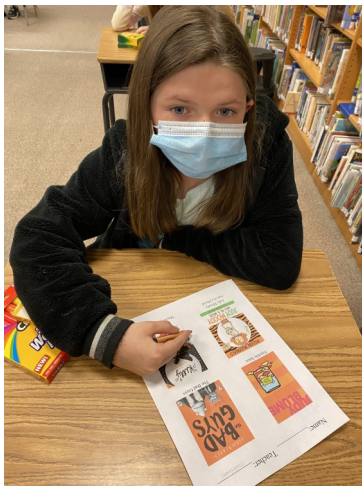




W.E.S...It's Elementary2

Building the Future—One Child at a Time

The Book Fair is Coming! (Virtually, that is...)



Supporting a love for reading is critical to student success. Explore our online book fair and help your child find their next favorite book.

Now everyone can participate! Encourage your child to create their online wish list and share with friends and family.

Website: efairs.follettbookfairs.com

Our Follett eFair code: 697WG

Follett eFair Opens: April 26, 2021

Orders due by: May 8th 2021

The books will be shipped to the school after our eFair is complete and then distributed to students in classrooms.

Profit from all sales will be used by Westernport

Elementary School to provide materials for the library and to support library-related programs in 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

Please mark your calendars! Books make great gifts!

Please note that the usual "free" book selection from the annual book fair (Thanks, Reeves Private Foundation) will be done in a different way. Students are choosing books from a list provided by Main Street Books in Frostburg. Once this is done, the 260 "free" books will be ordered from the bookstore and will be distributed by classroom teachers upon arrival. Shown above is Lacey Custer, grade three, selecting her "free book."



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From the Interim Principal...Mr. Horne

Spring is in the air; it is great to see the days getting longer and brighter! Enjoy these longer days with a walk, reading a book under a tree or planting a garden. As we see things grow outside, we are seeing our students learn and grow each day. I am amazed each day to see the resilience our students have shown through this pandemic with the support of our amazing staff and caring families. Our virtual Gardners Candy

fundraiser was a great success. We reached our goal of over \$2000 in sales. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for a variety of activities for our students. **THANK YOU!**

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration will take place April 6th to April 30th. Any student age four on or before September 1st may apply. Please call the school office (301-359-0511) to make an appointment.

Keep an eye out for information on ACPS's upcoming summer program opportunities. We will forward information as soon as it is available.

Finally, let us remember that even though this school year has been challenging, we need to finish strong. Our students will continue to be challenged and will grow through this last marking period. We look forward to seeing their

growth. We appreciate your continued support and effort in a partnership for our children.

HAPPY SPRING!

Derek Horne

Interim Principal

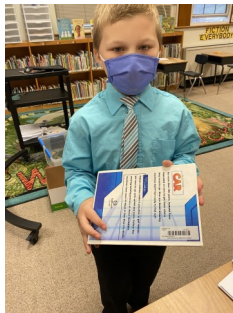
P.S. Remember, if you have any questions at any time, please feel free to call the school office at 301-359-0511 for information. You may also contact me using my email address, which is Derek.Horne@acpsmd.org



We're Back (again...) Hooray!

JUST TO REVIEW...

- **Students that had currently opted out** that wanted to opt-in back in for the fourth nine weeks had to contact their school administrator no later than March 31, 2021, for a return to in-person learning on Monday, April 12, 2021. Any student who did not meet this opt-in deadline must remain in virtual learning through the end of the school year.
- **Beginning the week of April 12th**, all students, including those students who have opted back in for the fourth nine weeks, will attend in person Monday through Thursday as follows:
- **April 12-15, 2021:** All students will attend school every day together for full days of in-person learning, including those students who opted back in for the fourth nine weeks
- **Friday, April 16, 2021:** Full day of asynchronous virtual learning for students and staff
- **Beginning the week of April 19th** through the remainder of the school year, all students will return to school for in-person learning Monday through Friday.



Grade 3 student, Brayden Lytle, checked out the first library book of the year (in person) from the library collection. (Brayden was all dressed up for Picture Day, too!) Before classes returned to the library, some students requested library books through the Follett Destiny Discover catalog and books were delivered to classrooms.

Returned books are quarantined for 48 hours.

Calendar

UPCOMING APRIL-MAY-JUNE EVENTS

- ☺ April 6-30 PreK & Kindergarten Registration - Appointment Only
- ☺ April 9 (Fri.) Marking Period 4 begins
- ☺ April 20 (Tues.) Virtual Maryland Science Center @ 10:00 AM; Virtual PTA Meeting @ 6:00 PM
- ☺ April 26-May 8 (Online Follett Book eFair)
- ☺ April 27 (Tues.) Report Cards released for MP3; Virtual Title I Spring Parent Meeting @ 2:00 PM
- ☺ May 3-7 (Mon.-Fri.) Staff Appreciation Week
- ☺ May 5 (Wed.) Picture Day (Makeup Pictures) @10:00-2:00 PM
- ☺ May 31 (Mon.) Memorial Day - Schools & Offices Closed
- ☺ June 8 (Tues.) Last Day for Students - Three-Hour Early Dismissal



Peace Days



A drawing is held each Monday to award a small prize to 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. Pictures of these students are displayed near the office.

Week of February 1-5: Paisley Edwards, Ryder Hanlin, Eli Karalewitz, Isabella Reed, Briella Robinson, Adrian Ketterman and Rachel Wolford

Week of February 8-12: Logan Shapiro, Ava Morgan, Carter Blacka, Addison Hensley, Ashley Robertson, Hailee O'Haver and Max Cole

Week of February 15-19: Grayson Cuppett, Abel Twigg, Maci Iliff, Silas Beeman, Kahlan Chojar, Charlie Spiker and Paige Haggerty

Week of February 22-26: Addisyn Davis, Aubrie Lambert, Porter Beard, Mariah Wade, Brayden Iliff, Cassidy Kyle and Nevaeh Blowe

Week of March 1-5: Zoey Smith, Rylie Kindle, Caden Gift, Atalie Wilson, Bentley Slaubaugh, Bailey Brashear and Sean Wade

Week of March 8-12: Peyton Davis, Kyree Boal, Skylar Crites, Jamyson Hanlin, Mathew Alt, Maci Barbe and Brody McDougal

Week of March 15-19: Jaxson Reed, Aurora Cifentues, Jacob Whetstone, Addison Wolfe, Alyssa Marchinke, Gracie Cosner and Margo Webb

Week of March 22-26: Asher Marchinke, Karaliah Griffin, Owen Brashear, Hayden Doman, Oliver Marsh, Aaliyah Davis and Nathan Whelan

Week of March 29-April 1: No names drawn



Mission & Vision

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.



Kindness can become its own motive.
We are made kind by being kind. ---
Eric Hoffer

School Celebrity Day (Guess the Staff Member!)



School Celebrity Day was held during a recent School Spirit Week. Can you guess which staff member is pictured above? Check the answer after you make your guess!

Row 1 (left to right) features Hillary Shapiro as Miss Shelly; Emma Streets as Mr. Jones; Cyrix Whiteman as Mr. Horne, Eli Karalewitz and Grayson Wilson as Mr. Blowe; and Hudson Placka as Mrs. Hendrickson

Row 2 (left to right) features Ava Morgan and Charlotte Haggerty as Ms. McMahon; Addisyn Davis as "Miss Kim" Aikman; Americus Greene as Mrs. Raines; Amiya Martin as Mrs. CSmith; and Aubrie Lambert as Mrs. Jewel Lambert.

Row 3 (left to right) features Kristen, Bentley and Klarissa Paitsel as Miss Shelly, Mr. Horne and Mrs. CSmith; Nathan Wade as Mr. Blowe; Katalina McGeady as Miss Shelly; and Jamyson Hanlin and Jayden LaRue as Mr. Horne.

Westernport Elementary School students participated (virtually) in the yearlong Stock Market Game, which is sponsored by the Maryland Council on Economic Education. The Stock Market Game (SMG) is an educational simulation that teaches students in grades 4-12 about the stock markets and the economy. Participants develop many new skills, while doing real-time investing and maintaining a stock portfolio by investing a hypothetical \$100,000 over about a six-month time period.

Due to the virtual setting, the fifth grade students worked as individuals and the fourth grade students worked as a group. WES had a total of seven teams in the statewide competition. The official game was held from September 14, 2020 and finished on April 9, 2021, but the WES teams did not "purchase" their stock until the first week of December.

All WES teams increased their hypothetical \$100,000 by at least \$12,000 by "buying" and "selling" stock. They invested in companies such as Apple, Disney, Hershey, McDonald's, Netflix, and Nike, as well as Bank of America, Coca Cola, Dollar General, DoorDash, Game Stop, Johnson & Johnson, Kellogg's, Lowe's, Microsoft, Moderna, Pfizer, Sony, Target, Under Armour, Walmart, and more.

Although the WES teams competed at the elementary level against 73 teams statewide, they were also ranked statewide among 338 elementary, middle and high school teams.

Sean Wade - 2nd place, elementary level; 34th place, overall

Sarah Shingler - 3rd place, elementary level; 42nd place, overall

Nevaeh Blowe - 5th place, elementary level; 45th place, overall

Margo Webb - 6th place, elementary level; 49th place, overall

Makenna Turner - 10th place, elementary level; 84th place, overall

Rachel Wolford - 15th place, elementary level; 99th place, overall

The fourth grade team, consisting of Maci Barbe, Aaliyah Davis and Declan McGeady, finished in 13th place at the elementary level; then in 91st place, overall.

WES students have participated in the Stock Market Game for nine years. The school had first place regional winners in spring 2013, and a school team won the statewide yearlong competition in the spring of 2017. But in spite of the challenges due to the pandemic, playing the SMG in 2020-2021 proved to be a great experience for the participating student teams, which were coached by school teacher-librarian, Mrs. Deborah Hendrickson.

Grade 5 (Single Participants)



Grade 4 (One Team)



Title I Tips

Westernport Elementary School has a Schoolwide Title I Program. This means that the federally funded instructional staff may work with all of the students in our school, and our school develops a Schoolwide Title I program designed to increase academic achievement for all students. A Schoolwide Program helps us to use federal funds to meet the needs of all students more effectively. Title I provides additional resources for our school, including

Instructional materials for our students.

Professional development for teachers.

Information about how to help children succeed in school for parents.

Parent/Family Engagement Programs.

Additional staffing to provide support for reading & math instruction.

Find Us on Facebook

The Westernport Elementary PTA Facebook page was created to give members of our Westernport Elementary community important information, announcements, and updates about school happenings and events. Parents may use the link on the Westernport Home Page (click on For Parents and then PTA News) or search Facebook to find this group and request to join it. This is a closed group, but please be respectful when posting on this page. Administrators have the right, and responsibility, to remove anything that is offensive, inappropriate, or not pertaining to PTA initiatives and efforts.



Citizens of the Month

The character trait for **February** was **Respect**. The character trait for **March** was **Perseverance**. Students selected received treats.

February "citizens" included: PreK-Aria Nash & Stella Metz; Kindergarten-Ryder Hanlin & Riley Kindle; Grade 1: Vayda Marsh & Chaney Butler; Grade 2-Johnathan Fasching, Emmitt Dawson & Atalie Wilson; Grade 3-Nancy Cook & Kadence Ervin; Grade 4-Ben Broadwater & Gracie Platter; and Grade 5-Keagan Butler & Sarah Shingler.

March "citizens" included: Grade PreK-Maleah Tranum & August Nies; Kindergarten-Easton Guinn & Abel Twigg; Grade 1-Owen Brashear & Jackson Lease; Grade 2-Hayden Doman, Madelyn Lantz & Cameron Hamilton; Grade 3-Bentlee Slaubaugh & Khloe Douglass; Grade 4-Ethan Mauck & April Matthews; and Grade 5-Paige Haggerty & Makenna Turner.



Resource News



Mr. Seibert has been teaching in the library on Mondays and Tuesdays, while Mrs. Hendrickson holds small group classes in the back of the library. He is enjoying the chance to use a ClearTouch device to display art activities. Mrs. Hendrickson is teaching in the front of the library on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. She is glad to see students checking out library books in person.

Ms. Hendrix is teaching in the gym on Mondays and Tuesdays and is glad to be able to use the BOSE sound system. Mr. Blowe is teaching in the gym or outside on Thursdays and Fridays and hopes for good weather throughout the spring.