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From the Principal...Mrs. Fazenbaker

It is hard to believe that we are into the last full month of the school year. Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 worked hard preparing for and taking the **ELA and Math PARCC assessments**. Now that testing is over, there are many "end of the year" activities that the students will be sure to enjoy! Congratulations to the fifth grade winners of the Stock Market Game who came in first place out of 40 elementary schools in the state. WES is proud of you and wish you well as you travel to Towson, Maryland to receive the recognition that you truly deserve.

As we finish the 2016-2017 school year, I would like to thank all parents and teachers who worked so hard this year to help the students at WES to be successful. 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 our 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,

which begins on Monday, June 12th and continues thru Friday, August 11th. This program is **FREE** for all students in the Westernport School district. If you have not signed up for the program, call the school at 301-359-0511 and we will get you the information. Since this is the final newsletter of the school year, I would like to wish a fond **FAREWELL** to our fifth grade students and wish them success as they move on to Westmar Middle School. Students, you have made some good friends and wonderful

memories here at WES and they will be memories that you will cherish forever. Summer hours for Westernport Elementary School are Monday-Thursday, 7:30 AM to 4:45 PM. Students are lucky to have a longer (than usual) summer vacation, but August will be here before we know it! The first day of school of the 2017-2018 school year (for grades one thru five) is Tuesday, August 29th. Pre-K and Kindergarten students will begin school on Wednesday, September 6th. Have a safe summer and enjoy your families!

WES School Calendar

MAY

May 16 (Tues.) AR Magic Show (to replace AR Skating Trip)
 May 18 (Thurs.) Westmar Middle School Band Concert
 May 19 (Fri.) Fourth Grade Field Trip to Canal Place @9:10 AM-2:15 PM
 May 22 (Mon.) Fifth Grade Visitation to Westmar Middle @ 1:00 PM
 May 24 (Wed.) Fifth Grade Trip to Philos Cemetery (to place flags on graves) @9:00-11:00 AM; PreK Walking Field Trip to Library/Port West @9:30 AM and 1:00 PM
 May 25 (Thurs.) Band/Orchestra Concert @2:00 for students/@6:00 for parents; AEP Showcase @ 5:15-6:00 PM
 May 26 (Fri.) Kindergarten to Hovatter's Zoo; Field Day @ WES for Grades 3, 4 & 5
 May 29 (Mon.) SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED-Memorial Day
 May 30 (Tues.) Fifth Grade Program @10:00 for grades PreK-4; @ 1:30 for parents
 May 31 (Wed.) Kindergarten Picnic @ Maryland Avenue Park

JUNE

June 2 (Fri.) **LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS/End of Second Semester/Close of Fourth Marking Period** 3-Hour Early Dismissal; Awards Assembly for students
 August 24 (Tues.) **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT @ 4:00-6:00 PM** (Watch the school sign for details.)
 August 29 (Tues.) **FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS** 3-Hour Early Dismissal (Gr. 1-5)
 September 6 (Wed.) **FIRST DAY for PreK and Kindergarten**

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 \$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.

WES has recently received donations from John and Alexa Fazenbaker in memory of Mrs. Fazenbaker's classmate, Bob Broadwater, grandfather of Cailyn and Ben Broadwater. Books purchased were Boats for Papa, 10 Ways I Can Help My Community and Captain Awesome Gets a Hole-in-one. Shawn and Erica Swisher and family made donations in memory of Patricia Wolfe, great-aunt of Sean Wade, and in memory of Bob Broadwater. Books purchased were Grandma's Gloves and Green Gardening and Composting and Football. Contact the school at 301-359-0511 for details of how you can donate, too.



In the Arts



VOCAL MUSIC: Fifth grade students are preparing for their end of year farewell concert. This original musical program is being written and arranged by **Ms. Patty Zimmerman**, vocal music teacher. We are looking forward to hearing the fifth grade sing and seeing them perform.

ART: Artwork created by students of **Mr. John Seibert** was on display at the Country Club Mall from April 26-30th at the annual Allegany County Art Show. The show included artwork of students Abigail Braithwaite, Mackenzie Derham, Mikaili Fearon, Paige Haggerty, Kierra Kaylor, Emma Kelley, Elizabeth Ketterman, Paiton Lease, Mercedes Lewis, David Miller, Azariah Ramos, Mia Ramos, Hunter Roderick, Sarah Shingler, Aiden Weimer and Tyler Whetzel
MORE ART NEWS: Trey Idol and Mercedes Lewis had artwork in the 13th Annual Allegany County Student Art Showcase, which was displayed at the Saville Gallery in Cumberland from March 21-31 2017.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC: The WES band, directed by **Mr. Harold McClay**, and WES orchestra, directed by **Mr. Jay Moon**, will be performing at the school on May 25th.

And The Winner Is...

WES students recently sold **Gardner's Easter Candy**. The top seller was Kierra Kaylor. She won a \$100.00 cash prize. The second place seller were twins, Brayden and Landen Iliff. They split a \$50.00 cash prize. The third place seller was Rylee Moran. 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 winner of the **Sheetz Gasoline Card** raffle, conducted by Grade 4, was Mrs. Ashley Rishel.



The **PTA Spring Fling** was held at WES on Saturday, May 6, 2017. The winner of the 50/50 was Betty Hartman. She won \$452.50. The gift baskets were won by:

PreK WVU Basket-Kierra Kaylor
 Kindergarten Baking Basket-Carole Kenny
 Grade 1 Outdoors Basket-Damon Sarfino
 Grade 2-Dog Toys Basket-Alyssa Taylor
 Grade 3 Snack Basket-Emilee Lambert
 Grade 4 Movie Basket-Carrie Streets
 Grade 5 Games Basket-Emogene Bosley

Martin's A+Rewards FINAL

596 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 a final total of \$3,078.76. 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. Thanks for your help!

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 6-10: Max Cole, Liam Dayton, Tommy Ellifritz and Emrick Johnson

Week of March 13-17: John Arlott, Nadiyah Placka, Megan Smith and Morgan Steckman

Week of March 20-24: Talen Kerchner, Georgia Kight, Oliver Marsh and Aiden Weimer

Week of March 27-March 31: Keagan Butler, Abigail Decker, Aiden Guthrie and Parker Rishel

Week of April 3-7: Cailyn Broadwater, Ian Duckworth, Zoey Kerchner and Eliza Rutter

Week of April 10-13: Alysha Bittinger, Hunter Roderick, Sean Wade and Emily Weimer

Week of April 17-21: Abigail Baker, Aiden Marsh, Kristen Paitsel and Zoe Pattison

Week of April 24-28: Michael Douglass, Jaquan Jackson, Olivia Kenny and Kealana Puaauli

Week of May 1-5: Cayden Haggerty, Emma Kelley, Emilee Lambert and Kira Ramos

Week of May 8-12: Jacob Fazzenbaker, Lynden Haggerty, Austin Pattison and Zoey Shipe

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

—Martin Luther King Jr.

Phone Book Recycling

Students in the Allegany County Schools recycled phone books from April 3rd through April 28th to do their part to support the 25th Annual Allegany County Phone Book Recycling Campaign. WES students collected 695 phone books.

Mrs. Sechler's class won first place at WES. They collected 183 phone books! Mrs. Richards's class was in second place by collecting 148 phone books. Mrs. Llewellyn's class was in third place and collected 64 phone books.

Cash prizes will also be awarded to the top six participating schools. (WES won last year!) Award determinations are based on the ratio of phone books collected to the total school population. The money must be used to purchase "green items" for the winning schools.

This project encourages students to do their part to help make the Earth a better place for future generations. Thanks to all who participated this year, which is the final year of this recycling project.

Got Creativity?

Students have recently been experimenting with Makerspaces in the library media center. 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 littleBits, Contraptions (wooden planks), K'nex, Q-Bits and Zoob pieces can also be used to encourage student creativity. The newest activities include robots, Dash & Dot, and a virtual reality game called Beasts of Balance. Shown at right is fourth grade student, Mollee Slaubaugh, with our new robots.



Kim Martin, head custodian, and custodians Gene "Bugs" Foutz, Donna McMillan and Richard Fitzgerald 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 bulletin boards, laminating, and other tasks which will help them to get ready for a successful school year.

We want to thank our custodians for all of their work during the summer and throughout the school year.



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 6-10: Ella Connor, Gracie Platter, Breanna Warden, Savannah Kimble,

Hunter Roderick, Maddox McKenzie and Zoey Shipe

Week of March 13-17: Ella Connor, Emily Ellifritz, Max Cole, Savannah Kimble, Trey Idol, Zoe Pattison and Anthony Dolly

Week of March 20-24: Clay Robinson, Zach Ramos, Harlie Todd, Caden White, Maaziah Fertig, Owen McGeady and Anthony Dolly

Week of March 27-March 31: Bailey Cavey, Emrick Johnson, Mason Weimer, Jayden PaughLee, Hunter Roderick, Erin Kesner and Aiden Braithwaite

Week of April 3-7: Bailey Cavey, Hailee O'Haver, Liam Dayton, Finn McNeal, Emma Trexler, Erin Kesner and Austin Pattison

Week of April 10-13: Ray Simon, Adrian Ketterman, Josiah Alt, Tyler Miller, Cole Ramsey, Gabrielle Decker and Carter Kight

Week of April 17-21: Zach Haggerty, Olivia Kenny, Kristen Paitsel, Alysha Bittinger, Chloe Haggerty, Kierra Kaylor and Nathaniel Ketterman

Week of April 24-28: Colin Stafford, Hailee O'Haver, Lynden Haggerty, Finn McNeal, Cambria Guinn, Maddox McKenzie and Gracie Raines

Week of May 1-5: Brayden Iliff, Gabrielle Shingler, Austin Cosner, Reid Robison, Tommy Ellifritz, Cameron Parker and Tyler Whetzel

Week of May 8-12: Nancy Cook, Ben Broadwater, Fischer Beeman, Madison Sgaggero, Kris Washington, Elizabeth Ketterman and Emma Wolford



Career Day 2017 @ WES



Career Day was held on Thursday, May 11, 2017. Speakers included representatives from (top row) Allegany County 911, the Allegany County Animal Shelter, the Allegany County Teachers Federal Credit Union, a local accountant, Mountain City Center for the Arts, Moran Manor Nursing Home, the Maryland State Police, Rocky Gap State Park and the FBI. Students enjoyed hearing from all of these community members.

"Counting Sheep" AR Project Completed



The Accelerated Reader winter 2017 "Counting Sheep" contest ended in May. Over 1,200 AR tests were passed between January 3, 2017 and May 1, 2017. Each test passed counted as 10 cents on the sheep chart, which was updated daily. At the conclusion of the contest, \$120.00 (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 Kyiah Green, Leighton Johnson, Damien Miller, Zoey Shipe, Lindsey Stafford, Alyssa Taylor and Mrs. Hendrickson read at home and raised an additional \$220.32 for the project. Those who raised extra money received one vote for each \$5.00 raised at home. After the vote was taken, a pig, two hives of bees and two flocks of chicks were chosen as the additional animals to be donated to Heifer International.

The 40 students who were the "Counting Sheep" contest winners received a small prize for their help, which was a cafeteria ice cream coupon. Thanks to all who supported this fund-raising effort. We are hoping that our total donation of \$340.32 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!

TRUST

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 **respect**. Those students who were extremely respectful during the month of March received a treat at McDonald's. Students honored include: Kindergarten-Charlie Spiker & Declan McGeedy; Grade 1-Sean Wade & Liam Dayton; Grade 2-Emma Decker & Kyiah Green; Grade 3-Emma Trexler & Hunter Roderick; Grade 4-Hailey Durst & Lindsey Stafford; and Grade 5-Ashlynn Hobbs & McKenna Swisher. The character trait for April was **Trustworthiness**. Those students who were extremely trustworthy included Grade K-Alivia Warnick & Olivia Kenny; Grade 1-Brie High & Ava Lupettie; Grade 2-Savannah Kimble & Emily Gurtler; Grade 3-Caleb White & Ashlynn Light; Grade 4-Hailey Durst & Layla Pattison; and Grade 5-Emma Wolford & Aidan Braithwaite. 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 2016-2017 and thanks to McDonald's, our Partner in Education.

How We Are Spending Our Summer Vacation

PreKindergarten: **Miss Kim (Mrs. Aikman)** will be at home getting healthy. She will be relaxing and not working a summer job for the first time in many years.

Kindergarten: **Mrs. C. Smith** will be traveling cross country, after baseball season, that is! She will also relax at the Outer Banks and at her brother's swimming pool. **Mrs. Harris** will be again helping her daughter, Chey, with Energy Express, and finish the planning of Chey's wedding. She cannot wait to see her beautiful Chey as a bride.

First grade: **Mrs. McDowell** will be spending quality time with her family as well as going to Williamsburg, VA. **Mrs. A. Smith** will be spending time at home enjoying her family as well as going to Myrtle Beach.

Second grade: **Ms. Kenny** will be reading many good books and enjoying time with her children at home. **Mrs. Richards** will be spending time with her twin boys and taking them on their first trip to Myrtle Beach.

Third grade: **Mrs. Llewellyn** will be enjoying time with her family and working in her garden. **Ms. Moran** will be enjoying the time off, and making hay (while the sun shines!) on her parents' farm.

Fourth grade: **Mrs. Hughes** will be traveling to the Great Smoky Mountains, attending a NASCAR race or two and making tons of memories with her family! **Mrs. Raines** will be traveling (to Scotland!) and will spend time with her family at Myrtle Beach. She will also be painting furniture as much as possible!

Fifth grade: **Mrs. Sechler** is excited to be going out west again with her family and to travel to the Outer Banks. **Mrs. Swisher** will be traveling to Chicago with her family to see the World Series Champions Chicago Cubs play at Wrigley Field. She also plans to go camping and to the Outer Banks.

Other Faculty and Staff: **Mrs. Fazenbaker** will be busy with the Westernport Summer Lunch Box Program. She will be working at WES all summer, too, but is also hoping to squeeze in a trip to Florida. **Mrs. Hanlin (Miss Stacey)** plans to spend time with her family and do some photography. **Nurse Patti Rounds** will be having shoulder surgery and going on several day trips with her husband. **Mrs. Nelson** will be spending a lot of time with family at Deep Creek Lake on the weekends. She is also taking her kids to Yogi Berra Park in Hagerstown. **Ms. Kyle** will be cruising to the Bahamas with her sons, her sister, and her niece. **Mrs. Weber** will be going to Mexico with friends, spending time with her grandson and family around the pool or at the lake, and reading lots of good books. **Mr. Follett** will be spending time with his wife and their new baby. **Ms. Haught plans to hang out at her house**, enjoy her pool and meet up with old friends from high school. **Mrs. Rankin** will be kayaking, glamping (camping in cabins, not tents) and visiting relatives in North Carolina.

Cafeteria Staff: **Mrs. Thompson** will be going to Florida and to her dad's in Savannah, GA for a little bit of rest & recreation. **Mrs. Bosley** will be going to the beach and resting up for our next school year. **Ms. Iliff** is going to the lake and spending time with her children. **Mrs. P. Fitzgerald** will be hanging out at her house and taking a summer trip. **Ms. Bitteringer** will be going swimming with her daughter and just spending time with her.

Instructional Assistants: **Mrs. Albright** will be spending time with her family. **Mrs. Cooper** will be living at Deep Creek Lake and enjoying every minute of it. **Mrs. Everline** will be going to Myrtle Beach. **Mrs. S. Fitzgerald (Miss Shelly)** will be relaxing with her nieces and nephew, going to the beach, Del Grosso Park, Nationals' games and spending time having picnics and backyard fires with her family (the most important part.) **Mrs. Lancaster (Miss Timmie)** will be going to Siesta Key, Florida and Myrtle Beach and spending as much time as possible with her sweet, sweet granddaughter. **Mrs. Payne** will be going visiting her youngest son in West Palm Beach, Florida and spending a week with her oldest son in Crisfield, MD. Camping, boating and spending time with her grandson, Briston, will take up the rest of her summer! **Mrs. Snyder** will be going spending time with family and getting her daughter ready for middle school. **Mrs. Shumaker** will be taking a trip to Colorado with her sister and brother to visit relatives. **Mrs. Steiding (Miss T)** will be enjoying the summer with her new grandson and family, camping and going to the beach.

Resource Teachers: **Mrs. Hendrickson** will again be a shopper for the Cumberland Summer Lunchbox Program, going to Alaska, and plans to catch up on her reading! **Mr. Moon** will be directing the Potomac Concert Band (at the concert in Cumberland at Canal Place before the fireworks!), working around the house and practicing the trumpet. **Mr. McClay** will be spending time with his family. **Mr. Seibert** will be relaxing and doing some personal art work. **Mr. Blowe** will be spending time with family, going to Chapel Hill and Myrtle Beach, playing a ton of golf and coaching summer basketball. **Mrs. Zimmerman** plans to spend time with her parents, family, and friends and her new kittens.

Finally, our parent involvement coordinator, **Mrs. Delsie Fazenbaker**, will be taking a trip to New York City and Pittsburgh, PA. She will be spending relaxing days at her pool and enjoying the girls before her daughter, Sydney, leaves for London in September.

Have a great summer, and see you all in August!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Westernport Faculty and Staff would like to express their thanks to Principal Alexa Fazenbaker, the Westernport Elementary PTA, students and parents who made the recent Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week so great. We enjoyed the wonderful food, the surprises in our mailboxes, fruit from ACEA, notes from students, breakfast coupons from McDonald's 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.

