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Citizens of the Month



From the Principal...Mrs. Fazenbaker

It is hard to believe that it is the final quarter of the school year. Students in grades three and four have been working hard on the ELA PARCC assessment. The fifth grade will be starting their ELA assessments on Tuesday, May 1st. All three grades will complete the math portion of the PARCC assessment (with two days of testing for each grade level) by May 11th. Please get your children to school on time and have them well rested so that they will be ready for testing.

I would like to mention our **annual fundraisers**. WES holds two fundraisers, the Krispy Kreme Donut

sale and the Gardner's Candy sale. Proceeds from these fundraisers go directly to the students. This year, fundraiser profit was used to buy every student a class picture and helped to support activities associated with the PBIS Program at WES. Fundraiser profit purchased items for the token tower that children use when they cash in DoJo points, as well as provided financial support for some of the PEACE parties, the hayride, the winter dance, and the rodeo which will take place before the end of the year. The school office also used fundraiser money to purchase two new laptops to

add to the carts that our students use every day. The profit from these two fundraisers did not meet the expenses of all of the above, so profit from the picture sales were also used to cover the costs.

PTA does its own fundraising and that profit provides "extras" for the students as well. We truly appreciate everything that the PTA does for us. I do want to remind everyone that the PTA is sponsoring their annual Spring Fling this Friday night from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. They are also sponsor-

ing a Yard Sale on Saturday, May 5th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon. The yard sale will be held on the field and basketball court. Thanks, parents, for continuing to support your children's education in so many ways.

Remember, my door is always open to you. You can contact me at the school or e-mail me at alexa.fazenbaker@acpsmd.org



WES School Calendar

- ☉ May 2 (Wed.) PARCC testing continues; PreK and Kindergarten Orientation @ 1:30 PM
- ☉ May 3 (Thurs.) Allegany County Public Library StoryCorps (PreK @ 9:00 AM & 1:30 PM) & Kindergarten @ 1:30 PM)
- ☉ May 4 (Fri.) PTA Spring Fling @ 6:00-8:00 PM
- ☉ May 5 (Sat.) PTA Yard Sale @ 8:00-12:00 noon
- ☉ May 7-11 (Mon.-Fri.) Staff Appreciation Week
- ☉ May 7 (Mon.) PTA Executive Board meeting @ 5:30 PM
- ☉ May 11 (Fri.) Grade 5 Field Trip to Bedford Village
- ☉ May 14 (Mon.) PTA Meeting and General Election
- ☉ May 16 (Wed.) Tri-Towns EMS Presentation in Gym; Title I Parent Meeting @ 2:30 PM
- ☉ May 17 (Thurs.) Spring Instrumental Concert @ 2:00 PM; AEP Showcase @ 1:30-2:00 PM & 3:30-5:00 PM
- ☉ May 18 (Fri.) Grade 4 Field Trip to C&O Canal
- ☉ May 19 (Sat.) Rain date for PTA Yard Sale
- ☉ May 23 (Wed.) Grade 4 to Cresaptown to meet pen pals @ 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
- ☉ May 25 (Fri.) Kindergarten Field Trip to Hovatter's Wildlife Zoo
- ☉ May 28 (Mon.) SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED-Memorial Day
- ☉ May 29 (Tues.) Grade 5 Farewell Program & Concert @ 1:30 PM
- ☉ May 31 (Thurs.) Career Day

Memorial Books

Have you ever considered donating money to purchase a library book in memory or in honor of a loved one? Memorial/honor donations may be made to WES at any time during the school year. The memorial books are generally ordered in June or when a sufficient amount is available to make up a book order. A donation of \$20.00-\$25.00 is appreciated to cover the cost of the book and library processing. A plaque is placed in the book and the family is notified of your donation. If you wish to donate a memorial book, contact the school at 301-359-0511 for details. In 2018, Westernport Elementary School Library has received donations in memory of Virginia Lininger, by Barbara McIntyre Davis; in memory of Delores Kight, by Patricia Fitzgerald; in memory of Diane Snyder, former WES IA, by Natalie Lafferty and Sheila Golden; in memory of Anna Dishong, by Moran Manor; in memory of Ruth Wilson, former WES custodian, by Deb Hendrickson, Westernport Elementary Faculty & Staff, Rose Mary Logsdon, Bruce and Dianne Pringle, and Sheila Golden; in memory of Juanita Fix, by Deb Hendrickson; in memory of Norma (Layton) Shears Kesner, by Peggy Boal; in memory of Willard Kitzmiller, former WES principal, by Deb Hendrickson, Sheila Golden, and Jane Kitzmiller & family; and in memory of David Vezzi, by Deb & Gary Hendrickson.



In the Arts



Artwork created by students of **Mr. John Seibert** was on display from April 20-24th at the annual Allegany County Student Art Show, which was held at the Country Club Mall.

The art show included artwork of Addison Hanlin (Kindergarten); Gracie Cosner, Nickolas Dawson and Americus Greene (Grade 1); Nevaeh Blowe and Carlynn Escobar Molina (Grade 2); Witten Greene, Emily Gurtler, Leighton Johnson and Nadiyah Placka (Grade 3); Kerin Richard and Hailey Rodriguez Cruz (Grade 4) and Autumn Kerchner, Kadie Matthews, Jonathan Ray and Mollee Slaubaugh (Grade 5).

Band and orchestra students of **Mr. Harold McClay** and **Mr. Jay Moon** are busy practicing for their spring concert, which will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2018.

Fifth grade students are preparing for their end of year farewell concert, which will be held on Tuesday, May 29, 2018. This original musical program was written and arranged by **Ms. Patty Zimmerman**, vocal music teacher.

And The Winner Is...

WES students recently sold **Gardner's Easter Candy**. The top seller was Kerin Richard. She won a \$100.00 cash prize. The second place seller was Brie High. She won a \$50.00 cash prize. The third place seller was Elisabeth Paugh. She won a \$25.00 cash prize. Thanks to all students who sold candy and to all who supported the candy sale in any way.



"The world's favorite season is the spring.
All things seem possible in May."
- Edwin Way Teale



Martin's A+Rewards FINAL

595 Martin's BonusCard numbers were designated to Westernport Elementary by WES families and community members this year. The points from those bonuscard numbers earned the school \$2,509.15. Please register numbers from your family, your extended family, your friends and your neighbors at martinsaplus.com when the Martin's A+Rewards program resumes in the fall.



Mission Statement

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.



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. Pictures of these students are displayed near the office.

Week of March 5-9: Nevaeh Blowe, Witten Green, Autumn Kerchner and Evelyn Steiding

Week of March 12-16: John Arlott, Emily Ellifritz, Damon Sarfino and Taylor Schramm

Week of March 19-23: Ava Fazenbaker, Megan Smith, Emily Weimer and Caleb White

Week of March 26-29: No Drawing

Week of April 3-6: Christopher Baker, Ashlynn Lafferty, Kadie Matthews and Reid Robison

Week of April 9-13: Max Cole, Brayden Riker, Mollee Slaubaugh and Rachel Wolford

Week of April 16-20: Maci Bittinger, Bryan Claycomb, Nadiyah Placka and Hailey Rodriguez Cruz

Week of April 23-27: Bailey Brashear, Mikaili Fearon, Holli Konke and Ashlynn Light

The most recent "Peace Days" celebration was extra play.

"Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal."

—Martin Luther King Jr.



Book It



Six students in Ms. Richards's second grade class participated in the Pizza Hut reading program called "Book It." Students who signed up had to promise to read for at least ten minutes per night. The program ran from October 2017 through March 2018.

Show above, with their personal copy of The Boxcar Children, are students Liam Dayton and Kristen Paitzel (front row) and Emma Kelley, Mason Weimer and Kaleigh Connor (back row). Missing from the photo is Rachel Wolford, who also successfully completed the Book It program.

Got Creativity?

Students have been experimenting in the library media center with Makerspaces for the past several years. Defining a makerspace can be somewhat difficult due to the differences among spaces and activities, but the emphasis is on creating with technology, according to Caitlin Bagley of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. Devices such as iPads, Kindles and Nooks and items such as little-Bits, Contraptions (wooden planks), K'nex, Q-Bits and Zoob pieces can also be used to encourage student creativity. Other activities include robots, named Dash & Dot, and a virtual reality game called Beasts of Balance. Shown at right is fourth grade student, Chloe Haggerty, with her "drop hopper."



Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart was held at WES on March 8-9, 2018 to benefit the American Heart Association. Jump Rope for Heart is a fun event where students jump rope, as well learn about their hearts and how to keep them healthy while raising money to help others. The money collected is used to support research, public health education, professional education and training and to provide community services. Students in third, fourth and fifth grade raised \$445.00 during the event. The top fundraiser was Domenic Grotfelty. The group that raised the most money was the third grade class of Mrs. Sarah Llewellyn. Mr. Joshua Blowe, physical education teacher, coordinated the event.



Attendance Drawing Winners

Here are the latest 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, the name is not announced but put back in the bucket and a new name is drawn. One coin is awarded to each grade level. The following students (in order from PreK-5) have won coins, to date:

Week of March 5-9: Natalie Harris, Khloe

Douglass, Emrick Johnson, Sarah Shingler, Kambria Spalding, Ava Fazenbaker and Kaylee Snyder

Week of March 12-16: Addison Shingler, Aidan Marsh, Cassidy Kyle, Jeremy Fasching, Damon Sarfino, Ashlynn Light and Camden Lewis

Weeks of March 19-23 & 26-29: Uriah Arroyo, Bentlee Slaubaugh, Aron Custer, Lauren Biser, Jayden PaughLee, Brody Dayton and Layla Miller

Week of April 3-6: Izaiah Clark, Klarissa Paitzel, Alivia Warnick, Megan Smith, Destiny Studli, Kerin Richard and Layla Miller

Week of April 9-13: Madison Lantz, Bentlee

Slaubaugh, Nickolas Dawson, Aiden Weimer, Kealana Puaauli, Hailey Rodriguez Cruz and Kayla Konke

Week of April 16-20: Natalie Harris, Alexi Burns, Elisabeth Paugh, Megan Smith, Kyiah Green, Maaziah Fertig and Dawn Cook

Week of April 23-27: Cameron Hamilton, Colin Stafford, Alivea Warnick, Carlynn Escobar Molina, Witten Green, Hailey Rodriguez Cruz and Lindsey Stafford



In the News...Imagine Math



STEM Night 2018



This year, Westernport Elementary students in grades 3, 4 & 5 have been participating in Imagine Math, which is an online program whose goal is to "build conceptual understanding, problem-solving skills, and a resilient attitude toward math."

Students are recognized on a second floor bulletin board as they pass lessons and join the Think 10, Think 20, Think 30, Think 40 and Think 50 clubs. Lessons may be completed at school or at home.

Imagine Math is coordinated by Jamie Clark, math specialist. Weekly updates and prizes are main-

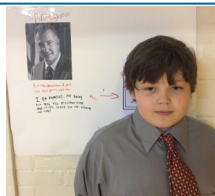
tained by Tiffany Moran, grade three teacher. Online lessons, which are done in the computer lab, are managed daily by Robin Everline, IA. Congratulations to Westernport Elementary students who have made it into the Think 40 Club! Students who completed 40 or more lessons visited McDonald's for a late lunch on March 23rd. Congratulations, students, and keep up the hard work!



STEM Night was held at WES on March 14, 2018 for first, second, third, fourth and fifth grade students. Approximately 58 students participated in activities which incorporated science, math,

engineering and technology. Mrs. Lisa Harris, Mrs. Kara McDowell, Mrs. Amy Smith, Ms. Melissa Kenny, Ms. Julie Kyle and Mrs. Beth Weber assisted with STEM activities done in the gym and in classrooms. Presenters included speakers from Potomac State College, Frostburg State University and representatives from a local robotics team.

A Day at the Fourth Grade Wax Museum



The fourth grade classes of Mrs. Jennifer Hughes and Mrs. Janice Raines recently created a wax museum. With the help of FSU interns, students chose a famous American or Marylander and then did research. They followed the writing process to organize their facts and presented the facts orally. Finally, students made posters and dressed up as historical figures and invited their families to view their work!



Reading is Llama-licious!



The Accelerated Reader "Reading is Llama-licious" contest is over! Almost 800 AR tests were passed between February 1, 2018 and April 3, 2018. Each test passed counted as 25 cents on the llama charts, which were updated daily. At the conclusion of the contest, \$150.00 (grant money) was donated to the Heifer Project (Read to Feed) to purchase a sheep for a poor family somewhere in the world.

In addition, students Nevaeh Blowe, Cailyn Broadwater, Kyiah Green, Cambria Guinn, Leighton Johnson, Kristen Paitzel, Sean Wade, Aiden Weimer and Mason Weimer as well as Mrs. Hendrickson read at home and raised an additional \$250.00 for the project. Those who raised extra money received one vote for each \$5.00 raised at home. After the vote was taken, a sheep, three hives of bees and two flocks of chicks were chosen as the additional animals to be donated to Heifer International. Kyiah Green, pictured left, was the top fundraiser.

The 20 students who were the "Reading is Llama-licious" contest winners received a small prize for their help, which was a private lunch party in the cafeteria, complete with a llama cupcake and fruit snacks. Thanks to all who supported this fundraising effort. We are hoping that our total donation of \$400.00 is doubled by a Heifer International challenge grant so that students may be even more proud of their hard work.



Congratulations, Citizens of the Month!



Students selected as "Citizens of the Month" exemplify the character trait for the month, as found on the ACPS school calendar. The character trait for March was perseverance. Those students who showed perseverance during the month of March received a treat at McDonald's. Students honored include: Kindergarten-Ashlynn Lafferty & Aaliyah Redman; Grade 1-Emrick Johnson & Paiton Lease; Grade 2-Brie High & Noah Davis; Grade 3-Jayden Paugh Lee & Daniel Kyle; Grade 4-Cambria Guinn & Kerin Richard; and Grade 5-Dade Kight & John Arlott. The character trait for April is trustworthiness. Students who are extremely trustworthy in April will also receive a treat at McDonald's.