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Building the Future—One Child at a Time

How We Are Spending Our Summer Vacation

PreKindergarten: **Miss Kim (Mrs. Aikman)** will continue to work with the Allegany County Birth to 3 program and will celebrate her 5-year wedding anniversary in Cancun, Mexico.

Kindergarten: **Mrs. C. Smith** will be spending her summer enjoying time with her boys and family, as well as going to the Outer Banks. **Mrs. Harris** will be spending the summer with her family.

First grade: **Mrs. McDowell** will be spending quality time with her family as well as going to the beach and to Busch Gardens. **Mrs. A. Smith** will be going to Myrtle Beach and watching her son play in many, many, many baseball games.

Second grade: **Mrs. Kyle** will be spending time with her sons and relaxing at the pool. **Mrs. Richards** will be traveling to Myrtle Beach, doing some work on her house, and enjoying her first summer without taking a graduate class.

Third grade: **Mrs. Llewellyn** will be gardening, swimming, spending time with family and visiting her favorite beach. **Mrs. Moran** will be enjoying time with her children, teaching summer school, and baling hay.

Fourth grade: **Mrs. Hughes** will be spending time with her family, making memories, going to the Great Smoky Mountains, and she may be seen at a NASCAR race or two! **Mrs. Raines** will be spending time with her family, teaching summer school, and traveling to Myrtle Beach and Bermuda.

Fifth grade: **Mrs. Sechler** will be going to the beach with her family, renovating her home, and sleeping in. **Mrs. Swisher** is looking forward to visiting Nashville for the first time, as well as planning to do some camping and boating.

Other Faculty and Staff: **Mrs. Fazenbaker** will be busy with the Westernport Summer Lunch Box Program. She will be working all summer, too, but is also hoping to go to the beach. **Mrs. Hanlin** will be enjoying the slower pace with her growing girls, picnic lunches, cooling off with the water sprinkler, and collecting and releasing fireflies, all captured through the lens of her camera. **Nurse Patti Rounds** will be working at Camp White Star (YMCA), and going on vacation with her husband. **Mrs. Nelson** and family will be enjoying a new baby girl. **Ms. Kenny** will be relaxing at the Frostburg pool and enjoying her family. **Mrs. Weber** will be spending time with her family and will be traveling to Punta Cana with friends. **Mr. Follett** will be hunting fossils near Solomons Island and going camping. **Mrs. Haught** will be enjoying her pool.



From the Principal...Mrs. Fazenbaker

As we finish the 2014-2015 school year, I would like to thank parents and teachers for working diligently this year to help the students at Westernport Elementary School to succeed. I would also like to thank our students for their hard work and effort to be peaceful each and every day by following our school rules: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, and Be Kind. I

hope that students will follow these rules when they are home during the summer months. I would like to remind parents that the local churches are offering a **Summer Lunch Box** program beginning on **Monday, June 22nd and continuing through Friday, August 14th**. If you have not signed up for the program, call the school at 301-359-0511 and we will get

the information to you. We wish to say a fond **FAREWELL** to our fifth grade students and wish them success as they move on to Westmar Middle School. We would also like to wish a very **happy retirement** to Mrs. Sandy Llewellyn, who has been the Title I Parent Involvement Coordinator at Westernport Elementary School for many

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years. We hope that Mrs. Llewellyn enjoys her retirement years with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. **Summer hours** for Westernport Elementary School are Monday-Thursday, 7:30 AM to 4:45 PM. Have a safe summer and enjoy your families!

Attendance Drawing

These are the latest results of the weekly attendance drawing, sponsored by Verso Corporation's Luke Mill.

The following students have recently won "gold coins" for perfect weekly attendance:

Week of April 27-May 1: Emma Kelley, Ashlynn Durst, Dedarrian Rinker, Kaitlyn Todd, Shaun Heeter, Emily Cowan and Tyler Warnick

Week of May 4-8: Emma Streets, Kealana Puaauli, Dominic Saville, Harley Smith, Hayden Martz, Levi Lewis and Jacob Wildesen

Week of May 11-15: Malachi Crabtree, Caden White, Sidney Donnelly, Wyatt Walker, Matthew Saville, Owen Llewellyn and Kenny Derham

Week of May 18-22: Noah Heavner, Aaliyah Dorsett, Chloe Haggerty, Landon Collins, McKenna Swisher, Jason Haggerty and Kayla Briner

Week of May 25-29: Emma Streets, Wyatt DiChiera, Cole Ramsey, Hailey Durst, Anthony Dolly, Jacob Tinsley and Jacob Wildesen

Peace Days

A drawing is held each Monday to award a small prize to four students who have had a peaceful week. Listed below are students who followed the rules for the previous week and who had no yellow or red behaviors. Pictures of these students are displayed weekly on the bulletin board near the office.

Week of April 27-May 1: Hailey Burdock, Brady Moran, Jacob Wildesen and Kenneth Wiles

Week of May 4-8: Carlee Blizzard, Malachi Crabtree, David Ellifritz, and Cambria Guinn

Week of May 11-15: Alysha Bittinger, Landon Collins, Connor Guy and Samantha Wiland

Week of May 18-22: Nathan Miller, Zoe Pattison, Hailey Rodriguez-Cruz and Joella Wilkins

Week of May 25-29: Paige Bryant, Jacob Harrison, Kierra Kaylor and Nikoa Wilkinson



WES School Calendar

- ☺ June 9 (Tues.) **LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS** 3-Hour Early Dismissal; Awards Assembly for students
- ☺ August ?? **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT** (Watch the school sign for details)
- ☺ August 24(Mon.) **FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS** 3-Hour Early Dismissal

Summer Cleaning

Our custodians, Kim Martin, head custodian; Bobby Morris, Gene "Bugs" Foutz and David Parker will soon be busy with summer cleaning at WES so that the school will be bright and shiny in August. Our custodians literally empty every room of desks, tables, computers, books and other materials as they do the summer cleaning. Often teachers call the school to ask, "Are you done with my room yet?" so that they can come in to get a head start on bulletin boards, laminating, and other tasks which will help them to get ready for a successful school year.

We want to thank our custodians for all of their work during the summer and throughout the school year.

THE MISSION of Westernport Elementary School is to prepare and empower all students to successfully meet tomorrow's challenges. We will partner with family and community to nurture the whole child, intellectually, physically and emotionally, to build a better world — one child at a time.

Citizens of the Month



Students selected as "Citizens of the Month" exemplify the character trait for the month. The character trait for **April** was **Trustworthiness**. Those students who were extremely trustworthy included Grade K-Kambria Spaulding & Savannah Kimble; Grade 1-Emma Trexler & Indiana McNeal; Grade 2-Brady Moran & Makaylyn Whetzel; Grade 3-McKenna Zais & Zach Ellifritz; Grade 4-Connor Guy & Jason Haggerty; and Grade 5-Courtney Todd & Shaiden Wilkinson.

The character trait for **May** was **Caring**. Those students who were extremely caring included Grade K--Nadiyah Placka & Cheyenne Whetzel; Grade 1-Mercedes Lewis & Ava Fazenbaker; Grade 2-Kaylee Snyder & Layla Miller; Grade 3-Talen Kerchner & Carlee Blizzard; Grade 4-Harlee Dwire & Samantha Wiland; and Grade 5-McKenzie Schenck & Onie Sweitzer. Students took a trip to McDonald's for a treat. Thanks,

Summer Vacation (continued)

Mrs. Rankin will be checking out float trips in VA, WV, NC and PA. **Mrs. Crowe** will be camping and spending time with her grandchildren. **Mrs. Bosley** will be spending as much time as possible with her grandchildren. **Mrs. Iliff** is going to Ocean City and spending time with her children. **Mrs. P. Fitzgerald** will be getting her daughter, Emily, ready for her second year of college. **Mrs. Guinn** will be going to South Carolina and New York and hopefully to Alaska! **Mrs. Bittinger** will be camping, attending football camps and helping her son get ready for his first semester at FSU. **Mrs. Cooper** will be living at Deep Creek Lake and trying to get her health issues straightened out. **Mrs. S. Fitzgerald (Miss Shelly)** will be babysitting, swimming, gardening, and taking a trip somewhere. **Mrs. Hanna** will be spending time with her family. **Mrs. Lancaster (Miss Timmie)** will be going to Myrtle Beach and Deep Creek to spend time with family and friends.

Mrs. Delsie Fazenbaker will be relaxing at the pool and staying at Deep Creek while her daughter, Allie, shows her pig at the Garrett County Fair. **Mrs. Snyder** will be doing some camping and just relaxing and enjoying her family. **Mrs. Steiding** will be working around the house as well as fishing, camping and going to the beach..

Mr. Moon will be playing in summer concerts with the Potomac Concert Band and working on his house. **Mr. McClay** will be spending time with his family. **Mrs. Zimmerman** plans to spend time with her parents, family, and friends. **Mr. Seibert** will be relaxing and doing some personal art work. **Mr. Stewart** will be going to beaches and amusement parks with his family. Finally, **Mrs. Hendrickson** will be a shopper for the Cumberland Summer Lunchbox Program and will be spending time with family and friends.

Have a great summer, and see you in August!

Thanks to Verso Corporation, Our Partner in Education



The weekly attendance drawing is sponsored by Verso Corporation, one of our Partners in Education. The names of the students who are drawn from the "pot of gold" are checked against the attendance list from the previous week. If a student whose name is drawn is present at school each day for the previous week, he/she wins a silver or "gold" dollar. If a student is absent, tardy or leaves early on any day during the previous week, his/her name is not announced, but is put back in the bucket and a new name is drawn. Drawings are held live each Monday on closed-circuit WWES-TV. One coin, per week, is awarded to each grade level.

Shown above are Eric Follett, support teacher/On-Air Personality; Alexa Fazenbaker, school principal/On-Air Personality; Patsy Koontz, Communications and Public Affairs Manager for Verso Corporation, Luke Mill; Deborah Hendrickson, media specialist/Show Director; and student Connor Lyons, Stage Crew, Stacey Hanlin, school secretary, provides the weekly attendance statistics and Shelly Fitzgerald, LAP Room IA, substitutes on the show, as needed. The Luke Mill has sponsored the attendance drawing for 12 years. Thanks, Mrs. Koontz, for drawing the winning names on June 1st.



Read to Feed Donations to purchase Chickens (and more!)



WES students in grades 2, 3, 4, & 5 passed more than 600 Accelerated Reader tests to "earn" a total of \$100.00 to purchase five flocks of chickens for Heifer International, the sponsor of the Read to Feed program. A Chicken Celebration was held on Friday, May 29th for students who helped the most by reading and testing. Chicken themed games, crafts, food and a movie were enjoyed by all who attended the event.

A total of \$225.50 was also raised by students (and Mrs. Hendrickson) who did extra reading at home. These students included Gwen Fazenbaker, Kirsten Hammond, Elizabeth Ketterman, Nathaniel Ketterman, Ayreianna Kilby, Owen Llewellyn, Wyatt Murphy, Mollee Slaubaugh and Katherine Westfall.

The top participating students and those who raised the additional donations voted to send a pig, two swarms of bees, and two flocks of ducks to Heifer International., in addition to the flocks of chickens. These animals will be used to help families in need (and their neighbors) to become more self-sufficient. Thanks to all who participated in this worthwhile project. We hope to do it again next year!



Shown above, holding their homemade chicken call devices, are the students who attended the recent Chicken Celebration



Information, Please!



A survey was sent to parents and guardians asking them their preference for when information is sent home from the school office. An overwhelming number of parents indicated that they preferred receiving information daily (permission slips, school announcements, community letters and information from the school office.) In 2015-2016, the school office will continue to send home timely information on a daily basis. Thanks to the 167 parents and guardians who completed this important survey.



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Westernport Faculty and Staff would like to express their appreciation to Mrs. Alexa Fazenbaker, the Westernport Elementary PTA, students and parents who made Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week so great. We enjoyed the food, surprises in our mailboxes, notes from students, hanging baskets and other special treats. Thanks so much! We feel so very fortunate to be part of such a wonderful school community.