westview has a full-time library media specialist which allows the library to be an integral part of every classroom's curriculum. Classes receive regular instruction in library skills, literature appreciation, information retrieval and research skills. Students use the fully computerized catalog and circulation system to borrow books and other materials on a weekly basis. Other popular library media center sponsored activities include:

- Fall and Spring Reading Incentive Programs
- Family Reading Night
- Rebecca Caudill Young Reader's Book Away Voting and Activities
- TV Turn Off Week

### Special Features

- Peer Mediation
- Mentor Programs
- School-wide Recycling Program
- Art and Music Instruction
- Strings and Band Instruction
- America Reads/Counts Tutorial Program
- "Study Buddy" grade level partnerships (Kindergarten & 3rd Grade, 1st and 4th Grade, 2nd & 5th Grade)



### PTA

Westview has an active and supportive PTA whose contributions and activities include:

- Reflections Fine Arts Program
- Foreign Language Instruction
- Classroom Volunteers
- Family Fun Fest
- Clothing Drive
- Mitten and Hats Program
- School-wide Book Fairs
- Library Volunteers
- In-School Fine Arts Programs
- Classroom Activity and Material Funds

### Special Events

- Open Houses
- Parent Information Night
- Spring Up Day
- Grandparents Day
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Field Days
- Community Charitable Projects
- Book Fairs
- Winter Music Program
- Hundred Day Celebration (Primary)
- Spring Musical (Intermediate)
- U of I Volleyball Westview Night
- International Fair
- Family Fun Fest

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