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Building the Future—One Child at a Time

Making Strides @ WES 2016

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Westernport Elementary School faculty, staff, and students participated in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" fundraiser in October. A total of \$1,540.81 was raised by the sale of pink necklaces, pink bracelets and pink "tattoos" to students, as well as by contributions made online or given at school by faculty, staff and friends. All money was donated to the American Cancer Society to be used to fund breast cancer research, provide free comprehensive information and support, and to help people take steps to reduce their breast cancer risk or find it early when it is most treatable. A "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" Walk was held at Canal Place in Cumberland on Saturday, October 16, 2016. Our team included staff members Alexa Fazenbaker, Eric Follett and Kim Aikman as well as community members Peggy Boal and Jessica Follett. Ms. Julie Kyle was the chairperson of the event at WES and coordinated the fundraising. Shown above are students, faculty and staff, who all wore their pink items on October 16th.



From the Principal...Mrs. Fazenbaker



It's so hard to believe that November is here! Students attended the PBIS hayride last week. Thank you to Mr. Mike Beachy, who donated the hay and wagon; to Mr. Bob Shockey who drove the truck pulling the wagon; and to Mrs. Kim Martin, who supplied the truck to pull the wagon. All students and staff that participated had a wonderful time! Congratulations to our fifth grade students, who completed their

DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) training under the direction of resource officer, Mr. Tim Stevens. The DARE graduation took place on Wednesday, October 26th. Prior to the ceremony, Sheriff Craig Robertson made a presentation about opioid abuse in Allegany County, which was well attended by the fifth grade parents. Please come out to support the PTA. on Friday, November 4th

from 6 PM to 8 PM for the annual Fall Fun Night. It will have fun and games for all. The PTA is also selling t-shirts and sweat-shirts and they may be ordered until Friday. As always, thanks to PTA members for all that you do for the students at WES. Grades three, four and five will be presenting a Veterans Day Program on Monday, November 7th at 1:45 PM for parents and the community. All veterans and

service men and women are invited to attend. One highlight of the program will be the musical history of the tune "Yankee Doodle." School will be closed on Tuesday, November 8th for Election Day. Everyone is encouraged to vote! Until next month....Have a wonderful Thanksgiving break and enjoy the time with your families!



Safety Matters

*There are lots of children,
but none to spare.*

*Watch out for us
on the bus and at the crosswalk!*

Children at Westernport Elementary School need to cross the parking lot when going out to play. They have been taught to "wait for the teacher" to assist them to cross at the crosswalk. Please help us to keep our children safe (as well as faculty, staff, parents and grandparents) by STOPPING at the stop signs on either side the crosswalk. Please look for children crossing the parking lot in other places during student drop off and pick up as well (morning, lunchtime and at dismissal time). Thank you for your help.

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.

Peace Days Winners

A drawing is held each Monday to award a token to four students who have had a peaceful week. These are students who have followed the rules for the previous week and have no yellow or red behaviors. Pictures of these students are displayed near the office. Some of our latest peaceful students are:

Week of October 3-7: Landon Collins, Mackenzie Derham, Hailee O'Haver and Caden White

Week of October 10-14: Hailey Burdock, Damon Sarfino, Emma Wolford and McKenna Zais

Week of October 17-21: Reid Robison, Destiny Studli, Tyler Whetzel and Kenneth Wiles

Week of October 24-28: Joey Fearon, Erin Kesner, Elizabeth Ketterman and Kambria Spalding

You can find the new Westernport Elementary Home Page by going to <http://acpsmd.org/wt>



WES School Calendar

- ◇ Nov. 1 (Tues.) Dental Sealants continue through Nov. 3rd.)
- ◇ Nov. 3 (Thurs.) Miss Stacey and Miss Kate, children's librarians from the public library, visit PreK and Kindergarten
- ◇ Nov. 4 (Fri.) PTA Fall Fun Night (6:00-8:00 p.m.); PTA t-shirt sale ends
- ◇ Nov. 7 (Mon.) AR Coloring Craze Contest ends; Veterans Day Program @ 1:45 p.m.
- ◇ Nov. 8 (Tues.) SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED- General Election Day
- ◇ Nov. 9 (Wed.) Report Cards Distributed
- ◇ Nov. 17-18 (Thurs./Fri.) Book Fair Preview
- ◇ Nov. 18 (Fri.) Book Fair Family Night Sale @ 4:30-7:00 p.m.; Build-a Book 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- ◇ Nov. 21 (Mon.) Book Fair Buying, Makeup Picture Day /Candid Photos; Bullying Prevention Program (students)
- ◇ Nov. 22 (Tues.) Book Fair Buying; Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast

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Attendance Drawing



Here are the results of the weekly attendance drawing, which is sponsored by Verso Corporation. 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 and is put back in the bucket and a new name is drawn.

Drawings are held each Monday. One coin is awarded to each grade level.

Week of October 3-7: Landon Iliff, Gracie Cosner, Harlie Todd, Jaden Jackson, Alyssa Crossland, Cameron Parker and Jessica Snyder

Week of October 10-14: Aiden Marsh, Aaliyah Davis, Rachel Wolford, Logan Robinson, Nautika Turner, Wyatt Riggleman and Jessica Snyder

Week of October 17-21: Peyton Cavey, Delaney White, Liam Dayton, Trenten Sines, Landen Haggerty, Layla Pattison and Caitlyn Davis.

Week of October 24-28: Aaliyah Redman, Gracie Cosner, Nicholas Freeman, Trenten Sines, Abigail Cage, Landon Collins and Colton Shingler

Excellent attendance will help your child to have success each day in school. Please try to make sure that your child spends a full day in school, each and every day.

Title I Tips

The Home School Compact outlines what the school staff, parent and child will do to increase learning for our students. Parents and school staff help to write the agreement. We review the compact each spring and ask for parents to comment on the compact each year. The compacts are signed and a copy is stapled in your child's assignment notebook. It is a tool to be used during the year to help everyone remember how important it is for all of us to work together to help our students learn. Please review the Home School Compact throughout the year and use it to help your child to succeed in school.



Accelerated Reader Tips: Parent Link and AR Bookfinder



Did you know that you can follow your child's progress in the Accelerated Reader program online?

With a few clicks of the mouse, you can go to the Renaissance Learning website, log in using the **Parent Link** and then

view School-to Home Report. You can also see how your child has done on AR quizzes taken throughout the school year by viewing the Goals and Points and Student Record reports. The Parent link is found on our school home page or <https://hosted334.renlearn.com/30757/> Please e-mail or send a note with your e-mail address to Mrs. Hendrickson (Deborah.Hendrickson@acpsmd.org)

so that she may send you a secure log-in and password.

The names of the "Top Five" readers in each classroom and the monthly "Schoolwide Stars" are displayed on the bulletin board near the office.

The online version of the AR program allows almost unlimited selection of books and quizzes, but a few older titles are not represented. You may use the **AR Bookfinder** to help your child select books of personal interest. It is a great way for your child to select AR books from the school and public libraries and from his/her classroom.

<http://www.arbookfind.com/UserType.aspx>

Both the Accelerated Reader Link and link to the AR Bookfinder are also located on the Westernport Home Page.



PBIS Hayride



"Miss. Kim" and students from PM-PreK all enjoyed the PBIS hayride on October 24th.

Calendar (cont.)

- ◇ Nov. 23 (Wed.) 2nd Grade Parent Involvement Math Lesson @ 11:05 a.m.; THREE-HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL-Thanksgiving Vacation Begins; Town of Westernport Tree Lighting
- ◇ Nov 29 (Tues.) SCHOOLS REOPEN



Boss's Day



Ways to Support WES

If you want to help WES raise money for the "extras" that every school needs, there are several ways to do it! You can

-share your Martin's BonusCard number with the school. WES will receive one point for every dollar that you spend at the supermarket, and those points will become dollars for the school. You will not lose your own points!

-send in Box Tops for Education. Each box top is worth 10 cents. The money will

directly help your child's classroom.

-support school and PTA fundraisers when you are able to do so.



Congratulations to Gracie Shingler, (Kindergarten) first place winner, who sold 64 boxes of Krispy Kreme donuts. She won

a \$100.00 cash prize. Kierra Kaylor was in second place, selling 33 boxes. She won a \$50.00 cash prize. Harley Smith was in third place and won a cash prize of \$25.00 for selling 30 boxes of donuts.

Finally, congratulations to all students who brought in completed Reading for Education booklets and who received two small prizes. The t-shirts for those whose friends and families purchased two magazine subscriptions will be arriving soon!

2016-2017 PTA Meetings

Open Parent Meetings (6:00 PM in the gym) will be held on Tuesdays.
 The next dates are December 13, 2016, February 14, 2017 & April 11, 2017.
The PTA Officers will meet on the first Wednesday of every month. Times will vary.
2016-2017 PTA Activities for families and children will include:
 November 4, 2016 Fall Fun Night (6:00-8:00 PM)
 December 3, 2016 Christmas Bazaar/Decorating Contest Vote (11:00 AM-3:00 PM)
 December 12-14, 2016 Santa's Secret Shop
 December 16, 2016 Pictures with Santa
 February 14, 2016 Ice Cream Social (1:45 PM)
 March 6, 2017 Founder's Day Dinner (6:00 PM)
 May 6, 2017 Spring Fling (4:00-7:00 PM)

Support your PTA by becoming an active member. Dues are \$5.00 per person. **Join us on Facebook, too!**



Farewell, Mrs. Crowe

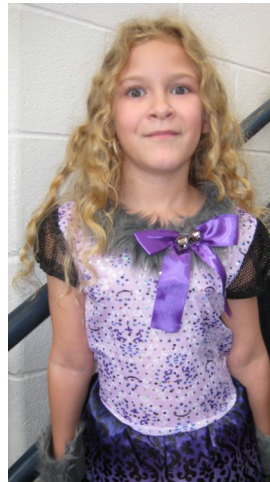


Mrs. Nancy Crowe, Cafeteria Manager, retired as of November 1, 2016. Mrs. Crowe has worked for the Allegany County Public Schools for 23 years. She has been the manager of the WES Cafeteria since 2004. Mrs. Crowe is a native of Barton and lives there with Ivan, her husband of 39 years. She plans to be a full-time housewife and to cook delicious meals for her family. She is also going to spend more time with her grandchildren and continue to do church work.

We will miss you, "Miss Nancy."

Farewell also to Ms. Julie Thomas and Ms. Beth Moore who have taken other position within the ACPS. We will miss you, too!

Halloween @ WES



Citizens of the Month

Student "Citizens of the Month" were recently chosen. Students who were selected earned a trip to McDonald's for a treat.

The character trait for September was Responsibility.

- Grade K-Delaney White & Corbin Hillary
- Grade 1-Makenna Turner & Nevaeh Blowe
- Grade 2-Ashlynn Durst & Kambria Spalding
- Grade 3-Cambria Guinn & Gavin Ravenscroft
- Grade 4-Kadie Matthews & Jacob Fazenbaker
- Grade 5-Corbin Ravenscroft & Alex Reed



Book Fair...Coming in November



The annual Westernport Elementary School Book Fair is now at the end of November. The Book Fair will be open for student browsing on Thursday, November 17th and Friday, November 18th during library classes. Family Night Sales will be held on Friday, November 18th from 4:30-7:00 PM. Students will also be able to shop at school on Monday, November 21st and Tuesday, November 22nd. Parents are welcome to sign in at the office and shop on Monday or Tuesday, too. Profit from all sales will be used by Westernport Elementary School to provide materials for the library and to support related library programs in 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

Please mark your calendars! Books make great holiday gifts!