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Thanks also to those local businesses and groups who have supported Westernport Elementary School in the past, as yearbook sponsors, and those who purchase items from our school and PTA fundraisers.



LET'S MEASURE! All first grade students recently studied measurement. Students traced their arms and cut them out. Then they measured their arms using various non-standard units such as cubes, cards, paper clips, and magic markers. Finally, the students compared their arm lengths to one another. Shown here are students from Mrs. Amy Smith's classroom.

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A Title I School

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From the Principal...Mrs. Fazenbaker

It is hard to believe that we are in the final quarter of the school year. Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 have been working hard on the **ELA PARCC assessments** and will take the math portion of the assessment during the first two weeks of May. Please have your children to school on time and well rested.

On May 4th, WES will hold the annual **talent show**, "Westernport's Got Talent!" Please come out and support our students at 6:00 p.m.

on the stage of Westmar Middle. Thanks to the students, teachers, interns, and volunteers who are helping to produce such a great show. All proceeds will be donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

I would like to mention our **annual fundraisers**. WES holds two fundraisers, the Krispy Kreme donuts sale and the Gardner's Candy sale. Proceeds from the fundraisers go directly to the students. This year, profits bought every stu-

dent a class picture, paid for the Mobile Science Lab, and helped to purchase all items associated with the PBIS Program at WES. This includes the token tower that your child goes to when he/she cashes in PAWS or DoJo points, some of the PEACE parties, the hayride, the winter dance, and the luau which is to take place this month. The profits from these fundraisers did not meet the

expenses of these incentives so then we also used the profits from the pictures to cover the costs. PTA does its own fundraising and those profits provide things for the students as well. We truly appreciate everything that the PTA does for us. Thanks, parents, for continuing to support your children in so many ways. My door is always open to you. You can contact me at the school or e-mail alex.fazenbaker@acps.k12.md.us

WES School Calendar

- ☺ May 2 (Mon.) Talent Show Dress Rehearsal; PARCC Math Assessment (grade 5)
- ☺ May 3 (Tues.) PARCC Math Assessment (grade 5)
- ☺ May 4 (Wed.) Talent Show Dress Rehearsal for School; Talent Show @ 6:00 p.m. at Westmar Middle;
- ☺ May 5 (Thurs.) Band Tour; Title I Spring Parent Meeting @ 2:30 p.m. in the cafeteria; PARCC Math Assessment (grade 3)
- ☺ May 6 (Fri.) Grade 5 Field Trip to Hershey Park (depart @ 7:00 a.m.); Grade 4 Field Trip to the Paw Paw Tunnel; PARCC Math Assessment (grade 3)
- ☺ May 10 (Tues.) PTA Election of 2016-2017 Officers (6:00 p.m.);
- ☺ May 11 (Wed) PARCC Math Assessment (grade 4)
- ☺ May 12 (Thurs.) Spring Holiday Band/Orchestra Concert @ 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.; AEP Project Display @ 5:15 p.m.; PARCC Math Assessment (grade 4)
- ☺ May 16 (Mon.) Grade 5 Visitation to Westmar Middle
- ☺ May 18 (Wed.) PreK and Kindergarten Orientation @ 1:30 p.m.
- ☺ May 20 (Fri.) Grade 4 Field Trip to Meet Pen Pals
- ☺ May 24 (Tues.) Grade 5 Farewell Program
- ☺ May 25 (Wed.) Grade 5 to Place Flags on Graves of Veterans (Philos Cemetery); PreK Walking Field Trip to Westernport Public Library @ 10:00 a.m./1:00 p.m.
- ☺ May 27 (Fri.) Kindergarten Field Trip to Hovatter's Zoo; Field Day @ Mountain Ridge for third, fourth and fifth grade students
- ☺ May 30 (Mon.) SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED-Memorial Day
- ☺ May 31 (Tues.) Kindergarten Picnic

Memorial Books

Have you ever considered donating money to purchase a library book in memory or in honor of a loved one? Memorial/honor donations may be made to WES at any time during the school year. The memorial books are generally ordered in June or when a sufficient amount is available to make up a book order. A minimum of \$20.00 is appreciated to cover the cost of the book and library processing. A plaque is placed in the book and the family is notified of your donation. WES has recently received donations from Sheila Golden and Deborah Hendrickson in memory of Blanche Felker, former WES first grade teacher, and June Rinard, former WES school secretary. Barbara Davis made a donation in memory of Betty Snyder. Finally, a donation was made by Mrs. Hendrickson which will be used to purchase a library book in memory of former WES students who are now deceased. Contact the school at 301-359-0511 for details.



In the Arts



Fifth grade students are preparing for their end of year farewell concert. This original musical program was arranged by **Ms. Patty Zimmerman**, vocal music teacher.

Artwork created by students of **Mr. John Seibert** was on display at the Country Club Mall from April 20-24th at the annual Allegany County Art Show. The show included artwork of Hailey Burdock, Chloe Cole, Dawn Cook, Mackenzie Derham, Ashlynn Durst, Emily Gurtler, Devin Holt, Kierra Kaylor, Caden Kyle, Zoe Pattison, Nadiyah Placka, Sarah Shingler, Jessica Snyder, Marissa Tranum, Sean Wade and McKenna Zais. Caden Kyle, grade five, and Jessica Snyder, grade four, had artwork in the 12th Annual Allegany County Student Art Showcase, which was displayed at the Saville Gallery in Cumberland from March 22-April 2, 2016. The WES band, directed by **Mr. Harold McClay**, will be going "on tour" in early May.

And The Winner Is...

WES students recently sold **Gardner's Easter Candy**. The top seller was Emma Trexler. She won a \$100.00 cash prize. The second place seller was Kierra Kaylor. She won a \$50.00 cash prize. The third place seller was Kaden Davis. He won a \$25.00 cash prize. Thanks to all students who sold candy and to all who supported the candy sale in any way.

The PTA Spring Fling was held at WES on Saturday, April 9, 2016. The winner of the 50/50 was Kevin Smith from Barton, Md. He won \$484.00. The gift baskets were won by: PreK Basket-Connor Dayton
Kindergarten Basket-Nathan Whelan
Grade 1 Basket-Kierra Kaylor
Grade 2-Basket-Chrissy Dayton
Grade 3 Basket-Tiffany Moran
Grade 4 Basket-Olivia Kenny
Grade 5 Basket-Tammy Raines



Martin's A+Rewards FINAL

596 Martin's BonusCard numbers were designated to Westernport Elementary by WES families and community members this year. The points from those bonuscard numbers earned the school \$3,808.45. Please register numbers from your family, your extended family, your friends and your neighbors at martinsaplus.com when the Martin's A+Rewards program resumes in the fall.

Mission Statement

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



Phone Book Recycling

A drawing is held each Monday to award a small prize 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.

Week of March 7-11: Brody Dayton, Emily Gurtler, Erin Kesner and Jacob Tinsley

Week of March 14-18: Emrick Johnson, Emilee Lambert, Leuma Puaauli and Tony Talbert

Week of March 21-25: Trey Idol, Ashlynn Light, Harley Smith and Samantha Wiland

Week of March 29-April 1: Aryonna Arlott, Jacob Fazenbaker, Noah Heavener and Parker Rishel

Week of April 4-8: Alyssa Crossland, Ava Lupettie, Elizabeth Schramm and McKenna Swisher

Week of April 11-15: Aiden Burns, Bryan Claycomb, Dae Rinker and Sean Wade

Week of April 18-22: Kaylee Blocher, Matthew Camposco, Mary Keller and Abbigale Lambert

The most recent "Peace Days" celebration was a 2 minute dance and extra play.

"Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal."

—Martin Luther King Jr.

Students in the Allegany County Schools recycled phone books from April 1st through April 29th to do their part to support the 24th Annual Allegany County Phone Book Recycling Campaign. WES students collected 923 phone books.

Miss Kim's PreK classes easily won first place at WES. They collected 235 phone books!

Cash prizes will also be awarded to the top six participating schools. Award determinations are based on the ratio of phone books collected to the total school population. The money must be used to purchase "green items" for the winning schools.

This project encourages students to do their part to help make the Earth a better place for future generations. Thanks to all who participated this year.

Got Creativity?

Students have recently been experimenting with Makerspaces in the library media center. Defining a makerspace can be somewhat difficult due to the differences among spaces and activities, but the emphasis is on creating with technology, according to Caitlin Bagley of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. Devices such as iPads, Kindles and Nooks and items such as littleBits, Contraptions (wooden planks), K'nex, Q-Bits and Zoob pieces can also be used to encourage student creativity. Shown at left is fifth grade student, Larae Grove, with her recent creation.



Got Talent?

Westernport Elementary will have its second annual talent show on Wednesday, May 4, 2016. Students plan to have a great time sharing their many talents at the dress rehearsal at WES and again at the evening performance at Westmar Middle. Assisting with the talent show are Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Hughes, Ms. Kyle, Mrs. Llewellyn, Mrs. Raines, Mrs. Sechler, and Mrs. Swisher; as well as FSU student Karlee Raines, and FSU interns, Ms. Dicken, Ms. Fell, Ms. Massengill and Ms. Wearmouth.



Attendance Drawing Winners

Here are the latest 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, the name is not announced but put back in the bucket and a new name is drawn. One coin is awarded to each grade level. The

following students (in order from PreK-5) have won coins, to date:

Week of March 7-11: Taylor Saville, Mason Weimer, Reid Robison, Hunter Frey, Dawn Cook, Hayden Martz and Wyatt Murphy

Week of March 14-18: Bryan Claycomb, Mason Weimer, Max Kalbaugh, Landon Brashear, Brady Moran, Austin Pattison and Clara Madero

Week of March 21-24 & March 29-April 1: Ethan Mauck, Sarah Shingler, Trenten Sines, Devin Holt, Jacob Fazenbaker, Colton Shin-

gler and Levi Lewis

Week of April 4-8: Mackenzie Raines, Emma Kelley, Witten Greene, Christopher Baker, Marissa Trantum, Mackenzie Derham and Elizabeth Schramm

Week of April 11-15: Kanyon Davis, Ethan Broadwater, Finn McNeal, Maddix Reed, Elizabeth Ketterman, Morgan Steckman and Aryonna Arlott

Week of April 18-22: Ethan Mauck, Ava Lupettie, Kambria Spalding, Michael Douglass, Tyler Keller, Austin Pattison & Kaitlynn Lands



Career Day 2016 @ WES



Career Day was held on Friday, April 15, 2016. Speakers included representatives from (top row) She's So Pretty, Rocky Gap, Progressive Physical Therapy, the Maryland State Police, FSU and (bottom row) Sechler Sugar Shack, Snurr's Meats, Allegany County Teachers Credit Union, Windmills and the Cumberland Times-News and the FBI. Students enjoyed hearing from all of these community members.

After School Program Again Successful

An after-school program for students in grades three, four, and five was held at Westernport Elementary during February, March and April. The after-school program was held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:45-5:15 p.m. Students who attended the program rotated between three different teachers for 20 minutes of extra instruction. Mrs. Janice Raines provided ELA instruction and used SMART Board activities to help to make learning fun. Ms. Tiffany Moran engaged the students in several different hands-on activities and had students work on STEM activities. Each participant also had an opportunity to complete his/her homework and receive assistance from Ms. Julie Kyle while doing so. A snack was served each evening before the other activities began. 26 students were regular participants. The program concluded on April 14th with a pizza party. Connor Dayton, Hayden Martz, Bryson Saville and Matthew Saville received awards for perfect attendance.

Mr. Eric Follett and Mrs. Lisa Harris also assisted with the after school program.



Congratulations, Citizens of the Month!



Students selected as "Citizens of the Month" exemplify the character trait for the month, as found on the ACPS school calendar. The character trait for March was respect. Those students who were extremely respectful during the month of March received a treat at McDonald's. Students honored include: Kindergarten-Max Cole & Aiden Weimer; Grade 1-Cheyenne Whetzel & Abbi Baker; Grade 2-Maddix Reed and Steven Johnson; Grade 3-Violet Sowers & Marissa Tranum; Grade 4-Alex Reed & McKenna Zais; and Grade 5-Levi Wilkinson & Nevaeh Friel. The character trait for April is trustworthiness. Students who were extremely respectful in April will also receive a treat at McDonald's.