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How We Are Spending Our Summer Vacation

Kindergarten: **Ms. Orange** plans to spend time with family, work at her other job and take time to relax. **Mrs. C. Smith** plans to spend time with her family.

First grade: **Mrs. McDowell** plans to vacation in the Outer Banks, attend some baseball games and just relax. **Mrs. A. Smith** is going on a cruise to Alaska, taking lots of walks, reading lots of books and enjoying her family. **Mrs. K. Zufall** will be spending time with her family, teaching summer school and then going to Lake Erie for a vacation.

Second grade: **Mrs. Chapman** will be traveling up the East Coast from Boston, Massachusetts to Bar Harbor, Maine. **Mrs. Kealy** plans to enjoy morning walks with her dogs, read lots of books and vacation in the Outer Banks.

Third grade: **Ms. Bolton** will be vacationing at Bethany Beach, DE, boating on Deep Creek Lake, helping with summer school and plans to enjoy a lot of time reading. **Ms. Carr** plans to take two classes at FSU and help her little sister prepare for her wedding.

Fourth grade: **Mrs. Hughes** will be spending time with her family, doing a little bit of traveling and reading lots of books. **Mrs. Raines** is planning to spend time with friends and family, relax in her new swimming pool and travel to Aruba.

Fifth grade: **Mrs. Cadwallader** is looking forward to traveling, relaxing and working at her travel agent job. **Mr. Jones** will be spending time with his family, traveling, golfing, bowling, and fishing as much as he can so that he can make fish tacos all summer long.

Mr. Horne will be spending his summer at various baseball fields and helping his daughter move to Florida. **"Mrs. Shelly" Fitzgerald** is going to enjoy her pool, do some gardening and plans enjoy her time at home and with her grandkids. She is going to be the secretary for summer school at Georges Creek. **Nurse Karalee Collage** plans to vacation in Charleston, SC, help with summer school and enjoy the warm weather. **"Miss Tessa" Lutton** plans to enjoy her first summer without college classes and spend a lot of time at Camden Yards and the beach! **Mrs. L. Wilson** plans to spend time with her family at the beach, cuddle with her dog, Ace, and help with summer school. **Mrs. Vinci** plans to spend summer by the pool with her kids and family, take day trips, go camping, and make a lot of new memories.

Mrs. Clark plans to teach summer school as well as spend time with her family, especially her three grandsons. **Mrs. S. Wilson** plans to spend time with her family and help with Vacation Bible School at her church.

Mrs. Dolly plans to relax in her backyard, read a lot of books, go to Ocean City and spoil her pets. **Ms. Haught** will be catching up on paperwork and housework that was put off due to her high caseload this year.

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From the Principal...Mr. Horne



Dear Westernport Families, It is amazing to see that the end of the school year arrived so quickly. Our students have come so far from the beginning of the year! Through the hard work and dedication of staff, families, and students, we were able to make it a successful and memorable year.

There are countless people to whom I owe an expression of gratitude. As parents and

guardians, your partnership and collaboration continues to be so important in achieving our goal of developing the maximum potential for every learner to thrive in our changing world. Thank you to all the staff for a great year. Congratulations to all of our students. A special shout out to our 5th grade! Good luck at Westmar Middle, and make us proud! I wish you all a very happy,

safe and enjoyable summer. Please be sure to take time as a family to talk, play and read together. The time will go fast. The school will be open this summer on Mondays through Thursdays from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM. If you have any questions, suggestions, or positive comments to share, please feel free to contact me at 301-359-0511 or

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Again, have a great summer and I hope to see all of you again in the fall!



WES Alumni Visits



Many Thanks



Command Sergeant Major Brooke Martin, a WES alumni, recently visited the second grade class of her niece, Amiya Martin, to tell students about her 21+ years in the US Army. She showed the students some of the equipment used and clothing worn by a typical soldier. (Pictured is student, Ryder Hanlin.)

Westernport Faculty and Staff would like to express their appreciation to Mr. Derek Horne, the Westernport Elementary PTA, as well as students and parents who made the recent Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week so wonderful. We enjoyed the Farmer's Market, lunchtime food and other special treats. Thanks so much! We feel so very fortunate to be part of such a great school community. Thanks once again for making us feel so special.

Orioles Fan #1



Our own "Miss Tessa" Lutton has served as one of the "ball girls" at home games of the Baltimore Orioles for the past three seasons.

WES School Calendar

- June 2 (Fri.) LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF-Three-Hour Early Dismissal; Close of Fourth Marking Period & End of Second Semester
- June 22 (Thurs.) Report Cards Released
- August 17 (Thurs.) Back to School Night, 5:00 PM
- August 23 (Wed.) SCHOOLS OPEN; Three-Hour Early Dismissal—Teacher Work Time

Summer Cleaning

Our custodians, Tim Martin, head custodian; David Parker and Tara Smith 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. 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, 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.

Thanks to all who have donated **memorial books** to our school library during 2022-2023. If you wish to donate a book, you may find the form under the "Library" tab on the Westernport Home Page.

OUR MOTTO: Building the Future—One Child at a Time.

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)



Mrs. Rankin is going to return to a childhood vacation spot to paddle Back Bay Wildlife Refuge and hopes to finish some home improvements on her list. **Mrs. Records** is looking forward to spending time with her kids/grandkids, doing house/yard projects and visiting with her mother at Peace Healthcare at Lions Center. **Mr. McGregor** is going to enjoy time with family.

Instructional Specialists: **Mrs. Beeman** is excited to help to plan her daughter's bridal shower and September wedding, as well as just spend time reading. **Ms. McMahon** will be getting married in July, traveling to the Dominican Republic, and settling in with a new family of six. **Mrs. Pratt** plans to spend the majority of her summer relaxing at camp and going in a few trips, including a Zach Bryan concert in Vegas!

Cafeteria Ladies: **Mrs. Lewis** will be working at another ACPs cafeteria during summer school. She will also be keeping up with her kids' sports schedules and at camp. **Mrs. Colmer** will be spending time in her pool, going to PNC Park to see the Pittsburgh Pirates play, vacationing in Ocean City, MD, and Myrtle Beach, SC and spending time with

her kiddos. **Mrs. Dayton** will be playing in the dirt as well as visiting her kids in Ohio and going to Niagara Falls. **Mrs. D. Llewellyn** will be working in another ACPs cafeteria during summer school and enjoying some small trips.

"**Mr. Mike**" Muir, our school resource officer, is going to the beach and is just planning to relax.

Instructional Assistants: **Mrs. Albright** will be vacationing in San Diego with family and friends. **Mrs. Benson (Miss Olivia)** will be going to Gatlinburg, TN with her family. **Mrs. Lancaster (Miss Timmie)** is going to spend time with her grandchildren. **Miss Marple (Miss Tammy)** is looking forward to spending time with family and friends, plus a lot of time in her swimming pool. **Mrs. Snyder** will be spending time with her grandbaby. **Mrs. Steiding (Miss T)** hopes for relaxation and restoration, so she is keeping it simple. She does hope to take a few road trips to water parks and also go camping. **Mrs. D. Fazenbaker** plans to enjoy her friends and family.

Resource Teachers: **Mrs. Hendrickson** will be working (very part-time) for the ACPs IT Department, reading lots of good books (of course) and will be going to Canada! **Mr. Blank**

will be golfing, going to the beach, and spending time with his family. **Mr. Blowe** will be spending time in Cleveland, Memphis (and Frisco, TX at the National High School Golf Tournament.) He also plans to play a lot of golf locally. **Ms. Hendrix** plans to enjoy her time off. **Mr. McClay** will be spending time with his family. **Mr. Seibert** plans to work on his house. Have a great summer, everyone!

Career Day-Hooray!

Career Day returned to WES on Friday, May 26, 2023. Students learned a lot about careers from Kayla Crowe, RN; Justin Dawson, electrician; EMS, Tri-Towns Rescue Squad; Aaron Fitzgerald, electrician; Frank Futch, Diesel Mechanic; Jeremy Metz, Outside Lineman; Kayla Matthew, FSU Annual Giving Specialist; Brandon McDougal, UPS; Michael Muir, School Resource Officer; Aaron Raines, Pharmacist; Roger Rudacille, Customer Service Representative; and Stephen White, HVAC Technician. Thanks to all who gave their time to talk to our students and to Laura Wilson and Tessa Lutton, who organized the event.

Spring Fling, Earth Day, and the Stock Market Game



Staff from the Joint Training Facility came to Westernport Elementary on Friday, May 19, 2023 to provide a program for the PBIS Spring Fling. Students could earn as many as 10 tickets for the event from showing positive behavior in their classrooms, resource classes, hallways and the cafeteria.

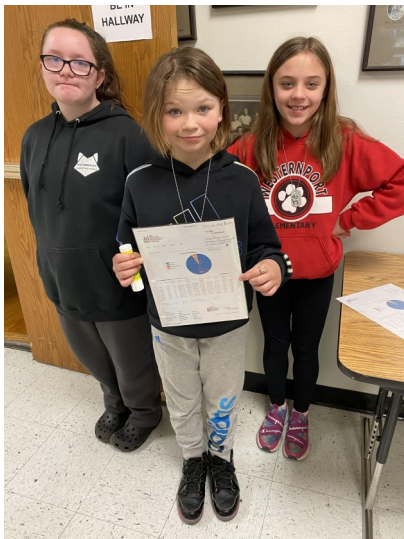
Students participated in activities throughout the day such as snookball, light battle, bubble soccer, archery tag, box hockey, laser tag, gaga ball, foot darts, human foosball, corn hole, ping pong, Connect 4, checkers, and inflatable axe throwing. Each student received a delicious treat from Kona Ice.

A great time was had by all.



Congratulations to fourth grade students, Jade Greenwald, Jaselynn Ravenscroft and Aurora Stephens, whose Stock Market Game team, the "Winnie the Poohs", finished 18th out of 295 teams in the North Region and 62nd of 742 teams at all grade levels.

Westernport Elementary had five teams participate in the year-long Stock Market Game, which is sponsored by the Maryland Council on Economic Education. Close behind the top WES team were "The Huskies", who placed in the top 10% of the 295 teams in the North Region. Fifth grade students, Brayden Lytle and Klarissa Paitsel, were the members of that team.



On April 25, 2023, students planted trees throughout the school property in celebration of Earth Day. All of the WES community will enjoy seeing these trees grow and provide shade.



Citizens of the Month

Students selected as "**Citizens of the Month**" exemplify the character trait for the month. They took a trip to McDonald's to recognize their achievement.

The character trait for **March** was having a **Positive Attitude**, which means **trying to find the best in any situation**. Those students who showed a positive attitude included Grade K-Bobby Hensley and Isis Roe; Grade One-Lillian Robinson, Logan Shapiro and Brittan Thierry; Grade Two-Jacob Hull and Jace Fitzgerald; Grade Three-Anastasia Roe and Kambre Wright; Grade Four-Liam Muir and Aden Powell; and Grade Five-Riley Gray and Brayden Iliff.

The character trait for **April** was **Self-Control**, which means having **control of one's actions and emotions and being aware of thoughts and feelings, then making an appropriate choice on how to behave**. Those students showing self-control include Grade K-Ava Bruce and Jaclynn Taylor; Grade 1-Ember Redman, Olivia Van Pelt and Peyton Davis; Grade 2-Kierra Bateson and Aliyah Shingler; Grade 3-Laydon Dobbs and Colton Dawson; Grade 4-Elijah Craze and Jaselynn Ravenscroft; and Grade 5-Nancy Cook and Kadence Ervin.

The character trait for **May/June** was **Perseverance**, which means **never giving up, even when things get difficult**. Those students who never give up include Grade K-Rivers Loughry and Roland Householder; Grade 1-Reid Richards, Ryder Twigg and Autumn Elliott; Grade 2-Harper Hensley and William Wade; Grade 3-Aden Rogers and Brooklyn Edwards; Grade 4-Mariah Wade and Isabella Dolly; and Grade 5-Brayden Lytle and Landen Iliff.

Thanks again to McDonald's for their support of the Citizens of the Month program in 2022-2023.

Fifth Grade Farewell

On Tuesday, May 30, 2023, a DARE graduation and farewell program was held on the front lawn of Westernport Elementary School to present completion awards, gift bags and several special awards to the outgoing fifth grade. Earlier in the year, fifth grade students wrote essays telling what they learned from the DARE program. Those chosen to read their essays were Oliver Marsh and Grayson Wilson. Students and parents attending received a treat after the program.

President's Award for Educational Excellence Winners: Kahlan Chojar, Tayler Getson, Brayden Lytle, Oliver Marsh, Klarissa Paitsel and Colin Stafford

President's Award for Educational Achievement Winners: Peyton Cavey, Nancy Cook and Riley Gray

Citizenship Award Winners: Ashlynn Lafferty and Grayson Wilson

"When becoming part of tradition, we leave behind our example and take with us our memories."



Band and Orchestra Concert 2023



The Spring Band and Orchestra Concert was held on May 25, 2023 in the Gym of Westernport Elementary School. Attending the concert were students in grades K-5.

Fifth Grade band members included Bailey Cavey, Peyton Cavey, *Nancy Cook and *Tayler Getson, Flute; Ashlynn Lafferty and *Adrianna Escobar Molina, Clarinet; *Mathew Alt and *Bentlee Slaubaugh, Saxophone; Alonzo Burkett, Brody Hook, *Brayden Iliff, *Klarissa Paitsel, Colin Stafford and Aliki Stephens; Trumpet; Riley Gray, Trombone; and Oliver Marsh, Aaliyah Redman and Grayson Wilson, Drums.

Fourth Grade band members included Adrianna Adkins, Silas Beeman, Lily Dennis, Jade Greenwald, Isabella Reed and Makenna Sgaggero, Flute; Addison Lafferty, Clarinet; Izaiah Clark, Cayde Crites and Willow Guinn, Saxophone; Madelynn Lantz, Trumpet; and Charlotte Haggerty, Jayden Larue, Aden Powell, Cyrix Whiteman and Atalie Wilson, Drums.

Song selections included *Jump Rope*, *March Steps*, *Listen to Our Section*, *Oh, Susanna*, *Camptown Races*, *Variations on a Familiar Theme*, *Hey, Ho! Nobody's Home*, *Mexican Clapping Song*, and *Hard Rock Blues*.

The band was directed by Mr. Harold McClay, band instructor.

**Members of All County Band*

Fifth grade orchestra members included Bentley Beaule, Liam Chevalier; *Khloe Douglass, *Landen Iliff, *Santana Kuhn, *Brayden Lytle, Karson Oliverio, *Dustlyn Rebar, Briella Robinson, Landon Shimer and Esther Smith, Violin; and *Kahlan Chojar; Viola.

Fourth grade orchestra members included Johnathan Fasching, Jamyson Hanlin, Addison Hensley, James Johnson, Jaselynn Ravenscroft, Violin; and Hayden Doman and Jaxon Elliott, Viola.

Song selections included *Open String Dance*, *D Major Scale*, *D Major Arpeggio*, *Boil Them Cabbage*, *Twinkle Twinkle*, *Cross Over the River*, *Lunch Time*, *Dinosaur Damage*, and *We Will Rock You*.

**Members of All County Orchestra*

The orchestra was directed by Mr. Jacob Blank, orchestra instructor.

We Played Marbles! We Loved it!



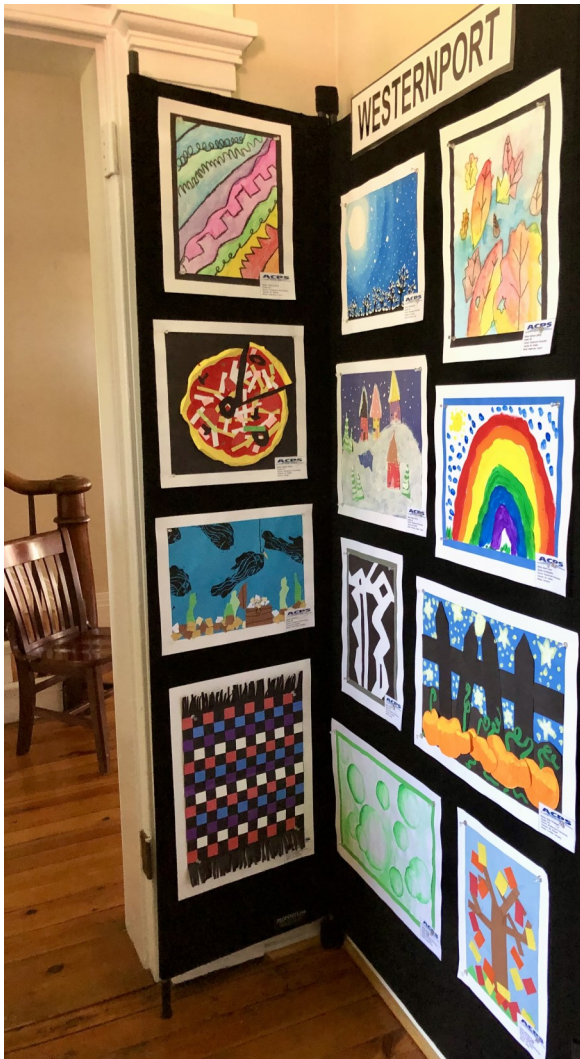
On April 14, 2023, students in grades 3, 4 and 5 learned about the game of marbles during the physical education classes of Mr. Josh Blowe. Cumberland natives Ricky Brode, who was 2009 National Marbles Champion when he was 14 years old, and Renee Mawhinney Truly, who has been involved in playing marbles since childhood (her dad, Rick Mawhinney, was the 1991 National Marbles Champion) were the instructors. They taught students how to play this game, which has been a favorite of children for centuries. The game of marbles is believed to have started with cave people playing with small rounded pebbles or balls of natural clay.

Pictured (at left) is Colton Dawson; instructor, Ricky Brode and Brennan Whetzel. Shown at right is Tayler Getson with classmates Bailey and Peyton Cavey, who came to the city event to cheer for her!



In the Arts...

Students from Westernport Elementary had artwork displayed at the annual "**Allegany County Student Art Showcase**" which was held at the C. William Gilchrist Museum of the Arts in Cumberland, MD. The museum was open to the public for two weekends in April 2023. Students who had work on display were: Kahlán Chojar, Kiya Chojar, Peyton Davis, Lily Dennis, Slate Guinn, Santana Kuhn, Addison Lafferty, Brantlee Pope, Dustlyn Rebar, Hillary Shapiro, Esther Smith, and Aaliyah Spiker.



Congratulations!

Great Job



A child is a person who is going to carry on what you have started.

He or she is going to sit where you are sitting, and when you are gone, attend to those things which you think are important. You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they are carried out depends on him or her. They will assume control of your cities, states, and nations. They are going to move in to take control of your churches, schools, universities and corporations. All your books are going to be judged, praised, or condemned by them. The fate of humanity is in their hands.

—Attributed to Abraham Lincoln.

Our History: Recalling the Past to Inform the Present to Guide the Future!



2022-2023 was a year in which we recognized milestones in the history of Westernport Elementary School.

August 2022 marked 30 years since the renovation of WES. (Students attended Westmar Middle and Barton Elementary during the 1991-1992 school year.) A program was held on October 18, 1992 to rededicate the building.

November 9, 2022 was the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the school cornerstone during the construction of the building. A program was held on the front lawn of the school to commemorate the event. Students proudly wore 100th Anniversary Hoodies. A picture was taken to replicate the original ceremony to place the cornerstone, which was held November 9, 1922, while the building was still under construction.

Finally, April 8, 2023 marked 65 years since our school building (the former Bruce High School) became an elementary school. Students moved out of Hammond Street School and into WES on April 8, 1958 and the school was renamed Westernport Elementary School.

To celebrate this milestone, grade five students at Westernport Elementary did a service project as a way of "giving back" to the local community. The students filled cake pans with items needed to bake a birthday cake (or any occasion cake...) after asking for donations of a cake mix of any kind, birthday candles, a container of any flavor of icing and/or a can of Sprite, which could be used instead of oil and eggs, if the recipient did not have either. The school provided the disposable 9x13 aluminum cake pans and lids. Students hoped to collect enough food items to create 65 containers, and they got pretty close to their goal, as well as received miscellaneous items. Donations of food items were accepted at the school and the Westernport branch of the Allegany Library System from April 12th through April 26th. A total of 244 pounds of food was donated to the Tri-Towns Food Pantry in Piedmont, WV.

A final event to conclude our yearlong celebration is to fill a time capsule with memorabilia from 2023, including our school yearbook. Suggestions are still welcome! Contact Deborah.Hendrickson@acpsmd.org to share your ideas.

