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Building the Future—One Child at a Time

Making Strides @ WES 2017



Westernport Elementary School faculty, staff, and students participated in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" fundraiser in October. A total of \$1,049.05 was raised by the sale of pink bracelets, pink lollipops and pink hats, as well as by contributions made online or given at school by students, faculty, staff and friends. 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 21, 2017. Our team included staff member, Eric Follett, as well as community members Jessica Follett, and Kasey Follett. Ms. Julie Kyle was the chairperson of the event at WES and coordinated the fundraising. Shown above standing in front of pink cards with names of student donors are students Leighton Johnson, Rachel Wolford, Liam Dayton, Keagan Butler, Holli Konke and Draven Harvey, who wore pink items on October 20th.



From the Principal...Mrs. Fazenbaker

November

It's so hard to believe that October is over and November is here! It has been a busy October here at Westernport. We started the month off with honoring our grandparents with a program in the gym. Thanks to all who were able to attend this program. Thanks to all parents who attended the first Parent Conference Day to meet with our teachers. Thanks to our PTA for organizing the annual Fall Fun Night. A fun time was had by all! Thanks to our own Potomac Fire Company #22

and to the Cumberland Fire Department who came to present information to our students during Fire Prevention Week. Finally, thanks to everyone who came to view our annual Halloween Parade. The costumes were great and the students and staff had such a great time! Westernport Elementary sold a total of 847 dozen doughnuts for our first school fundraiser of the year. Congratulations to the top sellers. The top winner, who sold 51 dozen doughnuts, was Kierra

Kaylor, fifth grade. She won the \$100.00 prize. The second place winner, who sold 44 dozen doughnuts, was Josiah Alt, second grade. Josiah earned \$50.00. The third place winner, who sold 26 dozen doughnuts, and who earned \$25.00 was third grade student, Ashlynn Durst. I would like to thank everyone who supported our Krispy Kreme Fundraiser in October. Our fifth grade students will be having a DARE Celebration on Thursday, November 9th at 2:00

PM. Grades K, 1 and 2 will be presenting a Veteran's Day Program on Tuesday, November 14th at 1:45 PM for the parents and community. All veterans and service men and service women are invited to attend. Until next month....Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoy your family over the upcoming holiday!



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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 keep faculty, staff, parents and grandparents safe) 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 October 2-6: Bella Constable, Nadiyah Placka, Ray Simon and Margo Webb

Week of October 9-13: Fischer Beeman, Wesley Haggerty, Adrian Ketterman and Xzavier Wilt

Week of October 16-20: Cailyn Broadwater, Jacob Fazzenbaker, Kierra Kaylor and Ella Tranum

Week of October 23-27: Alyssa Crossland, Draven Harvey, Trey Idol and Paiton Lease

Excellent attendance and peaceful behavior will help your child to have success each day in school. Please try to make sure that your child spends a full day in school, each and every day and that he/she works hard each and every day to be a peaceful student.

WES School Calendar

- ◆ Nov. 1 (Wed.) Dental Sealants continue
- ◆ Nov. 2 (Thurs.) Allegany County Library System Storycorps visits PreK & Kindergarten; Close of First Marking Period
- ◆ Nov. 3 (Fri.) 3-HOUR EARLY DIMISSAL (Teacher Work Time):
- ◆ Nov. 6 (Mon.) Sheriff Craig Robertson & Health Department representatives to talk to Grade 5 @2:00 PM
- ◆ Nov. 8 (Wed.) Jennifer Howell, ACPL, to speak to grades 3, 4 & 5 during tech time
- ◆ Nov. 9 (Thurs.) DARE Celebration @2:00 PM; McDonald's Spirit Night @4:00-7:00 PM
- ◆ Nov. 14 (Tues.) Read for Health Literacy Curriculum (Grades PreK & K); Veterans Day Program presented by Grades K-2 @ 10:00 AM (dress rehearsal) and 1:45 PM (community invited); Report Cards distributed
- ◆ Nov. 15 (Wed.) Jennifer Howell, ACPL, to speak to grades 3, 4 & 5 during tech time
- ◆ Nov. 16 (Thurs.) Book Fair Browsing during library classes
- ◆ Nov. 17 (Fri.) Book Fair Browsing during library classes; Book Fair Family Night Shopping @ 4:00-6:00 PM (Cafeteria)
- ◆ Nov. 20-21 (Mon. & Tues.) Book Fair Shopping (for students)
- ◆ Nov. 22 (Wed.) 3-HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL- Thanksgiving Vacation begins; school reopens Tuesday, November 28th.

Attendance Drawing



Here are the results of the weekly attendance drawing, which is sponsored by Verso Corporation. The names of the students which 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 October 2-6: Madison Lantz, Bailey Cavey, Kamiah Jackson, Sarah Shingler, Cayden Haggerty, Abbigale Lambert and Mollee Slaubaugh

Week of October 9-13: Addison Shingler, Aaliyah Redman, Bryan Claycomb, Mason

Weimer, Jaquan Jackson, Dominic Saville and Skyler Saville.

Week of October 16-20: Silas Beeman, Ella Tranum, Parker Rishel, Makenna Turner, Leighton Johnson, Abbigale Lambert and Zoe Pattison

Week of October 23-27: Jaselynn Ravenscroft, Lacey Crossland, Adrian Ketterman, Paige Haggerty, Witten Greene, Mikaili Fearon and Zoe Pattison



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 or revise 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.

Shown at left are students walking down the hallway with Wall-E, the academic robot who has been visiting WES this fall.

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.

In addition, the names of the "Top Five" readers in each classroom and the monthly "Schoolwide Stars" are displayed on the bulletin board near the school 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 and books that support your child's reading skills. 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 Parent Link and the link to the AR Bookfinder are located on the Westernport Home Page.



(Shown above looking up a book in the AR Bookfinder are fourth grade students Emmalee Tranum and Chloe Haggerty.)

Let's Give the Kids...

Sometimes the holidays can be times of stress and conflict. This article by syndicated columnist Connie Schultz, which is used by permission of the author, has some suggestions for creating happy memories for children, in spite of the issues which might exist between adults in their lives. Read the article if you feel that this topic might be helpful to you.

A link to the article, which is called "Let's Give Kids a Holiday from Divorce", can be found at: <https://www.creators.com/read/connie-schultz/10/15/lets-give-the-kids-a-holiday-from-divorce>

The opinions found in this article are those of the author.

Red Ribbon Week

Westernport Elementary School celebrated Red Ribbon Week on Monday, October 23rd through Friday, October 27th. Red Ribbon Week began in 1985 as a means of honoring D.E.A. agent Enrique Camarena, who gave his life fighting the war against drugs. Red Ribbon Week reminds students how to make healthy choices. Students learn why drugs are dangerous and how to say no to drugs. This year's national theme is: "Your Future Is Key, So Stay Drug Free."

Student activities during the week used the themes of "Red"-Y to Live A Drug-Free Life, Hats Off to Being Drug-Free, Don't Let

Drugs Mix You Up, Pledge to Be Drug-Free and Say Boo to Drugs. Mrs. Barbara Amtower, guidance counselor, led the school wide activities. Mrs. Amtower suggests that Red Ribbon Week is a great time to open a dialogue with your child at home and discuss issues like peer pressure and making the right choices for a healthy future.



Ways to Support WES/Congratulations

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

- sign up online to 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. You will not lose your own points!

- 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 Joan Beeman, who won the 50-50 drawing at Fall Fun Night 2017, and to Jennifer Brashear, Johny and Jamyson Hanlin, Karen Quinn, Becca Smith, Sean Wade and Robin Warnick, who won the baskets.

Congratulations to all who helped the school by selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts and special congratulations to the top three winners!



Finally, congratulations to all students who brought in completed Reading for Education booklets and who received two small prizes. The t-shirts for those whose friends and families purchased two magazine subscriptions will be arriving soon!

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

2017-2018 PTA Meetings

Fire Contest Winners

Open Parent Meetings (6:00 PM in the gym) will be held on Mondays. The next dates are December 11, 2017 @ 5:30 PM, March 5, 2018 @ 6:00 PM & May 14, 2018 @ 5:30 PM, which is election of officers for 2018-2019.

The PTA Officers will meet on the first Monday of every month. Times will vary.

2017-2018 PTA Activities for families and children will include:

November 9, 2017 McDonald's Spirit Night (4:00-7:00 PM)

December 11-13, 2017 Santa's Secret Shop

December 15, 2017 Pictures with Santa

February 14, 2018 Ice Cream Social (1:45 PM)

March 5, 2018 Founder's Day Dinner (6:00 PM)

May 4, 2018 Spring Fling (6:00-8:00 PM)

May 5, 2018 PTA Yard Sale (8:00 AM-12:00 noon, with setup at 7:00 AM)

Support your PTA by becoming an active member. Dues are \$5.00 per person. **Join us on Facebook, too!**



Bicycles and helmets were presented by the Potomac Fire Department to winners of the yearly poster and coloring contests. Shown with their posters and new bicycles are students Ian Derham and Nicole Youmans. Shown with their coloring pages and new bicycles are students Delaney White and Fischer Beeman. The fire department also presented several programs at WES during Fire Prevention Week and participated in a school fire drill.

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 October was trustworthiness.

Grade K-Oliver Marsh & Klarissa Paitzel

Grade 1-Declan McGeady & Ethan Mauck

Grade 2-Sarah Shingler & Jeremy Fasching

Grade 3-Kealana Puauli & Destiny Studli

Grade 4-Nicole Youmans & Abbigale Lambert

Grade 5-Jacob Fazenbaker & Layla Miller



Book Fair...Coming in November



The annual Westernport Elementary School Book Fair will be held at the end of November. The Book Fair will be open for student browsing on Thursday, November 16th and Friday, November 17th during library classes. Family Night Sales will be held on Friday, November 17th from 4:00-6:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Students will also be able to shop at school on Monday, November 20th and Tuesday, November 21st. Parents are welcome to sign in at the office and shop on Monday or Tuesday, too. Profit from all sales will be used by Westernport Elementary School to provide materials for the library and to support related library programs in 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

Please mark your calendars! Books make great holiday gifts!

