



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

Building the Future—One Child at a Time

## Making Strides @ WES

Westernport Elementary School faculty, staff, and students participated in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" fundraiser in October. A total of \$1,179.75 was raised by the sale of pink and white tie dye t-shirts, which were worn to school on Friday, October 16th, and the sale of pink "tattoos." Cash donations were also accepted. All money was donated to the American Cancer Society to be used to fund breast cancer research, provide free comprehensive information and support, and to help people take steps to reduce their breast cancer risk or find it early when it is most treatable. A "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" Walk was held at Canal Place in Cumberland on Saturday, October 17, 2015. Our team included staff members Alexa Fazzenbaker, Eric Follett and Kim Aikman as well as community members Peggy Boal, Patricia Bosley, Carlie Johnson, John Fazzenbaker and Jessica Follett. Ms. Julie Kyle was the chairperson of the event at WES and coordinated the fundraising. Shown above with Ms. Kyle are students Jackson Brasher, Landon Brashear and Alex Haines.



**FluMist Clinic Date Change...** Due to a shortage of supplies, the FluMist clinic at Westernport Elementary School will now be held on December 18, 2015 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.



Westernport Elementary School is a very "happening" place! Students have been reading and testing for a chance to attend the Accelerated Reader Skating Trip that will be held on November 5<sup>th</sup>. All students who qualified for the trip will be traveling to the Moon Glo Skating Rink for a fun night of roller skating. The PTA is sponsoring a Fall Bazaar at the school on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Many vendors

will be coming and a bake sale will be held. Please come out and support the PTA to help them raise funds which will be used to provide many things for our students this year. A parent workshop will be held on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Nelson will be talking to parents on the topic "Helping Children Learn to Resolve Conflicts." Third and fourth grade students

will be presenting a Veterans Day Program on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 PM for parents and the community. All veterans and service men and women are invited to attend as well. Please come out to support our students. Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade completed their Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program under the direction of Mr. Tim Stevens, our resource officer. A DARE

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## From the Principal...Mrs. Fazzenbaker

celebration took place on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Many parents, grandparents, and friends came to celebrate with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade! Until next month.... Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoy your family!





## Safety Matters

*There are lots of children,  
but none to spare.  
Watch out for us  
on the bus and at the crosswalk!*

Children at Westernport Elementary School need to cross the parking lot when going out to play. They have been taught to "wait for the teacher" to assist them to cross at the crosswalk. Please help us to keep our children safe (as well as faculty, staff, parents and grandparents) by STOPPING at the stop signs on either side the crosswalk. Please look for children crossing the parking lot in other places during student drop off and pick up as well (morning, lunchtime and at dismissal time). Thank you 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 token 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. Some of our latest peaceful students are:  
Week of September 28-October 2: Dawn Cook, Elizabeth Schramm, Morgan Steckman and Aiden Weimer  
Week of October 5-9: Cailyn Broadwater, Remington Mowbray, Alyssa Taylor and Bentley Tippet  
Week of October 12-16: Lucas Burkett, Maxwell Cole, Zoey Shipe and Cheyenne Whetzel  
Week of October 19-23: Jacob Harrison, Finn McNeal, Kaylee Snyder and Emma Streets

You can find the new Westernport Elementary Home Page by going to <http://www.acpsmd.org/wt>



## WES School Calendar

- ◇ Nov. 4 (Wed.) Ms. Barbara to visit PreK and Kindergarten classes @ 10:00 & 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- ◇ Nov. 5 (Thurs.) AR Skating trip to Moon Glo (for winners) @3:30 p.m.
- ◇ Nov. 7 (Sat.) PTA Fall Bazaar from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- ◇ Nov. 9 (Mon.) Report Cards distributed
- ◇ Nov. 10 (Tues.) Veterans Day program by Grades 3 & 4 @1:45 p.m.
- ◇ Nov. 11 (Wed.) Make up pictures
- ◇ Nov. 12 (Thurs.) Lonaconing Lions Club PreK Vision Screenings
- ◇ Nov. 17 (Tues) 2 HOUR DELAY for Professional Development
- ◇ Nov. 19-24 (Thurs-Tues) Book Fair
- ◇ Nov. 19 (Thurs.) Build-a-Book@ 6:00 p.m.
- ◇ Nov. 20 (Fri.) Book Fair Family Night
- ◇ Nov. 25 (Wed.) 3 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL-Thanksgiving Vacation begins (Offices closed Nov. 26 & 27.)
- ◇ Nov. 30 (Mon.) SCHOOLS REOPEN

## Attendance Drawing



Here are the 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, his/her name is not announced and is put back in the bucket and a new name is drawn.

Drawings are held each Monday. One coin is awarded to each grade level.

Week of September 28-October 2: Alivia Warnick, Sean Wade, Max Kalbaugh, Brody Dayton, Tyler Keller, Alyssa Taylor and Eric Fadley  
Week of October 5-9: Bailey Brashear, Lauren Biser, Vinnie Dyer, Nautika Turner, Zoe Pattison, Carlee Blizzard and Macy Guinn  
Week of October 12-16: Delaney White, Megan Carpenter, Alysha Bittinger, Caleb White, Kaitlyn Todd, Hailey Burdock and Connor Guy.  
Week of October 19-23: Parker Rishel, Nathan Miller, Caden White, Tommy Ellifritz, Skyler Saville, Emilee Lambert and Leuma Puaauli  
**Excellent attendance will help your child achieve in school.** Please try to make sure that your child spends a full day in school, each and every day.

## Title I Tips

The Home School Compact outlines what the school staff, parent and child will do to increase learning for our students. Parents and school staff help to write the agreement. We review the compact each spring and ask for parents to comment on the compact each year. The compacts are signed and a copy is stapled in your child's assignment notebook. It is a tool to be used during the year to help everyone remember how important it is for all of us to work together to help our students learn. Please review the Home School Compact throughout the year and use it to help your child to succeed in school.



# Accelerated Reader Tips: Parent Link and AR Bookfinder



Did you know that you can follow your child's progress in the Accelerated Reader program online?

With a few clicks of the mouse, you can go to the Renaissance Learning website, log in using the **Parent Link** and then

view School-to Home Report. You can also see how your child has done on AR quizzes taken throughout the school year by viewing the Goals and Points and Student Record reports. The Parent link is found on our school home page or <https://hosted334.renlearn.com/30757/> Please e-mail or send a note with your e-mail address to Mrs. Hendrickson (Deborah.Hendrickson@acpsmd.org)

so that she may send you a secure log-in and password.

The names of the "**Top Five**" readers in each classroom and the monthly "**Schoolwide Stars**" are displayed on the bulletin board near the office.

The online version of the AR program allows almost unlimited selection of books and quizzes, but a few older titles are not represented. You may use the **AR Bookfinder** to help your child select books of personal interest. It is a great way for your child to select AR books from the school and public libraries and from his/her classroom.

<http://www.arbookfind.com/UserType.aspx>

Both the Accelerated Reader Link and link to the AR Bookfinder are also located on the Westernport Home Page.



## Meet the (New) Faculty and Staff

**Mrs. Denise Payne** is a new instructional assistant at WES. She currently works in grade four. Mrs. Payne is a 1982 graduate of Frostburg State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education. She earned a Master's Degree in Curriculum & Instruction (Educational Technology) in 2000. She worked downstate at several day care facilities before coming to the FSU Chil-

dren's Center in 1988. She designed the program and served as director and teacher of the 2-5 year old program until the center closed in fall 2014. Mrs. Payne is a native of Baltimore and lives in Garrett County with her husband, Bill.

**Ms. Julie Thomas** is a new instructional assistant at WES. She works in grade three. Ms. Thomas is a graduate of Westmar High School. She earned an associ-

ate's degrees in sociology, social work and general studies from Allegany College of Maryland. She graduated from FSU in December 2008 with a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology. Ms. Thomas lives in Barton with her son, Chase, age 13, and daughter, Peyton, age 11.

We are glad to have Mrs. Payne and Ms. Thomas as a part of our WES family.

## Ways to Support WES

If you want to help WES raise money for the "extras" that every school needs, there are several ways to do it! You can

-share your Martin's BonusCard number with the school. WES will receive one point for every dollar that you spend at the supermarket, and those points will become dollars for the school.

-send in Box Tops for Education. Each box top is worth 10 cents. The money will directly help your child's classroom.

-support school and PTA fundraisers when you are able to do so.



Congratulations to Nickolas Dawson, first place winner, who sold 55 boxes of Krispy Kreme donuts. He won a \$100.00 cash prize. Eliza Rutter was in second place, selling 45 boxes. She won a \$50.00 cash prize. Hailey Durst was in third place and

won a cash prize of \$25.00 for selling 41 boxes of donuts.

Finally, congratulations to all students who brought in a Computers for Education booklet and received two small prizes. Congratulations also to Connor Thomas Bryan, who won the drawing for the grand prize, JoeBot the Robot. The t-shirts for those whose friends and families purchased two magazine subscriptions will be arriving soon!



# 2015-2016 PTA Meetings PIERS Schoolyard Investigation

2015-2016 PTA meetings have been scheduled to coincide with other scheduled events at Westernport Elementary School. Upcoming PTA meetings and activities include:

October 31, 2015-Halloween Parade (PTA meeting @1:45 p.m. in the school cafeteria)

December 7-10, 2015 Santa's Secret Shop

December 22, 2015-Christmas Program (PTA meeting @ 1:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria)

March 7, 2016-Founder's Day Dinner (PTA meeting @6:00 p.m. in the school gym)

May 10, 2016-General Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendar and plan to participate in these important events and support your PTA by becoming an active member.



Grade two students in Allegany County are examining soil to learn about an important natural resource and habitat and to focus on the composition and characteristics

of soil found in their own schoolyard. Students read and discussed a picture-book describing soil as habitat (Jump into Science: Dirt), and used this book to have a discussion of living and non-living things found in the soil - including foods they eat. Then students learned how, without plants, this important natural resource can be lost due to erosion. Students are working on this experiment as part of a Partners in Ecology and Restoration of Schoolyards (PIERS) schoolyard-*Soil Habitat* investigation. Grade two students at WES (above) are shown working with soil on the Westernport Elementary playground

## Halloween @ WES



## Citizens of the Month

Student "Citizens of the Month" were recently chosen. Students who were selected earned a trip to McDonald's for a treat.

The character trait for September was Responsibility.

Grade K-Nevaeh Blowe and Carlynn Escobar

Grade 1-Emily Gurtler and Savannah Kimble

Grade 2-Mikaili Fearon and Cambria Guinn

Grade 3- Jacob Fazenbaker and Elizabeth Ketterman

Grade 4-Corbin Ravenscroft and Jacy Tinsley

Grade 5-Samantha Wiland and Kyler Baker



## Book Fair...it's in November



Due to the spring PARCC test schedule, the annual Westernport Elementary School Book Fair has been moved to the end of November. The Book Fair will open for student browsing on Thursday, November 19th. The Family Night Pre-Sale will be held on Friday, November 20th and students will also be able to shop in school on Monday, November 23rd and Tuesday, November 24th. Parents are welcome to sign in at the office and shop on Monday or Tuesday, too. Books make great holiday gifts!

Thanks to help from the school office fundraisers, as well as anticipated book fair profit, all WES students will be able to choose one free book from the book fair, up to \$6.99 in value.

Remaining profit from all sales will be used by Westernport Elementary School to provide materials for the library and to