



WESTGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL MISSION: We believe children are active learners who continue learning throughout their lives. We believe their environment, which affects their physical, emotional and intellectual growth influences this learning. We believe children need and want to be successful, accepted, respected, and they need and want a feeling of fairness, safety, love and trust. We believe children need to learn the importance of healthful living as it relates to their lives. We believe that learning should take place in a caring environment that fosters an atmosphere of positive self-esteem, which motivates students to reach their maximum potential as lifelong learners. We will provide various teaching strategies and educational opportunities to enable each child to reach his/her optimal growth. We will promote critical thinking skills to enable students to make responsible life choices. We will integrate physical development and fitness into the curriculum to enhance academics. We will encourage an atmosphere of openness among students, staff and parents to nurture positive self-esteem, physical development and academics in every child. We believe that parents and staff at Westgate Alternative School will work together to promote lifetime learning through physical fitness and academic activities. We believe parents are the primary teachers and role models. We, the staff, reinforce and support the continued growth of each child. A partnership such as this is only complete with open communication and a positive attitude. We encourage parental involvement through the contribution of time, talents and interest. The outcome of this atmosphere will be a more confident and well rounded, physically and academically fit lifelong learner.

CURRICULUM: Westgate is an alternative school with a focus on physical fitness and health. Our curriculum stresses health-related concepts such as cardiovascular fitness, exercise, nutrition, substance abuse and stress management. We also teach phonics, reading, writing, math, social studies, science, health, art, and music.

LATCHKEY: Available before and after school.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: Westgate Recreation Center

WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL OUTSTANDING: We are an alternative school of academic and physical excellence. Our philosophy is to educate the total child.

WHAT WE DO FOR FUN: Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities including chess club, many PTA and Saturday activities, jogging and the Walkathon, and family fun fitness night, and school-wide assemblies. Other activities include: extra physical education classes, art activities, safety patrol, instrumental music, and vocal choir.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT: Westgate benefits from a very active PTA association with family involvement encouraged at all times. Yearly opportunities for family involvement include fall harvest day, open house, monthly 5K walks, bake sale, Scholastic Book Sale two times a year, tutoring and assisting in classrooms.

WHERE WE ARE LOCATED: In the West end of town, north on Westgate between Hague Avenue and Demorest Road (across from the park).

ABOUT OUR STAFF: Almost 70 percent of our teachers have their master's degree and more than nine years of teaching experience.