



# ICS West Monthly

Expanding Worlds of Opportunity



## Back to School Night

We want to thank all of our parents who visited ICS West, met with teachers and learned about our academic programs

On September 22, ICS West hosted Back to School Night. Principal Julio shared the mission of the school, and teachers spoke about the academic programs and expectations for our students and community. We were delighted to have nearly 90 percent of our parents present. THANK YOU!

### TRANSPORTATION

Questions, updates, concerns, permanent changes?

EMAIL

[transportation@icswest.org](mailto:transportation@icswest.org)

### FOOD SERVICES

Lunch, breakfast, price, etc., please contact Odamis Fernandez

EMAIL

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### ATTENDANCE

Absence Notes, early dismissal requests, inquiries, etc.

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### Health Matters

Encourage healthy eating habits by providing your kids with healthy snacks for school



### Water Works

Make sure your child brings a plastic water bottle to school to help stay hydrated

### Responsive Classroom



is a research-based approach to K-8 teaching that focuses on the strong link between academic success and social-emotional learning being implemented in every ICS West classroom

## Important Updates

- First *Global Citizen of the Month Assembly* on Tuesday, October 18 at 9:15am in Gym - to recognize students who demonstrated Responsibility, Respect and scholar behavior.
- First **Parent-Principal Chat & Chew** will be on Thursday, October 20 at 9:15am in Gym - all parents are invited to attend to share suggestion and provide feedback.
- Please send **Family Compact** from Handbook signed as soon as possible. We need to have it on file in order to issue report cards.
- **Dress your child for the weather.** All students at ICS West have recess daily, except when it rains, snows, or there are extreme temperatures. Ensure your child has a navy blue sweater to wear in school, and a jacket, or coat to wear outside.
- If picking up or dropping off your child by car, ensure you are not blocking traffic or are double-parked.



## *Eatiquette is Coming!*

ICS West is partnering up with *Vetri Community Partnership* to provide *nutritious and tasty lunches*

This school year, all ICS West students will benefit from participating in *Eatiquette*, a school lunch program implemented in select Philadelphia schools that uses fresh healthy food, family style dining, and other principles to improve the lives of children.

The partnership aims to educate students on healthy eating habits by exposing them to a range of nutritious meals prepared on premises.

## BILINGUAL PROGRAM AT ICS WEST

Our school has a dual language program in Kindergarten and 1st Grade. In these grades, students receive 50 percent of their instruction (Language Arts, Social Studies, Math) in Spanish, and the other 50 percent in English (Language Arts, Science).

In 2nd and 3rd Grades, students receive the majority of their instruction in English, including Reading, Math, Science and Social Studies, from their regular classroom teacher, and benefit from a daily Spanish class taught following the FLES (Foreign Language for Elementary Schools) framework.

