

THE LONGHORN WAY

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Socktober Update: We only need 200 more pair of socks to reach our goal! Monday is the last day to bring in new socks. Socks can be dropped off in the blue bins outside each of the counselor offices.

Second Trimester Activity Booklet is available on the website, under the Activities tab. The session will begin on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 and end on February 16, 2017.

On November 3rd and 4th, during social studies classes, all West Middle students will participate in Kids Voting, a national non-profit, non-partisan program. Students will have the opportunity to go to Kids Voting polls to cast an online ballot for many of the same candidates and issues as the adult voter including:

- President
- Governor
- Lt. Governor
- Senate (U.S. and MO)
- Representatives (U.S. and MO)
- MO Attorney General
- MO Secretary of State
- State Treasurer
- Constitutional Amendment 2
- St. Louis County Prop S

Students will be educated about the importance of becoming an informed citizen and the responsibility of being a registered voter during our lessons prior to voting as well as the voting days. It is our goal that through this process students develop their citizenship skills, practice good decision-making and model respect for others.

Before November 3rd and 4th, we hope that your family will take time to discuss issues on the ballot and locate your MO State Representative District as well as your U.S. House of Representatives District. Please consider using a resource like the www.vote411.org to find your local ballot issues and candidates. For more information on Kids Voting Missouri go to www.kidsvotingmissouri.org.

If you would like to serve as a parent volunteer on November 3rd and 4th, please contact Amy Ribble (amyribble@hotmail.com).

~Annie

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A Look Ahead

- October 31 Last Day to collect socks for Socktober
- November 1 & 4 Deaf/Hard of Hearing Field Trip
- November 2 Late Start - West Time Schedule
- November 3 & 4 Kids Voting - during Social Studies Classes
- November 4 End of First Trimester
- November 4 & 5 7pm Fall Play
- November 7 & 8 No Classes - Records Day & District Development Day
- November 9 Veteran's Day Contest Deadline