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Building the Future—One Child at a Time

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Third grade students in Mrs. Sarah Llewellyn's class at Westernport Elementary School recently wrote to the Mayor of the Town of Westernport in an effort to persuade him to make plastic recycling easier for the citizens. The students' request was successful because Mayor Daniel Laffey was able to obtain #1 plastic recycling bins for the town. The students had the opportunity to visit Town Hall to learn about local government as well as visit the new plastic drop-off recycling center across from the entrance to the American Legion.

secondSTEP

Students at WES are participating this year in Second Step, an evidence-based social-emotional learning curriculum, which improves the lives of over 10 million U.S. students every year. When

students are better equipped to manage their own emotions and build positive relationships, they are better equipped to learn. The Second Step units include Skills for Learning, Empathy, Emotion Management and Problem Solving. The skills taught by classroom teachers are reinforced by Mrs. Barbara Amtower, guidance counselor, during her weekly lessons and by Mrs. Shelly Fitzgerald, LAP Room instructional assistant, during behavioral interventions. Second Step is designed to help the students acquire social and academic skills they need to be successful at school and in life.

From the Principal...Mrs. Fazenbaker



I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

I want to say thank you to Mrs. Zimmerman and the kindergarten, first and second classes for the inspirational Veterans Day Program that was presented to students, parents and the local community. Fourteen veterans attended the program. We appreciate the sacrifices that our veterans and those currently serving in the armed forces have made to protect this great country.

Thanks to all families who sent in canned food and non-perishable items for the food drive. 1,617 items of food were taken to our local Food Pantry, which is located at the Piedmont Presbyterian Church on 63 Ashfield Street in Piedmont, WV. If you need assistance, please contact the food pantry at 304-790-1771. They are open on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to noon. You need a photo ID and a current utility bill to register there. Books Before Bedtime will be held on Tuesday, December

5th from 5:45 to 7:30 PM in the gym. The event is for students in grades Pre-K through grade two. A note was sent home explaining the program. Please RSVP so that we will know how many students and parents to plan for.

Please plan to attend the band and orchestra concert on Thursday, December 7th. There will be a morning performance at 10:00 AM for students (and the parents who may not be able to attend in the afternoon) and an afternoon performance

for parents and the general public at 2:00 PM. Please come to support your students as they show off their amazing talents!

Santa's Secret Shop will be held in the school cafeteria from December 11th-13th. Thanks in advance to parents who come to help our students shop to find just the right gifts for their family and friends.

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Martin's BonusCards



597 Martin's BonusCard numbers have been collected to date by Westernport Elementary students, faculty and staff. The points from those BonusCard numbers have earned the school cash to use for student activities, which totals \$388.52 to date (Martin's has pledged to give away three million dollars to schools.) There is still time to register to support the school at <http://www.martinsaplus.com>

We need YOUR BonusCard numbers! Thanks to all who have supported this campaign by shopping for WES!

Peace Days Winners

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. Our recent Peace Days winners include:

October 30-November 3: Chloe Cole, Zoey Kerchner, Sean Wade and Kaleb Whelan

November 6-10: Nevaeh Blowe, Khloe Douglass, Emma Streets and Emma Tranum,

November 13-17: Hailey Durst, Leighton Johnson, Hailee O'Haver and Aiden Weimer

November 28-30 and December 1: Savanna Crites, Adrianna Escobar Molina, Nikoa Wilkinson and Jonathan Wolford



WES School Calendar

- ◆ Dec. 5 (Tues.) Books Before Bedtime (PreK-2) @ 6:00-7:30 PM
- ◆ Dec. 7 (Thurs.) Holiday Band/Orchestra Concert @ 10:00 AM for students & parents/2:00 PM for parents & community
- ◆ Dec. 11-13 (Mon-Wed.) Santa's Secret Shop
- ◆ Dec. 11 (Mon.) Parent PTA Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- ◆ Dec. 15 (Fri.) PTA Santa Pictures
- ◆ Dec. 19 (Tues.) Christmas Program (PreK & grade 3, 4 & 5 only) @ 1:45 PM
- ◆ Dec. 22 (Fri.) 3-HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL Christmas Vacation Begins
- ◆ Dec. 25- 26 (Mon.-Tues.) SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED
- ◆ Dec. 27-28 (Wed.-Thurs.) SCHOOLS CLOSED & OFFICES OPEN
- ◆ Dec. 29 & Jan. 1 (Fri.-Mon.) SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED
- ◆ January 2 (Tues.) SCHOOLS AND OFFICES REOPEN

Attendance Drawing Winners



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, but 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.

October 30-November 3: Taylor Saville, Khloe Douglass, Aaliyah Davis, Rachel Wolford, Domenick Glotfelty, Dae Rinker and Layla Pattison

November 6-10: Addison Lafferty, Alyssa Marchinke, Declan McGeady, Fischer Beeman, Cayden Haggerty, Brody Dayton and

Autumn Kerchner

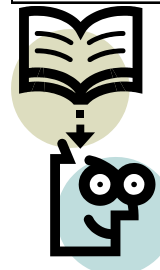
November 13-17: Keira Poling, Adrianna Escobar Molina, Delaney White, Nathan Whelan, Shayden Thierry, Emma Trexler and Makaylyn Whetzel

November 20-22, 28-30 and December 1: Willow Guinn, Landon Iliff, Adrian Ketterman, Lynden Haggerty, Cayden Haggerty, Hailey Rodriguez Cruz and Kadie Matthews



Fall Food Drive 2017

Title I Tips



Have you ever wondered "What can I do to help my child?"

The website of the Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium, which is found at <http://www.maec.org>, is a good resource for you to use! You can find ideas

about how to turn everyday activities into learning experiences for your child. You can find ideas about how to become involved at school and how parents can help each other.

You can ask a question and the resource center will answer it. Webinars are offered as well as resources for Title I, helping young children, and parents as partner in education.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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 was citizenship.

Grade K-Landen Iliff & Lacey Custer

Grade 1-Gabby Shingler & Georgia Kight

Grade 2-Lynden Haggerty & Lauren Biser

Grade 3-Joey Fearon & Savannah Kimble

Grade 4-Hailey Rodriguez Cruz & Michael Douglass

Grade 5-Cailyn Broadwater & Owen McGeady

Citizenship
CITIZENSHIP



Memorial Books



Have you ever considered donating money to purchase a book for Westernport Elementary School Library in memory or in honor of a loved one? With your donation, a library book may be purchased to encourage student reading for personal interest and/or to support the curriculum.

Memorial/honor donations may be made at any time during the school year. These books are generally ordered in June or when a sufficient amount is available to make up a book order. A minimum of \$25.00 is appreciated to cover the cost of the book, as well as library processing. A plaque is placed in the book and the family will be notified of your donation. Books donated recently include Pinkalicious: flower girl, Pinkalicious: the royal tea party, Tea with Grandpa and Stone Angel, in memory of Tina Martin, given by Barry

and Patricia Fitzgerald and family; Draw 50 Flowers, Trees and Other Plants, in memory of her former (deceased) WES students, given by Deborah Hendrickson; and Bats in the Band and Talkin' guitar: a story of young Doc Watson, in memory of Homer Beeman, given by Marty and Jewel Lambert and family.

Call 301-359-0511 for more details

In Loving Memory

Words of the Week

Westernport Elementary students in grades K to 5 are continuing to learn the "Words of the Week." These words are the critical verbs and critical nouns that each student should know and be able to explain. The "Words of the Week" are introduced on the morning announcements by Mrs. Fazenbaker. Teachers review the words in their classrooms and use the words and show examples of the words throughout the week. Posters showing the words are in hallways and classrooms. The definitions of the critical verbs and critical nouns on the posters were provided,

with permission, from the book Teaching the Critical Vocabulary of the Common Core, by Marilee Sprenger.

The critical verbs are analyze, articulate, cite, compare, comprehend, contrast, delineate, demonstrate, describe, determine, develop, distinguish, draw, evaluate, explain, identify, infer, integrate, interpret, locate, organize, paraphrase, refer, retell, suggest, summarize, support, synthesize and trace.

The critical nouns are alliteration, analogy, argument, central idea/main idea, conclu-

sions, connections, connotative language, details, evidence, figurative language, illustrations, interaction, metaphor, mood, point of view, rhetoric, simile, stanza, structure, theme and tone.

Cite your Sources *

Meet Our (New) Faculty and Staff

Mrs. Jewell Lambert is the new cafeteria manager at Westernport Elementary, due to the retirement of Mrs. Nancy Crowe. Jewel was born and raised in Keyser and graduated from Keyser High. She has worked in food service for the Allegany County Public Schools for 17 years. Jewel and Marty, her husband of 33 years, live on Stoney Run Road in Westernport. They have three children: Stanley, Angie and Ray, and seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Donna Beeman is very excited to be the new Instructional Reading Specialist at Westernport Elementary School. She is a 1984 graduate of Valley High School and is an honors graduate from Frostburg State University with a degree in Elementary Education. Donna is also a certified Reading Teacher. Lonaconing is where she currently lives with her husband, Tim, and her two children, Alex, 20 and Lawren, 17. Donna enjoys reading in her spare time and enjoys summer trips to Virginia Beach.



Hayride 2017



Congratulations, Fifth Grade D.A.R.E. Graduates!

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E) Celebration was held at WES on Wednesday, November 9, 2017, in the school gym. Mrs. Alexa Fazenbaker, principal, opened the program. School Security/Safety Officer, Mr. Tim Stevens, who taught the D.A.R.E. lessons to the fifth grade class, told the audience that the D.A.R.E graduation "is all about the students and congratulating them for their hard work." Sheriff Craig Robertson was the guest speaker. Students Makaylyn Whetzel, Kierra Kaylor, Jacob Fazenbaker, Landon Collins, Cailyn Broadwater and Kaitlynn Todd, D.A.R.E. Essay Winners, represented the fifth grade and read their essays. In addition to the featured speakers, special guests included the fourth grade classes of Mrs. Jennifer Hughes and Mrs. Janice Raines; and Officer Darrell Wildesen of the Allegany County Sheriff's Office. At the end of the program, the fifth grade students took a pledge to be "Drug Free." Finally, fifth grade teachers, Mrs. Mallory Sechler and Mrs. Erica Swisher, Mrs. Fazenbaker and Mr. Stevens congratulated the students and presented the D.A.R.E. graduation certificates. Refreshments were served. (Shown below are the fifth grade D.A.R.E. Essay winners.)

**Define
Assess
Respond
Evaluate**



**D.A.R.E.
TO RESIST
DRUGS
AND
VIOLENCE**

From the Principal...Mrs. Fazenbaker (continued from page 1)



*Sounds
of the
Season*

The annual Christmas Program will be held on Tuesday, December 19th. Grades Pre-K, 3, 4, and 5 will be presenting. Our students are extremely talented and just love to get up and perform for their families! There will be performances at 10:00 AM and 1:45 PM. Because of the limited seating, please choose one performance to attend. Parents are asked to stay for the entire program and not to take students home early so that students performing at the end of the program will have the same big audience that was present for the beginning of the performance.

Tuesday, January 2nd is the first day back for students in 2018. That day will be here before we know it! Have a wonderful holiday and enjoy your families!



Thanks, Veterans!



A Veterans Day program was held at Westernport Elementary School on Tuesday, November 14, 2017. Parents and community members, including veterans from the Tri-Towns area, were invited to attend. Kindergarten, first and second grade students sang a variety of patriotic songs, which included "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "Yankee Doodle." At the end of the program, veterans from the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy were asked to stand up to be recognized. Then all students sang the finale, "Oh, I Love America." Mrs. Patricia Zimmerman, vocal music teacher, arranged and conducted the program.

Veterans who attended included Chad Butler, Leonard Cosner, Derek Drew, Larry Haines, Rick Hartman, Thomas Hare, William Shimer, Bob Shockey, Nancy Supinsky, Doug Wade, Harry Walker, Melvin White, Michael Wilson, Robert Wolford, Thanks, veterans!

Shown (at right) are students, Nevaeh Blowe and Carlynn Escobar Molina, holding the symbol of the Air Force.



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 Westernport Elementary **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR 2017-2018** will be available for parents to view in February. The plan will also be available in the school office and will be found online @ <http://www.acpsmd.org/wt> Please remember that Mrs. Fazenbaker's door is always open to parents. If you have any questions about the SIP plan or any other concerns, do not hesitate to contact her.

