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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 Infants and Toddlers program and will go to Topsail Island in North Carolina.

Kindergarten: **Mrs. C. Smith** will enjoy spending time with her family, which will include watching her boys play baseball, traveling across the country visiting National Parks and taking a trip to the OBX. **Mrs. Harris** will be relaxing and taking some family trips to fun locations.

First grade: **Mrs. McDowell** will be spending quality time with her boys as well as going to the Outer Banks and Kings Dominion. **Mrs. A. Smith** will be spending time at home and enjoying her "staycation."

Second grade: **Ms. Kenny** will be supervising the MRHS Diamonds and will be getting married in July. **Ms. Richards** will be enjoying the summer with her twin boys and reviewing children's books for *School Library Journal*.

Third grade: **Mrs. Llewellyn** will be enjoying the many veggies and fruits that she will be growing at her home, as well as going on a road trip to several National Parks. **Ms. Moran** will be enjoying time with her children, and making hay (when the sun shines) on her parents' farm.

Fourth grade: **Mrs. Hughes** will be spending quality time with her family, vacationing in the Great Smoky Mountains, and reading lots of books. **Mrs. Raines** will be spending time with her family. Her travel plans include Myrtle Beach and Bermuda. In her free time, she will be painting/repurposing furniture.

Fifth grade: **Mrs. Sechler** is excited to be spending her summer packing up and moving into her new farmhouse. She will also go on her annual trip to the Outer Banks. **Mrs. Swisher** will be relaxing this summer and spending some quality time with her family. She and her family have travel soccer games in their plans, as well as some small trips.

Mrs. Fazenbaker will be working at school, but hopes to spend some vacation time on some beach this summer. She also hopes to go on some long weekend trips to places that she has never visited. **Mrs. Foutz** and her husband will be preparing for the arrival of their first child. **Nurse Karalee** will be going to Canada, going camping with family, horses and dogs; and working as a 4H Camp Nurse. **Mrs. Amtower** will be remodeling her home and vacationing in Florida with her family this summer. She is also hoping to finally put up new wall border in her school office and maybe even add some fresh paint. **Ms. Kyle** will be tutoring this summer and taking a few mini-vacations. **Mrs. Weber** will be enjoying time with her family and getting to know her new granddaughter. **Mr. Follett** will be driving to Seattle to watch his brother, Lee, participate in the Special Olympics. **Ms. Haught** will be working on projects at home and enjoying her pool. **Mrs. McCusker** will be spending time with her children while enjoying trips to the beach, concerts and several state parks. **Mrs. Rankin** will be participating in the Early Music Festival being held in Cumberland in June and working with a puppet ministry team for her church's Vacation Bible School. She will also be playing with the Potomac Concert Band, wants to do some kayak floats and visit relatives. **Mrs. Beeman** will be catching up on books that she has been wanting to read and taking a relaxing vacation to Virginia Beach. (cont. on page 2)

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From the Principal...Mrs. Fazenbaker



As we finish the 2017-2018 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.

Thanks also to Dr. Lisa Stevenson, interim principal, and Mrs. Beth Weber, teacher-in-charge, who so ably filled in for me when I was out recently. 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 students 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 17, 2018 and continuing through Friday, August 10th. This program is FREE for all students in the Westernport

School district. If you wish to sign up your children for the program, call the school at 301-359-0511 and we will get the information to you. Finally, I wish to say a fond FAREWELL to our fifth grade students and wish them success as they move on to Westmar Middle School. I know that our entire school community will miss them. Summer hours for Westernport Elementary School

are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 AM to 4:45 PM. The first day of school of the 2018-2019 school year (for grades 1-5) is Wednesday, August 29th. It will be a 3-hour early dismissal. PreK and Kindergarten students will start on Tuesday, September 4th. 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 30-May 4: Addison Lafferty, Dustlyn Rebar, Nick Dawson, Sarah Shingler, Karim Tillery, Zegan Konke and Zoe Pattison.

Week of May 7-11: Taylor Schramm, Ray Simon, Gracie Platter, Carlynn Escobar Molina, Reid Robison, Dominic Saville and Jacob Fazzenbaker.

Week of May 14-18: Madison Lantz, Colin Stafford, Hailee O'Haver, Nevaeh Blowe, Jaden Jackson, Skylar Dougherty and Toby Hogan.

Week of May 21-25: Jonathan Wolford, Colin Stafford, Parker Rishel, Sarah Shingler, Amberlea Sweitzer, Aiden Kight and Zoe Pattison.

Week of May 29-June 1: Jonathan Wolford, Matthew Alt, Cassidy Kyle, Ethan Broadwater, Lillian Konke, Hailey Rodriguez Cruz, and Matthew Vasquez.



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 30-May 4: Johnny Hanlin, Dustlyn Rebar, Maddix Reed and Landon Shimer.

Week of May 7-11: Bailey Cavey, Steven Johnson, Hunter Roderick and Skyler Saville.

Week of May 14-18: Peyton Cavey, Kyiah Green, Gabrielle Shingler and Mikaylyn Whetzel.

Week of May 21-25: Madison Lantz, Mercedes Lewis, Eliza Rutter and Trenten Sines.

Week of May 29-June 1: Josiah Alt, Kamiah Jackson, Layla Miller and Jolla Wilkins.



WES School Calendar

- ☺ June 4 (Mon.) Fifth Grade Visit to Westminster Middle
- ☺ June 5 (Tues.) AR End-of-Year Activity @ 1:45-2:25 PM (for winners in grade 2-5)
- ☺ June 8 (PreK Walking Field Trip to Westernport Public Library and Port West)
- ☺ June 11 (Mon.) Imagine Math Think 50 Club trip to Creekside Park Playground
- ☺ June 12 (Tues.) **LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS** 3-Hour Early Dismissal; Awards Assembly for students @ 9:00 AM
- ☺ August ?? **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT** (Watch the school sign for details.)
- ☺ August 29 (Wed.) **FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS** 3-Hour Early Dismissal (Gr. 1-5)

Summer Cleaning

Our custodians, Kim Martin, head custodian; David Parker, Gene "Bugs" Foutz and Donna McMillan 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 organizing their rooms, laminating and other tasks which will help them to get ready for a successful year. We want to thank our custodians for all of their work during the summer and throughout the 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. Clark will be playing lots of softball and golf, spending time with his family, and taking a few trips. Cafeteria Staff: **Mrs. Lambert** will be spending four days in Tennessee to celebrate her anniversary, as well as relaxing in the sun with her family and working in her yard. **Mrs. Bosley** will be cooking for the lunch program at Trinity United Methodist because she loves working with the kids. **Mrs. Lewis** will be going to Ocean City and spending time with her husband and children. **Mrs. P. Fitzgerald** will be enjoying summertime by taking mini-vacations around Pennsylvania. She also wants to go to a Baltimore Orioles game to get a Hawaiian shirt! **Mrs. Parker** will be enjoying summer with her family, including pool time and river floating.

Instructional Assistants: **Mrs. Albright** will be spending time with her family and going to Myrtle Beach. **Mrs. Cooper** will be living at Deep Creek Lake, and taking a trip to Ohio. **Mrs. Everline** will be going to Boston with her family. **Mrs. S. Fitzgerald (Miss Shelly)** will be relaxing by the pool, enjoying many family picnics, going to some Nationals' games, and taking a trip to the beach. **Mrs.**

Lancaster (Miss Timmie) will be spending the summer loving her granddaughter and new grandson and going to Hawaii. **Mrs. Snyder** will be taking care of her husband as he recuperates from knee surgery. She will also be traveling to Ocean City for a family vacation. **Mrs. Steiding** will be spending time with her family and enjoy every minute.

Resource Teachers: **Mrs. Hendrickson** will be a shopper for the Cumberland SLB, doing some traveling, and reading mysteries. **Mr. Moon** will be performing with and conducting the Potomac Concert Band. **Mr. McClay** will be spending time with his family. **Mr. Seibert** will be relaxing, doing landscaping and cutting firewood. **Mr. Blowe** will be spending a bunch of time with family and coaching every sport imaginable. **Mrs. Zimmerman** plans to spend time with family, and friends.

Finally, our parent involvement coordinator, **Mrs. Delsie Fazzenbaker**, will be spending time at her pool, going away with friends for a few days, and possibly going to Germany with her older daughter.

Have a great summer, and see you in August!

Field Day 2018



Out came the sun and we sure had some fun! Field Day 2018 was a great success. Thanks to Mr. Blowe, for planning such nice activities, and thanks to the faculty and staff members who helped to make the day a safe and happy one. There was a lot of friendly competition among students in grades 3, 4 and 5. Many students won awards. Events

included the Basketball Shoot, Bean Bag Toss, Noodle Tag, Egg and Spoon Relay, Water Jug Relay, Obstacle Course, Sack Race and a variety of other races.

A New Tradition: The Senior Walk



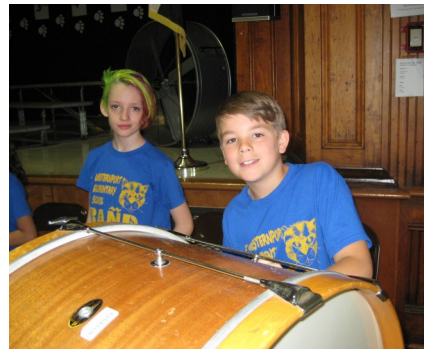
Westernport Elementary School began a new tradition by hosting a "senior walk" on Thursday, May 24, 2018. The fifth grade students pictured in the 2008 Westernport yearbook are graduating as part of the Mountain Ridge High School Class of 2018. Eleven of these high school students accepted the invitation to walk in caps and gowns through the hallways of their former elementary school. Westernport Elementary students, faculty and staff viewed the seniors proudly, and in some cases, shed a few tears. WES alumni participating in the walk included Alex Blizzard, Andrew Brantner, Brooke Bryan, Joshua Crowe, Lucas Farris, Justin Lepley, Skyler Oester, Devin Smith, Alex Staggs, Kayeanna Whetzel and Leslee Wiltison. Aaron Raines, another WES alumni and 2012 Mountain Ridge graduate, appeared in his cap and gown as a recent graduate of the WVU School of Pharmacy. Congratulations to all graduates, we are so very proud of you!

Career Day 2018

Band/Orchestra Spring Concert



Career Day, which was held on May 31, 2018, had a new and different, yet very successful, format. Speakers were carefully selected to follow the curriculum of each grade level and were enjoyed by all. They included Tammy Sue Humberston, nutritionist from Allegany County Extension Office; Karalee Collage, School Nurse; Erica Garver and Bradley Lowe, MD Department of Natural Resources; Rande Brown, Wildlife Biologist; Karen Schaeffer and Drew Gilbert, Verso Corporation; Barbara Amtower, Nationally Certified School Guidance Counsellor; Officer Reese Llewellyn and Cadet Tanner McCue, Maryland State Police; Ranger Julia Musselwhite, Rocky Gap; Allan Shapiro, First United Bank; Jason Huber, ACPs Tech Infusion; Windi Wilson, Allegany College Health and Biosciences, and Terrence Holderby, J.D., attorney. Thanks to all who shared their talents and career paths!



The Westernport Elementary band and orchestra students had their spring concert on Tuesday, May 17, 2018. In addition to songs played by the full band or orchestra, many students showed off their musical skills by performing as soloists, or in duets or trios. It is always a joy to see how students have improved their musical skills since the fall concert through practice, practice, practice! Great job, students!



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-Bentlee Slaubaugh & Brayden Riker; Grade One-Delaney White & Savanna Crites; Grade Two-Eliza Rutter & Mason Weimer; Grade Three-Trenten Sines & Carrie Miller; Grade Four-Ashlynn Light & Ava Fazenbaker; and Grade Five-Mollie Slaubaugh & Zoe Pattison. 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 2017-2018 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, as well as students and parents who made the recent Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week so great. We enjoyed the food 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.

