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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. Harris** will be spending every possible moment with her sweet grandson, Ryder. **Mrs. C. Smith** will enjoy spending time with her family, which will include watching her boys play baseball and doing some traveling.

First grade: **Mrs. McDowell** will be beaching in the Outer Banks, visiting King's Dominion, and spending time with family. **Mrs. A. Smith** will be spending time at home, enjoying her "staycation."

Second grade: **Mrs. Kealy** will be enjoying the sunny days by reading, relaxing, and enjoying her family. **Ms. McMahon** will be taking more graduate classes and traveling to Fenwick Island, DE with her twin boys.

Third grade: **Mrs. Llewellyn** will be spending time in her garden, looking for monarch caterpillars to raise and taking care of her honeybees and chickens. **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 time with her family, reading books, and going to NASCAR and dirt track races. **Mrs. Raines** will be spending time with her family, completing some projects around her house, traveling to Myrtle Beach for her family vacation, and again visiting her favorite vacation spot, which is Bermuda.

Fifth grade: **Mrs. Sechler** will spend her summer traveling and loving on her new baby girl! **Mrs. Swisher** is looking forward to spending time with her family by the pool and will be going camping.

Mrs. Fazenbaker will be here at school, but plans to take a trip to Florida sometime this summer. She will also be taking some shorter trips to different locations and taking her dogs on a trip or two to see how well they travel. **Mrs. Foutz** will be enjoying time at the beach with her family and celebrating her son's first birthday. **Nurse Karalee** is heading back to Canada for vacation, attending a Pirates' "Pup Night" game with her dog, Pipa, and will be camping/adventuring at various places and parks! **Mrs. Amtower** is hoping to re-organize her garage and do some home remodeling. She is also hoping to go to New York to see a Broadway production and she may also be going to the beach. **Ms. Kyle** will be spending time with her family. She also plans to tutor some students and go on a cruise. **Mrs. Weber** and her husband will be going on a trip that has been on their bucket list for years. She will also be doing some "spring" cleaning and enjoying time with family, children and grandchildren. **Ms. Haught** will be working on projects at home and enjoying her pool. **Mrs. McCusker** will be relaxing and spending time with her children. **Mrs. Rankin** will be assisting with the Mountainside Baroque Summer Music Academy and VBS and will be attending a puppet ministry conference. She also will be playing in the Potomac Concert Band, along with Mr. Moon.

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From the Principal...Mrs. Fazenbaker



As we finish the 2018-2019 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 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 24, 2019 and continuing through Friday, August 16th. 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, from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Please call 301-359-0511 if you need to speak to me or send me an e-mail.

The first day of school of the 2019-2020 school year (for grades 1-5) will be Wednesday, August 28th. It will be a 3-Hour Early Dismissal. The Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students will start on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

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 29-May 3: Addalye Bennett, Izaiah Clark, Rya Long, Gracie Cosner, Nathan Whelan, Max Kalbaugh and Alyssa Crossland

Week of May 6-10: Landon Alkire, Kristyle Washington, Bentlee Slaubaugh, Zarianna Griffin, Bentley Twigg, Jaily Johnson and Dae Rinker

Week of May 13-17: Kameron Cage, Atalie Wilson, Zach Haggerty, Americus Greene, Ian Paugh, Jaren Vasquez and Caleb White

Week of May 20-24: Brooklyn Edwards, Koltin Spalding, Briella Robinson, Emily Ellifritz, Nevaeh Blowe, Damon Sarfino and Trey Idol

Week of May 28-31: Carter Blacka, Izaiah Clark, Klarissa Paitzel, Aaliyah Davis, Lauren Biser, Max Kalbaugh and "Alex" Parker-Holmes

In addition, three perfect attendance events were held this spring! Students were tracked for a specific time period and then those who qualified were invited to one two or all of these after-school events. Mrs. Lisa Harris and Mrs. Kim Aikman planned the activities and other staff members helped to chaperone the students.

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 29-May 3: Justin Claycomb, Noah Hartlaub, Brody Hook and Rachel Wolford

Week of May 6-10: Cayden Haggerty, Wesley Haggerty, Emma Kelley and Brennan Whetzel

Week of May 13-17: Arria Gentry, Emily Gurtler, Amberlea Sweitzer and Kaleb Whelan

Week of May 20-24: Carlynn Escobar Molina, Addison Haggerty, Lucas Johnson and Arianna Roy

Week of May 28-31: Abigail Cage, Mikaili Fearon, Addison Lafferty and Declan McGeady



WES School Calendar

June 10 (Mon.) PBIS Rodeo

June 11 (Tues.) Primary Field Day; Fourth Grade Wax Museum (Parents welcome in the afternoon.)

June 12 (Wed.) Imagine Math 50 Point Club Inventive @ 1:30-3:15 PM; Kindergarten Picnic @ 9:00-2:30 PM.

June 13 (Thurs.) LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS-Three-Hour Early Dismissal; Teacher Work Time; Close of Fourth Marking Period & End of Second Semester

June 19 (Wed.) Report Cards Released

Summer Cleaning

Our custodians, Kim Martin, head custodian; David Parker, Gene "Bugs" Foutz and Nancy Zacari (as well as our own Bob Shockey) 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.

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.



Summer Vacation (continued)



Specialists: **Mrs. Beeman** plans to spend her summer relaxing, reading and writing, all on her new patio. She will also be doing some tutoring. **Mr. Clark** will be spending time with his family, visiting his sister in NC and going to Myrtle Beach.

Cafeteria Staff: **Mrs. Lambert** will be spending time with family and friends, going to yard sales and just relaxing. **Mrs. Bosley** will be cooking for the lunch program at Trinity United Methodist because she loves working with the kids and likes to help them get a hot meal five days a week. **Mrs. Lewis** will be spending time with her husband and children and will work a summer job. She looks forward to seeing our students again in August. **Mrs. P. Fitzgerald** plans to enjoy her time off from cafeteria work. She will be spending time with her family and going to the beach. **Mrs. Parker** will be enjoying summer with her family, including pool time and cookouts.

Instructional Assistants: **Mrs. Albright** will be spending time with her family and going to Ocean City. **Mrs. Bateson** will be working at Martin's in Keyser, going to Virginia Beach

and doing some boating on Jennings Lake.

Mrs. Everline will be adjusting to her husband's, Joey's, retirement from Verso and visiting Myrtle Beach. **Mrs. S. Fitzgerald (Miss Shelly)** will be relaxing by the pool, enjoying many family picnics, working in her garden, and taking a trip to the beach. **Mrs. Ketterman** plans to go on some day trips with her husband, Kirk, and her three children Nathaniel, Elizabeth and Adrian. **Miss Palumbo** will be starting a tradition of annual road trips (to eventually see all 50 states), by taking her family to New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.

Mrs. Snyder will be spending the summer by the pool and with her family. **Mrs. Steiding (Miss T)** will be spending the summer with her family and getting ready for the new grandbaby, who is due at the end of August. **Ms. Thaxton (Miss Amber)** will be taking a relaxing vacation to the OBX and spending the rest of the summer at Tiny Tots Daycare in West Virginia. **Miss Warnick** will be relaxing at home, and taking day trips, as well as a trip to Baltimore to visit family, the harbor and museums. She also plans to spend time reading and swimming. **Mrs. Whetzel** will be visiting Pittsburgh, and

getting her baby boy, Logan's, senior pictures taken.

Resource Teachers: **Mrs. Hendrickson** will be a shopper for the Cumberland SLB, travelling to New York to visit Fort Ticonderoga and other tourist spots, and will be proofing a mystery book written by a friend.

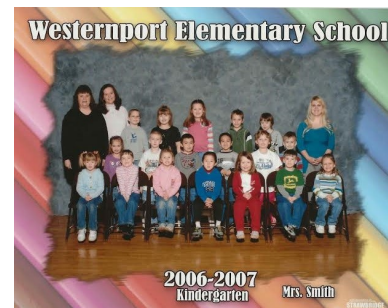
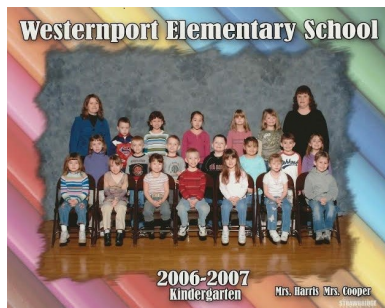
Mr. Moon will be performing with and conducting the Potomac Concert Band, as well as traveling to Ohio, Virginia and Maine to visit children and grandchildren. **Mr. McClay** will be spending time with his family. **Mr. Seibert** will be visiting his family in Pennsylvania and working on his house. **Mr. Blowe** will be taking a family vacation to Disney and a few smaller trips this summer. **Mrs. Zimmerman** plans to spend time with family and friends, as well as her cats.

Finally, our parent involvement coordinator, **Mrs. Delsie Fazenbaker**, will be going to Tennessee with her daughters, swimming and going away with friends for a few days. Have a great summer, and see you in August!





A Tradition: The Senior Walk



Last year, Westernport Elementary School began a new tradition by hosting a "senior walk". The Kindergarten students pictured in the 2007 school yearbook recently graduated as part of the Mountain Ridge High School Class of 2019 or from another local high school. Nine of these high school students accepted the invitation to walk in caps and gowns through the hallways of their former elementary school. WES students, faculty and staff viewed the graduates proudly, and in some cases, shed a few tears. Recent graduates participating in the walk included Isabelle Brantner, Ethan Crowe, Seth Johnson, Michelle Lewis, Alex McNemar, Kailia Puaauli, Tessa Redman, Jeremiah Robertson and Destiny Warnick. Karlie Raines, also walked proudly through her former school. She is a recent graduate of WVU. Mary Beth Biser McCloud also participated. She just received her doctorate in nursing. Congratulations to all graduates, we are so very proud of you!

Field Day 2019

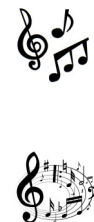


Band/Orchestra Concert



Out came the sun and we sure had some fun! Field Day 2019 was a great success. Thanks to Mr. Josh Blowe for planning such nice activities, and thanks also 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. Primary students had a surprise, non-competitive, version of the field day in the

afternoon. Field Day events included the Water Jug Relay, Basketball Shootout, Bean Bag Toss, Noodle Tag, Egg and Spoon Relay, Water Jug Relay, Playground Time, Sack Race and Run the Bases. Fifth grade enjoyed a special Tug of War. This field day was started by Westernport Elementary principal, Jack Elliott, and has been held in his memory since his unexpected death in May 1979.



The Westernport Elementary band and orchestra students had their spring concert on Thursday, May 30, 2019. 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-Addison Lafferty & Lily Dennis; Grade One-Rya Long & Mathew Alt; Grade Two-Ben Broadwater & Olivia Kenny; Grade Three-Makenna Turner & Mason Weimer; Grade Four-Lucas Johnson & Bella Constable; and Grade Five-Hailey Rodriguez Cruz & Abbigale Lambert. The character trait for **May** was **Caring**. We have many caring students at WES! They include Grade K-Natalie Harris & Jaselynn Ravenscroft; Grade One-Ashley Robertson & Shelby Llewellyn; Grade 2-Alivia Warnick & Mason Douglas; Grade Three-Aiden Weimer & Ethan Broadwater; Grade Four-Ashlynn Durst & Jaielyn Johnson; Grade Five-Gavin Ravenscroft & Caleb White. Thanks again for your support for our Citizens of the Month program in 2018-2019 and thanks again 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.



Spring Fling Winners

Thanks to all who came to the Spring Fling on Friday, May 10th. The PTA was happy to see you and your family in attendance. The winners of the Spring Fling classroom and other raffles were the following:

PreK Basket-Mary Glass

Kindergarten Basket-Brittany Crossland

First Grade Basket-Chelsea Lease

Second Grade Basket-Mary Glass

Third Grade Basket-Shasha Shawna Parker

Fourth Grade Basket-Emma Wolford

Fifth Grade Basket-Brie High

3-Chick-Fil-A Gift Cards & Movie Gift Card-Hanlin Brothers

50/50 Winner-Leann Nightingale (\$347.00)

Fifth Grade Farewell 2019



The Fifth Grade Farewell was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019. The theme of the program was "Life's A Happy Song." The fifth grade students, under the direction of Ms. Patricia Zimmerman, vocal music instructor, spoke of elementary school memories and performed songs from movies that were released during their lifetime. We want to wish our fifth grade the best of luck as they move on to middle school.

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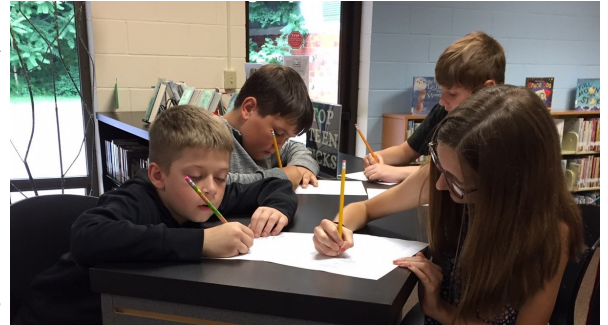
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WES Students Visit the Public Library



Third, fourth and fifth grade students took walking trips to the Westernport branch of the Allegany County Public Library on two Wednesday mornings in May. Mrs. Deb Hendrickson and Mrs. Robin Everline accompanied the students to the library. Each group spent a class period learning about the library and participating in a library scavenger hunt. Librarians Jennifer Howell and Kate Metzger led the program on May 22nd. Librarians Stacy Winters and Kate Metzger led the program on May 29th.



Special thanks to Kathy Murphy and Maureen Caupp, service specialists, for the warm welcome to the Westernport branch. We hope that Ms. Murphy and Ms. Caupp see our WES students come back into the public library this summer to attend library programs, use their STAR Cards to check out books and to complete a summer reading log.