



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

Building the Future—One Child at a Time

## Thanks, Veterans



A Veterans Day program was held at Westernport Elementary School on Tuesday, November 13, 2018. Parents and community members, including veterans from the Tri-Towns area, were invited to attend. Students in grades 3, 4 & 5 presented a musical program called "A Celebration of Peace", which commemorated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War I.

After the singing of the *Star Spangled Banner* and *Those Who Served*, veterans from the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy were recognized as their service songs were sung. Fifth grade students then explained the significance of the songs from WWI, as they were presented. These songs included *Over There*, *Keep the Home Fires Burning*, *Don't Forget the Red Cross Nurse*, and *Pack Up Your Troubles and Smile, Smile, Smile*. The finale included *The Bells of Peace*, which were rung 21 times by students playing handbells, joining a nationwide observance of the Armistice.

Local veterans who attended included Michael Amoroso, Robert Beeman, Charles Butler, Tom Clayton, Leonard Cosner, Scott Dawson, Gary Fazenbaker, Vickie Fearon, Blair Fike, Tom Hare, John Hartlaub, Rick Hartman, Carl Moore, Dale Ryan, William Shimer, Raymond Sterling, Nancy Supinsky, Bob Trenum, Brian Trexler, Doug Wade, Mark Whetzel, Dwight Wilson, Michael Wilson, Russell Wilson and Bob Wolford. Army Air Corps veteran Clifton Brooks, Sr., who is the last living West Virginia member of the Tuskegee Airman, was a special guest. The audience gave Mr. Brooks a standing ovation. As an encore, the students sang a WWII song, *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*, in his honor. Mr. Brooks served as a cryptographer during the war.

Mrs. Patricia Zimmerman, vocal music teacher, arranged and conducted the program.



## From the Principal...Mrs. Fazenbaker

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday! I want to say thank you to Mrs. Patty Zimmerman and the third, fourth and fifth grade classes for the inspirational Veterans Day Program that was presented to students, parents and the local community. 25 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. 2,312 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 Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:45 to 7:30 PM in the

gym. The event is for students in grades. PreK 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. Santa's Secret Shop will be held in the Art Room from December 10th-12th. Thanks in advance to parents who volunteer to help our students shop to find just the right gifts for their family and friends.

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(Photo of Clifton Brooks, Sr. is used with permission from the Cumberland Times-News.)

## Martin's BonusCards



611 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 \$673.33 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 29-November 2: No drawing

November 5-9: Gabe Cramer, Max Kalbaugh, Ethan Miller and Kristyle Washington

November 12-26 & 19-21: No drawing

November 27-30: Mathew Alt, Chaney Butler, Jullieanna Dixon and Gabriella Roy



## WES School Calendar

- ♦ Dec. 5 (Wed.) Grade 3-Arts in the Schools; Books Before Bedtime @5:45-7:30 PM
- ♦ Dec. 10-12 (Mon.-Wed.) Santa's Secret Shop
- ♦ Dec. 14 (Fri.) PTA Pictures With Santa; Grade 4 Math Lesson for Parents @2:00 PM
- ♦ Dec. 17 (Mon.) Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Program @1:45 PM
- ♦ Dec. 18 (Tues.) Christmas Program by Grades PreK-2 @ 10:00 AM and 1:45 PM
- ♦ Dec. 20 (Thurs.) Holiday Instrumental Music Concert @10:00 AM (Students) & 2:00 PM (Parents Invited)
- ♦ Dec. 21 (Fri.) 3-HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL Christmas Vacation Begins
- ♦ Dec. 24- 25 (Mon.-Tues.) SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED
- ♦ Dec. 26-28 (Wed.-Fri.) SCHOOLS CLOSED & OFFICES OPEN
- ♦ Dec. 31 & Jan. 1 (Mon.-Tues.) SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED
- ♦ Jan. 2 (Wed.) 2-HOUR DELAY (Teacher Work Time @8:15-10:15 AM)-then 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 29-November 2: Jacob Mayhew, Keira Poling, Kierstin Miller, Adrian Kerterman, Josiah Alt, Leighton Johnson and Gavin Ravenscroft

November 5-9: Kameron Cage, Brayden Trnum, Brayden Iliff, Ben Broadwater, Rachel Wolford, Jayden Paugh Lee and

Ashlynn Kilby

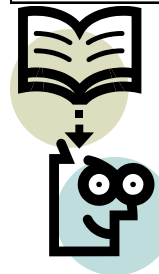
November 12-16 & 19-21: Owen Brashear, Atalie Wilson, Kahlan Chojar, Taylor Saville, Lillian Thrasher, Jaren Vasquez and Skylar Dougherty

November 26-30: Jackson Lease, Addison Shingler, Emily Weimer, Ethan Mauck, Arianna Roy, Emily Gurtler and Tommy Ellifritz

**OUR MISSION:** Westernport Elementary will partner with family and community to build a better world—one child at a time.

**OUR VISION:** Westernport Elementary will strive to prepare and empower students to successfully meet the challenges of the twenty-first century, by nurturing the whole child: intellectually, physically and emotionally.

## Title I Tips



Parent/family engagement is an important factor in the academic success of students. The Title I Parent/Family Engagement Plan describes how the Allegany County Public Schools will plan and support programs, activities and procedures for involving parents/families in all schools with a Title I program. The policy

is also posted in our school and is on the website of the Allegany County Public Schools' at [www.acpsmd.org](http://www.acpsmd.org)

**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 for November was citizenship.

Grade K-Jonathan Welford & Addison Hensley

Grade 1-Kadence Ervin & Adrianna Escobar Molina

Grade 2-Gabby Shingler & Kaleb Whelan

Grade 3-Sean Wade & Lynden Haggerty

Grade 4-Jaren Vasquez & Loki Martinez

Grade 5-Damien Miller & Noah Hartlaub

**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.

Call 301-359-0511 for more details

*In Loving Memory*

## Kids in the Kitchen

The holidays are a great time get your kids involved in the kitchen.

Did you know cooking with your children boosts their social development, encourages them to try new, healthy foods and teaches them basic life skills which they will use the rest of their lives?

Young children can rinse fruits and vegetables, stir cool foods, help plan menus and grocery shop. Older children can measure ingredients, cut fruits and vegetables with a plastic knife and set the table. Kids who plan healthy meals are more likely to eat healthy meals.

For more information, call the Maryland Extension Educator Tammy Humberson at 301-724-3320.

The University of Maryland Extension Office is a partner in education with WES and will occasionally provide nutrition information to families and students which will be featured in our newsletter.

## 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**

## Primary Happenings



First and second grade students of Mrs. Kara McDowell, Mrs. Amy Smith, Mrs. Melissa Kealy and Ms. Brittany McMahon returned to school on the evening of November 1st to share a selection of Thanksgiving songs.

Mrs. Patty Zimmerman, music teacher, assisted the classroom teachers in preparing the program, which was performed for parents at the November PTA meeting.



On October 31, second grade classes hosted a candy corn challenge. Students and parents had 15 minutes to build a tower that could stand on its own from candy corn and toothpicks. It was fun!

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

A Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Celebration was held at Westernport Elementary School on Tuesday, October 30, 2018, 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." Mountain Ridge High School students Isabel Brantner and Kailia Pua'auli spoke about making good choices in life. Students Noah Hartlaub, Abigail Cage, Hailey Rodriguez Cruz, Aiden Kight, Chloe Haggerty and Jakob Emerick, D.A.R.E. Essay Winners, represented the fifth grade classes of Mrs. Mallory Sechler and Mrs. Erica Swisher 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, Maryland Delegate Wendell Beitzel, Matt Marlowe, ACPs Student Support Services, Tammy Fraley, Board of Education member and Sheriff Craig Robertson 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, Mrs. Sechler, Mrs. Fazenbaker and Mr. Stevens congratulated the students and presented the D.A.R.E. graduation certificates. (Standing with Mr. Tim Stevens are those students who read their winning essays.)

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 18<sup>th</sup>. Grades Pre-K, K, 1, and 2 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.

Please plan to attend the Holiday Instrumental Music concert on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 with band and orchestra instruments.

Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> is the first day back for students in 2019. January 2<sup>nd</sup> will be a two-hour delay day with teacher work time from 8:15 to 10:15 AM. That day will be here before we know it! Have a wonderful holiday and enjoy your families!

## 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, the LAP Room instructional assistant, during behavioral interventions. Second Step is designed to help the students acquire social and academic skills which they need to be successful at school and in life.



The Westernport Elementary **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR 2018-2019** will be available for parents to view in 2019, once it has been approved. The plan will 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.

