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## From the Principal...Mrs. Fazenbaker

It is hard to believe that it is the final quarter of the school year. Students in grades three, four and five have been working hard on the ELA PARCC assessment. All three grades will complete the math portion of the PARCC assessment (with two days of testing for each grade level) by May 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 fall activity, the winter dance, and the rodeo which will take place before the end of the year. The profit from these two fundraisers did not meet the expenses of all of the above, so profit from the picture sales was 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. (Please consider being a PTA officer. Nomination forms have been sent home and elections are at the next PTA meeting which is on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.) The PTA is having their annual Spring Fling on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Thanks, parents, for continuing to support your children's education in so many ways.

Please remember, my door is always open to you. You can contact me at the school or e-mail me at [alexa.fazenbaker@acpsmd.org](mailto:alexa.fazenbaker@acpsmd.org)



# WES School Calendar

Hello  
**JUNE**

## MAY EVENTS

- ☉ May 2 (Thurs.) PTA Meeting/Election of Officers @5:00 PM
- ☉ May 6-10 (Mon-Fri.) Staff Appreciation Week
- ☉ May 7 (Tues.) Staff Picture and Grade 5 Panoramic Picture
- ☉ May 10 (Fri.) PTA Spring Fling/Denim Day "Casual for a Cause."
- ☉ May 14 (Tues.) Refresh Program for grades PreK, K, 4 & 5 (Tammy Humberson)
- ☉ May 15 (Wed.) Grade 3-Moran Field Trip to Rocky Gap (Environmental Education); PreK & Kindergarten Orientation @1:30 PM
- ☉ May 16 (Thurs.) Grade 3-Llewellyn Field Trip to Rocky Gap (Environmental Education)
- ☉ May 17 (Fri.) Grade 4 Field Trip to C & O Canal
- ☉ May 20 (Mon.) Title I Parent Meeting in the Library Media Center @2:30 PM
- ☉ May 21 (Tues.) EMS Week (Program by Tri-Towns Ambulance and Rescue)
- ☉ May 22 (Wed.) Walking Field Trip to Allegany County Public Library-Westernport Branch (4-Raines, 3-Moran & 5-Swisher)
- ☉ May 24 (Fri.) Grade 5-Flag Placement at Philos Cemetery (for Memorial Day) 10:00 AM-Noon
- ☉ May 27 (Mon.) SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED-Memorial Day
- ☉ May 28 (Tues.) Westmar Jazz Band Performance for grades K-5 @9:00 AM
- ☉ May 29 (Wed.) Walking Field Trip to Allegany County Public Library-Westernport Branch (5-Sechler, 4-Hughes & 3-Llewellyn)
- ☉ May 30 (Thurs.) Spring Band/Orchestra Concert @10:00 AM (students) and 2:00 PM (parents and community); AEP Showcase (before the concert and @3:30-5:00 PM)
- ☉ May 31 (Fri.) Kindergarten Field Trip to the Zoo

## UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS

- ☉ June 4 (Tues.) Grade 5 Farewell Program @1:45 PM (Dress rehearsal for students @10:00 AM)
- ☉ June 6 (Thurs.) Jack B. Elliott Memorial Field Day (grades 3, 4 & 5)
- ☉ June 7 (Fri.) Field Day Rain Date; Denim Day "Casual for a Cause"
- ☉ June 8 (Mon.) Primary Field Day (AM)
- ☉ June 11 (Tues.) PBIS Rodeo
- ☉ June 13 (Thurs.) LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS (3-HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL); End of Semester & Close of Fourth Marking Period; PM Teacher Work Time
- ☉ June 14 (Fri.) Teacher Work Time
- ☉ June 19 (Wed.) Report Cards Released



## In the Arts



Artwork created by students of **Mr. John Seibert** was on display from April 24-28th at the annual Allegany County Student Art Show, which was held at the Country Club Mall. The art show included artwork of Lily Dennis (Kindergarten); Nancy Cook, Khloe Douglass and Dustlyn Rebar (Grade 1); Aaliyah Davis, April Matthews and Delaney White (Grade 2); Nevaeh Blowe, Nathan Miller and Rachel Wolford (Grade 3); Emily Gurtler and Nadiyah Placka (Grade 4) and Nautika Turner (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 30, 2019.

Fifth grade students are preparing for their end of year farewell concert, which will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019. 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 Max Cole. He won a \$75.00 cash prize. The second place seller was Arria Gentry. She won a \$50.00 cash prize. The third place seller was Cameron Hamilton. He 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 UPDATE: 611 Martin's Bonus-Card numbers were designated to Westernport Elementary by WES families and community members this year. The points from those bonuscard numbers earned the school \$2,345.28. Please register numbers from your family, your extended family, your friends and your neighbors at [martinsaplus.com](http://martinsaplus.com) when the Martin's A+Rewards program resumes in the fall.

## Mission Statement

**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.



## 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 11-15: Christopher Baker, Alysha Bittinger, Cambria Guinn and Adrian Ketterman

Week of March 18-22: Emrick Johnson, Aiden Marsh, Hunter Roderick and Mason Weimer

Week of March 25-29: Josiah Alt, Harleigh Mason, Reylin Matias and Kealana Puaauli

Week of April 1-5: Owen Brashear, Ben Broadwater, Tyler Miller and Atalie Wilson

Week of April 8-12: Aiden Kight, Jayden LaRue, Dae Rinker and Rachel Wolford

Week of April 15-18: Lauren Biser, Izaiah Clark, Ashlynn Kilby and Oliver Marsh

Week of April 22-26: Silas Beeman, Landon Shimer, Aiden Weimer and Cheyenne Whetzel

The most recent "Peace Days" celebration was a movie at the end of the day.

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

—Martin Luther King Jr.



## 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 2018-2019, Westernport Elementary School Library has received donations in memory of Ruth Carpenter, by the McIntyre family; in memory of Mary Biggs, former WES teacher, by Deborah Hendrickson; in memory of Eileen F. Edwards, by Barry and Patricia Fitzgerald; in memory of her former students, by Deborah Hendrickson; and in memory of Mary Biggs, by Sheila Golden..



## Got Creativity?

Students have been experimenting in the library media center with Makerspaces for 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. At WES, devices such as iPads and items such as littleBits, Contraptions (wooden planks), K'nex, Q-Bits, Zoob pieces and Brainflakes are used to encourage student creativity. Other activities include robots, named Dot and Botley, a magnetic marble run from Tumble Trax and a virtual reality game called Beasts of Balance. Shown at the right is fifth grade student,



Kerin Richard, with a beautiful flower that she created.

## Kids Heart Challenge

The Kids Heart Challenge, previously known as Jump Rope for Heart, was held at WES during the month of February to benefit the American Heart Association. The Kids Heart Challenge 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 \$103.00 this year. 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 11-15: Eli Karalewitz, Willow Guinn, Rya Long, Mackenzie Raines, Lauren Biser, Savannah Kimble and Trey Idol

Week of March 18-22: Brennan Whetzel, Lily Dennis, Eden Brashear, Americus Greene, Cayden Roy, Hunter Roy and Mikaili Fearon

Week of March 25-29: Kasadie Durst, Wesley Haggerty, Kahlan Chojar, Aaliyah Davis, Alysha Bittinger and Nicole Youmans

Week of April 1-5: Landon Alkire, Addison Lafferty, Addison Hanlin, Elisabeth Paugh, Megan Smith, Kambria Spalding and Skylar Dougherty

Week of April 8-12: Landon Alkire, Izaiah Clark, Briella Robinson, Maci Barbe, Fischer Beeman, Kyiah Green and "Alexandria Parker-Holmes

Week of April 15-18: Vayda Marsh, Taylor Schramm, Kadence Ervin, Gabby Shingler, Margo Webb, Leighton Johnson and Caleb White.

Week of April 22-26: Maci Iliff, Cyrix Whiteman, Landen Iliff, Ethan Mauck, Keagan Butler, Jailyn Johnson and Nautika Turner



## Healthier Treats for Kids

Candy treats have been a sugar-buster's nightmare! But offering healthier treats doesn't have to be time-consuming or expensive. Here are twenty "swaps" to offer in that are healthier than candy: 1) Goldfish crackers; 2) sidewalk chalk; 3) Granola bars; 4) paperback books; 5) Silly String; 6) coloring books and crayons; 7) bubbles; 8) water guns; 9) pretzels and single serve peanut butter packets; 10) Legos; 11) Glow sticks; 12) Play-Doh; 13) Trail Mix or dried fruit; 14) Popcorn packs; 15) a Kite; 16) pool or bath toys; 17) stuffed animals; 18) string cheese; 19) a DVD of a favorite movie; and 20) temporary tattoos. Don't worry if you still want to include a few pieces of candy. Special treats are what special days are all about. By substituting a few non-sugary treats with items from this list, you can cut your child's sugar intake by more than half!

For more information, call the Maryland Extension Educator Tammy Humberson at 301-724-3320.

The University of Maryland Extension Office is a partner in education with WES and will occasionally provide nutrition information to families and students which will be featured in our newsletter.



## STEM Night 2019



STEM Night was held at WES on March 13, 2019 for students in grades 1-5. Approximately 35 students participated in activities which incorporated science, math, engineering and technology. Activities included making play-doh, measuring pulse and reaction time, engineering challenges using spaghetti and marshmallows, and robotics. Mrs. Kara McDowell, Mrs. Amy Smith and Mrs. Alexa Fazenbaker assisted with STEM activities done in the cafeteria and in classrooms. Presenters included speakers from Potomac State College, Frostburg State University, Extreme Steam Robotics and the Westernport Elementary Calico Coders robotics team.

## Composting Helps the Earth

2 of 2 **Compost Day!!!**  
**Friday, April 26**

Bun only for both

- 1) Hot Dog
- 2) Sloppy Joe Sandwich
- 3) PB&J Sandwich

**Vegetables & Fruit**

- French Fries ✓
- California Blend ✓
- Pineapple Tidbits ✓

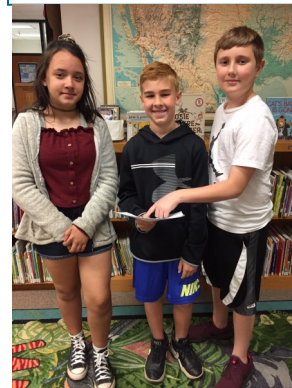
Fat Free or 1% Milk

Grab 1 napkin ♥♥♥

Under the direction of Mrs. Sarah Llewellyn, all third grade students at WES have been composting leftovers from their lunch trays each Wednesday since October 31st. An average of five pounds per week has been composted during the third grade lunch shift. So far this year, third grade students alone have diverted 162 pounds of cafeteria food from the landfill. It's a great way for students to do their part to help the environment.

Students at WES celebrated Earth Day on April 26th with a schoolwide composting event. The entire school composted 39 pounds of food in a single day. Ms. Athena Lee Bradley, organics specialist at the Northeast Recycling Council, and Mrs. Llewellyn led the event, which was an extension of the composting program, which was piloted this year in grade three. A food audit in April 2018 revealed that 94 pounds of food scraps could be possibly collected in one day. Because students are cutting back on their use of straws and napkins and are also choosing not to take items that they will not eat, the amount of food and other items in the trash can has decreased school wide. The amount of possible savings varies from menu to menu, however, students are definitely learning to avoid waste.

## Stock Market Game



A team of fifth grade students at Westernport Elementary School placed eighth out of 304 elementary level teams that completed in the year-long Stock Market Game, which was sponsored by the Maryland Council on Economic Education. They also placed 27th of 857 statewide teams who competed at the elementary, middle and high school levels. The students, who named their team "The Stock Dawgs", increased their hypothetical \$100,000 to \$113,406.22 by "buying" and "selling" stock during the school year. Westernport Elementary had first place regional winners in spring 2013, and a school team won the statewide yearlong competition in the spring of 2017. Students Alex Haines, Trey Idol and Nautika Turner are shown above looking at the final results of their season. The team was coached by teacher-librarian, Mrs. Deborah Hendrickson.



## 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-Mya Kolberg and Cyrix Whiteman; Grade 1-Briella Robinson and Ashlynn Lafferty; Grade 2-Aaliyah Davis and Bryan Claycomb; Grade 3-Josiah Alt and Nathan Whelan; Grade 4-Leighton Johnson and Wade Barbe; and Grade 5-Chloe Haggerty and Dominic Saville. The character trait for April is trustworthiness. Students who are extremely trustworthy in April will also receive a treat at McDonald's.

## PBIS Surprise Incentive



A surprise spring PBIS incentive was held for students at Westernport Elementary. Behavior tracking for the incentive began on March 25th and concluded on April 18th. To be eligible to attend the incentive, student could have no referrals, no red behaviors and no more than two yellow behaviors a week. Homework completion was at the teacher's discretion. During the morning of April 18th, students who earned the incentive went outside to watch members of the Mountain Ridge Girls Basketball team demonstrate how they

work together during a game. Then the students participated in basketball dribbling and shooting activities, which were led by team, and their coach, Ms. Val Broadwater. It was especially nice to welcome back WES alumni, including Isabel Brantner, Emily Montgomery, Kailia Puaauli, Zepplynne Shafer and Kristen Smith.



## Maryland Day 2019



The fourth grade class of Mrs. Jennifer Hughes recognized Maryland Day on March 25, which is an event that celebrates the day in 1634 that the first European settlers landed in Maryland. It is also a day when many Maryland residents take the time to celebrate their heritage and their state's history. Shown are students Kambria Spalding and Jaren Vasquez, who are saying happy birthday to our state.

## Magazine Recycling

Student interns from Frostburg State University recently conducted a magazine recycling event. During a two-week period, a total of 3,042 magazines (and catalogs) were recycled. Magazines were collected and counted by the interns and the total was announced daily. The classes which brought in the most magazines were Mrs. C. Smith's kindergarten (607), Mrs. Kara McDowell's first grade (406) and Ms. Tiffany Moran's third grade (353). Thanks to all who helped. The student interns hope that they taught students how important and easy it is to recycle magazines. Families are encouraged to drop off their magazines in the recycling bins on Washington Street, across from the former American Legion.

## It's an Attendance Incentive, Egg-actly!



62 students were invited to stay after school for a special treat on Tuesday, April 16th because these students had perfect attendance during the month of March. These students came to school on time, stayed all day and did not leave early! Mrs. Kim Aikman, Mrs. Barb Amtower, Mrs. Lisa Harris and Mrs. Elissa Pancake helped at the event. Students were treated to a snack, painted a ceramic egg, posed with Easter props for pictures and then went on an egg hunt. Tracking for the next incentive treat started on April 18th. Students who qualify will be invited to attend the next perfect attendance event, which will be held at the end of May.



## Peacemakers @ WES



A Peacemaker Program is now in place at Westernport Elementary to help students learn how to resolve conflicts peacefully on the playground. During recess, older student peacemakers help younger children who are having conflicts, help to lead games and are proactive in getting younger students involved in play.

To prepare to be peacemakers, students in third, fourth, and fifth grades were trained in peer mediation during guidance lessons taught by the school counselor, Mrs. Barb Amtower. After peacemaker training and role-playing was completed, student volunteers were assigned to teams of two or three. The older students take turns to assist with resolving conflicts which happen among students during kindergarten, first and second grade play periods. The student peacemakers wear a lanyard for identification and carry a folder to record the peer mediation steps, which are followed when the older students help a younger students with a conflict.

The older students have really enjoyed having this responsibility and the teachers on duty say they are pleased with the outcome. Through active participation in conflict resolution, all students will be more likely to keep the mediation steps in mind when they themselves encounter personal conflicts so that they may avoid violence.