



W.E.S...It's Elementary2

Building the Future—One Child at a Time

Welcome Back to Westernport Elementary!

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year at Westernport Elementary. We know that it is going to be a great year.

Our school building, individual classrooms, and floors look beautiful, thanks to the hard work done this summer by custodians Kim Martin and Bobby Morris and part-time custodians, Gene "Bugs" Foutz and David Parker .

We are very excited to see smiling faces in our hallways! We wish to welcome all students who are new to WES, including our new PreK.

We would also like to welcome our new staff. Mrs. Robin Everline is an instructional assistant who will be working with all grade levels. She comes to us from South Penn School. Mrs. Denise Payne will also be working as an instructional assistant and is new to the ACPS. We are so fortunate to have both of them at Westernport Elementary School.

Two teachers at WES have also taken new assignments. Ms. Melissa Kenny is now teaching second grade. Ms. Julie Kyle is now work-

ing as a reading support teacher.

We send best wishes to Mrs. Janet Hanna, an instructional assistant at WES, who has retired after almost 39 years.

We also say a fond farewell to the original [Westernport Home Page](#). It served us well from March 2000-June 2015. You can find our new home page (a work in progress) by selecting our school (top right of ACPS website) or by going to this direct link: (<http://www.acpsmd.org/wt>).

Our 2015-2016 PTA Officers are: Kristen Gough President; Sabrina Ketterman, First Vice-President; Christine Dayton, Second Vice-President; Sonya Kenner, Third Vice-President; Charlene Welsh, Secretary; and Jessica Spalding, Treasurer.



School Lunch Prices are now \$2.45 for a regular lunch (this is a change from last year), \$.40 for a reduced lunch and \$.50 for milk.

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NEW: Parents do not need to re-register their Martin's Bonus Card numbers unless they wish to change school designation.



From the Principal...Mrs. Fazenbaker

Welcome to WES as we begin a new school year. I look forward to working with you, your children, and the faculty and staff so we can make Westernport Elementary School the best that it can be. 2015 - 2016 is going to be a great year!

I would like to remind you of the procedures regarding morning student drop-off. The doors do not open until 8:10 a.m., so please

do not arrive earlier. All students who are being dropped off by parents need to be here by 8:30 a.m. to ensure enough time to eat breakfast before start of classes at 8:50 a.m. Students will be considered tardy if they arrive after 8:45 a.m. Please help your child get off to a good start by being here on time and ready to learn.

Teachers at Westernport have

been working diligently to make this school year a successful one for your children. Schools in Maryland have implemented the Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards. These standards incorporate the Common Core State Standards and, along with county curriculum guides, drive instruction at WES. Classroom teachers plan lessons each day to instruct children in each subject area. Lessons include

remediation and enrichment activities to meet the needs of all learners.

Please take an active role in your child's education. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call. My door is always open. You may contact me at school by calling 301-359-0511.

Thank you for your continued support of WES.

Accelerated Reader testing at Westernport Elementary School will soon be starting! Our school is subscribed to Accelerated Reader Enterprise, which allows students in grades 2-5 to access (from school computers only) more than 160,000 Quizzes. Included in the subscription are:

- Reading Practice Quizzes (what we call "AR tests" at WES)
- Recorded Voice Quizzes, which allow beginning readers to take Reading Practice quizzes on their own with a professionally narrated audio recording at the click of a button.
- Vocabulary Practice Quizzes (which may be used by classroom teachers to assess understanding of key words)

- Literacy Skills Quizzes (which may be used by classroom teachers to measure students' proficiency with 24 higher-level reading and critical thinking skills)
- Textbook Quizzes (to enhance our "Treasures" reading series)

There is also a parent component which allows you to view your child's progress online.

The Accelerated Reader program for 2015-2016 (our 25th year!) will be kicked off in early September! Stay tuned for more information.



- ☺ Sept. 7 (Mon.) SCHOOLS & OFFICES Closed- Labor Day
- ☺ Sept 8 (Tues.) Krispy Kreme fundraiser begins
- ☺ Sept. 11 (Fri.) Grandparents Day (PreK-2 @ 10:30 a.m. & PreK, 3-5 @ 2:00 p.m.)
- ☺ Sept. 14 (Mon.) Title I Meeting /PTA Meeting/Classroom Visitation. @ 6:00 p.m. in the gym
- ☺ Sept. 22 (Tues.) Krispy Kreme Donut Order due
- ☺ **LOOKING AHEAD...**Oct. 1 (Thurs.) **SCHOOLS CLOSED** -Parent Conferences-Elementary 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.:

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.

Schoolwide Title I-What's That?

Westernport Elementary School is one of eight elementary schools in Allegany County who have been identified to receive Title I funds and operate a schoolwide Title I program.

The purpose of a schoolwide program is to upgrade the entire educational program in a Title I school. The following ten components must be addressed in planning for a schoolwide program:

- Comprehensive needs assessment of the entire school which focuses on the achievement of students on the state academic content and achievement standards
- Schoolwide reform strategies based on scientifically based research designed to address the needs of all students and especially the low

achieving students

- Instruction by highly qualified teachers
- High quality, ongoing professional development
- Strategies to attract high-quality, highly qualified teachers to high needs schools
- Strategies to increase parent involvement
- Plans to assist preschool children in their transition from early childhood programs to elementary school
- Decision making by teachers in the use of academic assessments to improve student achievement
- The use of additional, effective, and timely assistance for students who

are not meeting the standards of proficiency

- Coordination and integration of federal, state, and local services and programs including violence prevention, nutrition, housing, Head Start, adult education, vocational and technical education, and job training

Each Title I school develops a schoolwide plan which includes all of the school wide Title I components. Schoolwide plans are available on each school's website for parent/community review and comment.

Title I Meeting

The annual Title I meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. It will be followed by the PTA meeting and room visitation.