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Building the Future—One Child at a Time

Karate Master Rick Rando Visits WES

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Karate Master Rick Rando visited WES on Friday, September 18, 2015 to speak to our students at the conclusion of PBIS Spirit Week. Master Rando is the owner and president of Kick Masters Karate in Clarysville, MD. Master Rando visits WES each year to encourage students to be respectful toward others and to keep their hands to themselves. He reminded the students of Westernport Elementary School to be firestarters (positive people) and not to be energysuckers (negative people). Students were excited to see Master Rando again and were really tuned into his message. Thank you, Master Rick Rando, for your great visit to WES!



From the Principal...Mrs. Fazenbaker

We have had a smooth start to our school year and it's almost time to turn the calendar to October. Students and teachers are settling into the school year well, and there are many exciting activities happening in all of our classrooms. I want to urge you to attend our first Parent Conference of the year on Thursday, October 1st. There is no better way that you can help your child be successful in school than to

have open communication with your child's teacher. If you have not scheduled a conference, please call to see if there are open times to visit. Please remember that conferences may be scheduled anytime by calling the school office.

Thanks to all who supported WES by selling donuts and sending in Reading for Education booklets. The money that the

school makes from these fundraisers benefits your children and we appreciate the time and effort that you have put into these fundraisers. WES sold over 900 dozen donuts this year! October will be a busy month at WES. Krispy Kreme donuts will be delivered on Parent Conference Day. Mr. Tim Stevens, our resource officer will continue Drug Abuse Resistance Educa-

tion (DARE) training in the fifth grade. He has already been working with Mrs. Sechler's class and will begin in Mrs. Swisher's class on October 14th. Be sure to ask your children what they are learning in their DARE classes. As always, thanks for your support of the students at Westernport Elementary. We appreciate your help in making our students the best that they can be!

Attendance Drawing

Here are the results of the attendance drawing, which is sponsored each week 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 but instead 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 August 31-September 4: Aaliyah Davis, Brie High, Caden White, Nautika Turner, Kaitlyn Todd, Alyssa Taylor and Emily Schofield

Week of September 7-11: Parker Rishel, Carlynn Escobar, Leighton Johnson, Cole Ramsey, Owen McGeady, Matthew Hanlin and Larae Grove

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



The new ACPS Webpage
can be found @
<http://www.acpsmd.org/wt>

WES School Calendar

Oct. 1 (Thurs.) SCHOOLS CLOSED for Parent Conference Day @ 8:00-3:30; Krispy Kreme delivery @ 6:30 a.m.

October 2 (Fri.) Grade 5 Outdoor School Presentation for Parents @ 2:15 p.m.

October 9 (Fri.) Lions Vision Screening @ 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

October 14 (Wed.) School Pictures Taken

October 19-22 (Mon.—Thurs.) Fifth Grade @ Outdoor School

October 21 (Wed.) Grade 4 Field Trip to Oldtown (C & O Canal); Kindergarten trip to Brookdale Farms; Dental Sealants in grades 1, 2 & 3

October 22 (Thurs.) 2-Hour Delayed Opening for Teacher Professional Development; Dental Sealants

October 23 (Friday) Accelerated Reader "Skate into Fall 2015" Contest ends

October 26 (Mon.) Dental Sealants

October 27 (Tues.) Close of First Marking Period; Dental Sealants

October 28 (Wed.) 3-Hour Early Dismissal-PM Teacher Work Time; Dental Sealants

October 30 (Fri.) Dental Sealants; PTA Meeting @ 1:30 and Halloween Parade @ 2:15 p.m.

Title I Tips

Westernport Elementary has a **School-wide Title I Program**. This means that the federally funded instructional staff may work with all of the students in our school, and that our school develops a Schoolwide Title I program designed to increase academic achievement for **all** students. A Schoolwide Program helps us to use federal funds to meet the needs of all students more effectively. Title I provides additional resources such as:

- Instructional materials for our students.
- Professional development for teachers.
- Information about how to help children succeed in school for parents.

- Parent Involvement Programs.
- Additional staffing to provide additional support for reading and math instruction.

Our Title I staff includes Julie Kyle, Support Teacher for Reading and Math; Mallory Sechler, Grade 5 Classroom Teacher; and Delsie Fazenbaker, Parent Involvement Coordinator.

Delsie Fazenbaker comes to WES each Friday. She would love to have parent volunteers help with laminating, crafts and other projects that will benefit all classrooms.

No experience is necessary.



Peace Days Winners

Week of August 31-September 4: Nathan Miller, Rylee Moran, Kristen Paitzel and Sofia Weasenforth

Week of September 7-11: Bailey Brashear, Max Kalbaugh, Levi Lewis and Layla Pattison

Week of September 14-18: Sidney Donnelly, Kealana Puaauli, Hunter Roderick and Kaitlyn Todd

Week of September 21-25: Landon Collins, Layla Miller, Gracie Raines and Gracelyn Shingler

MORE Attendance Drawing Winners

Week of September 14-18: Olivia Kenny, Makinzie Zais, Destiny Studli, Damien Miller, Tyler Keller, Jacy Tinsley and Mary Keller

Week of September 21-25: Taylor Saville, Aiden Weimer, Aailiyah Dorsett, Nathaniel Fousek, Harley Smith, Hailey Burdock and Nevaeh Friel



Skate into Fall 2015 (with Accelerated Reader)



It has become a long-standing tradition in our Accelerated Reader program at Westernport Elementary School to have incentive prizes to recognize students who have worked exceptionally hard to "read-read-read" and "test-test-test."

This year, 48 student "winners" will travel by school bus to Moon Glo Skating Rink in Cumberland on Thursday, November 5, 2015. (This trip will be from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.)

The top six students in each grade who pass a minimum number of AR Practice Quizzes as well as earn the most Accelerated Reader points by taking AR Reading Practice Quizzes from **September 8, 2015 to October 23, 2015** will be invited to attend this trip.

All other students who **pass a minimum number of AR Reading Practice quizzes during the contest** will be eligible to be in a drawing to select **six more winners, per grade**. The minimum quizzes required are:

Grade two (2 quizzes), Grade three (3 quizzes), Grade four (4 quizzes) and Grade five (5 quizzes)

To prevent indiscriminate quizzing, students who are in the "top six" or students who pass the minimum number of quizzes also must have an **average of 70% of quiz questions correctly answered** to be eligible to attend this trip.

Please encourage your child to partici-

pate in the Accelerated Reader program this fall so that he/she will have a chance to attend this trip. AR Quizzes may be taken in the computer lab during lunch/play on **MONDAYS and TUESDAYS for grades 4 & 5** and **THURSDAYS and FRIDAYS for grades 2 & 3**. Students may also take quizzes in their classrooms at their teachers' convenience.

Parents who wish to view their children's progress during the contest (or at any time) may request parent access to a secure Renaissance Learning website by e-mailing Mrs. Hendrickson (Deborah.Hendrickson@acpsmd.org) or making a request on the AR site.

Meet the (New) Faculty and Staff

Ms. Emily Iliff is a new cafeteria worker at WES. She is a former WES student and graduated from Mountain Ridge/CCTE in 2011. Ms. Iliff resides in Westernport with her four-year old twin boys and baby daughter. She also helps to substitute for a day care provider. Ms. Iliff is a member of Mountain Lake Independent Baptist Church where she attends regularly. Miss Emily, as our students call her, does not

like leaving her own children in the morning, but she loves seeing the wonderful children at WES each and every day.

Mrs. Robin Everline is the new Title I instructional assistant at WES. She has worked for the ACPS for 21 years. Most recently, Mrs. Everline worked at South Penn and George's Creek Schools. She also worked at WES in from 1996-1998 Mrs. Everline's children, Adrienne and Brock,

both attended WES. Mrs. Everline is a native of Luke and lives in McCoole with Joey, her husband of 40 years, and two wonderful cats! Mrs. Everline is very happy to be part of the our school community and is looking forward to working with students at WES again.

Welcome, Ms. Julie Thomas, new instructional assistant at WES. We will "meet" Ms. Thomas in a future newsletter!

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:

- sign up online to share your Martin's BonusCard points with the school, if you did not do so last year. WES will receive one point for every dollar that you spend at the supermarket, and those points will become dollars for the school. **You do not lose your own points!**
- participate in the upcoming Reading for

Education program (through October 2nd.) When you send in eleven names and addresses of friends and relatives (which will not be sold to mail solicitation firms), WES will receive 50 cents per name.

- send in Box Tops for Education. Each box top is worth 10 cents. The money will directly help your child's classroom.
- send in Campbell's Soup Labels for Education.
- support school and PTA fundraisers.

Cafeteria News

A school lunch is now \$2.45 (full price) and \$.40 (reduced price). Please pay your child's lunch bill on time with cash, check or PayPAM. You may pay everyday or send in money for a week or month at a time. This way you can assure that your child will have money in his/her account. If your child charges five meals or \$12.25, he/she will receive a substitute meal of 1/2 cup vegetable, 1/2 cup fruit and half pint milk.

Happy Grandparents Day 2015





Happy Grandparents Day 2015 (Continued)

Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10, 2015

No one wants to hear the sound of sirens as fire trucks scream through the streets. But fires are a reality. **Fire Prevention Week is October 5-11th** and The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) uses this as an opportunity to educate students and parents about fire safety. This year's theme is "Hear the Bleep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm." Once a fire starts in your home, you may have as little as two minutes to escape. Advance planning and a practiced fire escape route can save lives. NFPA suggests the following when making an escape plan for your family:

- Have two ways out of every room in your house.
- Have the number to call in case of a fire emergency posted near the phone.
- Establish a place outside for members of the family to meet in case the house must be evacuated.
- Make sure bedroom windows open easily for a possible escape route.
- Have children practice opening doors and windows until you know they can do this easily.
- Test smoke alarms regularly and change the batteries at least once a year.
- If the house has a second floor, have an escape ladder that can be dropped down from the upstairs window.

NFPA also stresses general fire prevention and lists a series of checks to be made in the home to lessen the chances for a fire. Visit <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/escape-planning> for a home escape plan grid and home safety checklist.

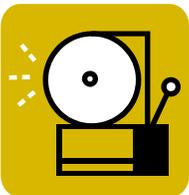
Fire Drill Procedures @ WES



Farewell, Mrs. Hanna



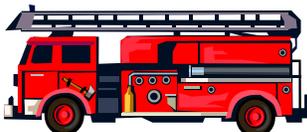
Maps which show building evacuation routes have been posted throughout WES. These maps may be found in all classroom doorways and in other locations such as the cafeteria, gym, computer lab and office.



If you are a parent volunteer or visitor to WES, you are expected to exit the building when the fire alarm rings or if there is a scheduled fire drill. Please assist to close all doors and windows, as necessary, and turn off the lights before

proceeding to the playground blacktop area via the east (McDonald's side), west (Alley side) or Cafeteria Lobby doors.

Please take a moment to become familiar with evacuation routes so that you may safely exit WES.



Mrs. Janet Hanna, an instructional assistant at WES for many years, retired in July. She worked for the ACPS for almost 39 years, beginning at McCoolle School in November 1976. Mrs. Hanna has had many family members walk through the halls of Westernport Elementary School. Her mother was in the Bruce Memorial High School Class of 1923. Mrs. Hanna attended high school here, and her children and grandchildren attended elementary school at WES, too. Her great-grandchildren now learn in the same classrooms that Mrs. Hanna did.



Good luck, Mrs. Hanna, in your retirement years. We will miss you!