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Building the Future—One Child at a Time

How We Are Spending Our Summer Vacation

PreKindergarten: **Miss Kim (Mrs. Aikman)** will continue to work with the Allegany County Birth to 3 program and will go to Topsail Island in North Carolina.

Kindergarten: **Mrs. C. Smith** will be going to the Outer Banks with her family and to Yellowstone Park for two weeks. **Mrs. Harris** will be helping her daughter, Chey, with Energy Express.

First grade: **Mrs. McDowell** will be spending quality time with her family as well as going to the Outer Banks. **Mrs. A. Smith** will be spending time at home enjoying her family as well as watching many, many baseball games.

Second grade: **Ms. Kenny** will be taking her son to college orientation, relaxing at the pool, lake and the Outer Banks and reading many good books. **Mrs. Richards** will be enjoying the summer with her twin boys and helping her dad to can fruits and veggies from the garden.

Third grade: **Mrs. Llewellyn** will be enjoying the many veggies and fruits that she will be growing (hopefully!), as well as spending time with family. **Ms. Moran** will be enjoying time with her children, and making hay on her parents' farm.

Fourth grade: **Mrs. Hughes** will be spending time with her family, vacationing in the Great Smoky Mountains, and going to NASCAR races. **Mrs. Raines** is excited to have both of her children at home for the summer and will be traveling to Myrtle Beach and Bermuda.

Fifth grade: **Mrs. Sechler** is excited to be going out west for two weeks with her husband, parents and in-laws. **Mrs. Swisher** is looking forward to watching her daughter play softball as well as planning to do some camping and boating with friends.

Other Faculty and Staff: **Mrs. Fazenbaker** will be busy with the Westernport Summer Lunch Box Program. She will be working all summer, too, but is also hoping to go to Florida. **Mrs. Hanlin** plans to enjoy the lazy days of summer with her girls, while soaking up the sun, picnicking in the park and camping with the critters. **Nurse Patti Rounds** will be going to several concerts and finishing the renovations on her house. **Mrs. Nelson** will be going to Hershey Park and spending time at Deep Creek Lake. **Ms. Kyle** will be cruising to the Bahamas and enjoying her family. **Mrs. Weber** will be spending time with her family and friends and welcoming her first grandchild.



From the Principal...Mrs. Fazenbaker

As we finish the 2015-2016 school year, I would like to thank the parents and teachers who worked so hard this year to help the students at Westernport Elementary School to succeed.

I would also like to thank our students for their hard work and effort to be peaceful each and every day by following our school rules: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, and Be Kind. I hope that stu-

dents will follow these rules when they are home during the summer months.

I would like to remind parents that the local churches are offering a Summer Lunch Box program beginning on Monday, June 13th and continuing through Friday, August 12th. This program is FREE for all students in the Westernport School district. If you have not signed up for the pro-

gram, call the school at 301-359-0511 and we will get the information to you.

Finally, we wish to say a fond FAREWELL to our fifth grade students and wish them success as they move on to Westmar Middle School.

Summer hours for Westernport Elementary School are Monday-Thursday, 7:30 AM to 4:45 PM. Students are lucky to have a

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longer (than usual) summer vacation, but August will be here before we know it! The first day of school of the 2016-2017 school year (for grades 1-5) is Tuesday, August 23rd. It will be a 3-hour early dismissal.

Have a safe summer and enjoy your families!

Attendance Drawing

These are the latest results of the weekly attendance drawing, sponsored by Verso Corporation's Luke Mill.

The following students have recently won "gold coins" for perfect weekly attendance:

Week of April 25-29: Olivia Kenny, Max Cole, Owen Walker, Ava Fazenbaker, Dawn Cook, Lionell Bickling and Caden Kyle

Week of May 2-6: Delaney White, Nick Freeman, Cheyenne Whetzel, Trey Idol, Jacob Fazenbaker, Carter Kight and Macy Guinn

Week of May 9-13: Emrick Johnson, Liam Dayton, Finn McNeal, Austin Donophan, Jacob Fazenbaker, Catelynn Davis and Caden Kyle

Week of May 16-20: Bailey Brashear, Darryn Gillaspie, Cheyenne Whetzel, Aiden Burns, Antwan Jackson, Brayden Reed and Levi Lewis

The final attendance drawing will be for the week of May 23-27, 2016.



Peace Days

A drawing is held each Monday to award a small prize to four students who have had a peaceful week. Listed below are students who followed the rules for the previous week and who had no yellow or red behaviors. Pictures of these students are displayed weekly on the bulletin board near the office.

Week of April 25-29: Abigail Baker, Emma Rose Decker, Gabrielle Decker and Zoe Pattison

Week of May 2-6: Ava Fazenbaker, Laney Suder, Makenna Turner and Makaylyn Whetzel

Week of May 9-13: Vinnie Dyer, Dade Kight, Savannah Kimble and Jason Haggerty

Week of May 16-20: Nathaniel Ketterman, Hayden Martz, Madison Sgaggero and Jordan Trenum



WES School Calendar

- ☺ June 1(Wed.) **LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS** 3-Hour Early Dismissal; Awards Assembly for students
- ☺ August ?? **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT** (Watch the school sign for details.)
- ☺ August 23(Tues.) **FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS** 3-Hour Early Dismissal (Gr. 1-5)

Summer Cleaning

Our custodians, Kim Martin, head custodian; Gene "Bugs" Foutz, Donna McMillan and Richard Fitzgerald will soon be busy with summer cleaning at WES so that the school will be bright and shiny in August. Our custodians literally empty every room of desks, tables, computers, books and other materials as they do the summer cleaning. Often teachers call the school to ask, "Are you done with my room yet?" so that they can come in to get a head start on bulletin boards, laminating, and other tasks which will help them to get ready for a successful school year.

We want to thank our custodians for all of their work during the summer and throughout the school year.

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.



Summer Vacation (continued)



Mr. Follett will be hunting fossils near Solomons Island, going camping, and visiting Myrtle Beach. **Ms. Haught** will be enjoying her pool. **Mrs. Rankin** will be visiting out of state relatives and floating in her kayak.

Cafeteria Staff: **Mrs. Crowe** will be spending time with family and going to camp. **Mrs. Bosley** will be going to South Carolina to visit her daughter. **Ms. Iliff** is going to Ocean City and spending time with her children.

Mrs. P. Fitzgerald will be getting her daughter, Emily, ready for her third year of college. **Mrs. Guinn** will be staying at home and enjoying her family.

Instructional Assistants: **Mrs. Bitteringer** will be going to Cape Lookout National Seashore and visiting college campuses for football camps with son, Daniel. **Mrs. Cooper** will be living at Deep Creek Lake, babysitting her granddaughters in Ohio and not working dur-

ing the summer for the first time in 20 years. **Mrs. Everline** will be going to Myrtle Beach. **Mrs. S. Fitzgerald (Miss Shelly)** will be babysitting, swimming, gardening, and going to some Nationals' games. **Mrs. Lancaster (Miss Timmie)** will be going to Myrtle Beach and spending the summer loving her new granddaughter. **Mrs. Payne** will be going to Punta Cana with her husband as well as camping and boating with friends. **Ms. Ritchie** is hoping to be working part-time this summer. **Mrs. Snyder** will be going to Disney in Florida to watch her daughter dance in a parade. **Mrs. Steiding** will be working on her house as well as awaiting the birth of her first grandchild. **Ms. Thomas** will be spending time with her children, Chase and Peyton.

Resource Teachers: **Mrs. Hendrickson** will be a shopper for the Cumberland Summer Lunchbox Program and will be spending time

with family in the Midwest, as well as reading, reading, reading!

Mr. Moon will be a co-director of the Pottomac Concert Band and working on a house. **Mr. McClay** will be spending time with his family. **Mr. Seibert** will be relaxing and doing some personal art work. **Mr. Stewart** will be going to museums and amusement parks, weddings and making college visits with his family. **Mrs. Zimmerman** plans to spend time with her parents, family, and friends.

Finally, our parent involvement coordinator, **Mrs. Delsie Fazenbaker**, will be relaxing at Deep Creek while her daughter, Allie, shows her goat at the Garrett County Fair and later going to Rehoboth Beach.

Have a great summer, and see you in August!

Thanks to Verso Corporation, Our Partner in Education



The weekly attendance drawing is sponsored by Verso Corporation, one of our Partners in Education. 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 live each Monday on closed-circuit WWES-TV. One coin, per week, is awarded to each grade level.

Shown above are Eric Follett, support teacher/On-Air Personality; Deborah Hendrickson, media specialist/Show Director; Miranda Kessel, Communications and Public Affairs Manager for Verso Corporation, Luke Mill; Levi Wilkinson, Stage Crew, and Alexa Fazenbaker, school principal/On-Air Personality. Stacey Hanlin, school secretary, provides the weekly attendance statistics. Shelly Fitzgerald,

LAP Room IA, and Julie Kyle, Intervention teacher, substitute on the show, as needed. The Luke Mill has sponsored the attendance drawing for 13 years. Thanks again, Ms. Kessel, for coming to Westernport Elementary on May 23rd to draw the winning names .

Westernport's Got Talent (and Talented Teachers, Too!)



The second annual Westernport Elementary School talent show was held at WES Wednesday, May 4th, and that evening at Westmar Middle School. The show was once again a great success. 52 students practiced after school on five evenings to have the opportunity to participate in the event. Over \$600.00 was raised for St. Jude Children's Hospital. Student performances as individuals and in groups included lip syncing, several types of dances, joke telling, a dolphin sound imitation, playing their band or orchestra instruments and singing songs with and without accompaniment. Faculty and staff members at WES did a bobblehead dance, wearing heads that were not their own. (Can you guess who is really behind those masks?) Kyler Baker again served as master of ceremonies. Larae Grove acted as stage crew. Students (and teachers) are already looking forward to next year's performance!



Citizens of the Month



Students selected as "Citizens of the Month" exemplify the character trait for the month. The character trait for **April** was **Trustworthiness**. Those students who were extremely trustworthy included Grade K-Brie High and Ava Lupettie; Grade One-Trenten Sines and Aaliyah Dorsett; Grade Two-Abbigale Lambert & Abigail Braithwaite; Grade Three-Joella Wilkins & Lindsey Stafford; Grade Four-Jessica Snyder and David Miller; and Grade Five-Owen Llewellyn and Emma Lewis. The character trait for **May** was **Caring**. We have many caring students at WES! Thanks for your support for our Citizens of the Month program in 2015-2016 and thanks to McDonald's, our Partner in Education.



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Westernport Faculty and Staff would like to express their appreciation to Mrs. Alexa Fazenbaker, the Westernport Elementary PTA, students and parents who made the recent Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week so great. We enjoyed the food, surprises in our mailboxes, notes from students, Wal-Mart gift cards and other special treats. Thanks so much! We feel so very fortunate to be part of such a wonderful school community. Thanks again for making us feel so special.

