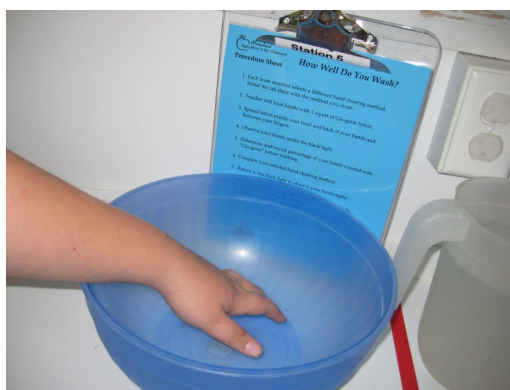




# W.E.S...It's Elementary2

Building the Future—One Child at a Time

## "Food, Fiber and You" Mobile Science Lab @ WES



Westernport Elementary School students recently participated in activities supported by grant funds supplied by the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc. and Western Maryland Local Section of the American Chemical Society. Students in grades K-5 attended classes in the Mobile Science Lab which was parked right on the front lawn of the school. The activities included scientific investigations called "How Well Do You Wash?", "Extra Cheese, Please", "Seeds, Seeds, Seeds", "The Science of Chocolate" and "Yeast Action." In "How Well Do You Wash", seen above, fifth grade students applied a special solution to their hands, then examined their hands under a black light. Students tried different methods to reduce the amount of bacteria, including hand sanitizer, alcohol wipes, soap and water and just plain water. Students used their math skills to estimate the original amount of bacteria and to conclude how much bacteria was left after washing with the different products. The students concluded that handwashing for 20 seconds was the best way to remove bacteria. It was a great week.



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## 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 Elementary.

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 who came to present information to our students during Fire Prevention Week. Finally, thanks to everyone who came to view our

annual parade of costumes. The costumes were great and the students and staff had such a great time!

Westernport Elementary sold a total of 992 dozen doughnuts for our first school fundraiser of the year. Congratulations to the top sellers, who are listed on page three. I would like to thank everyone who supported our Krispy Kreme Fundraiser.

Our students were fortunate this year to have the "Food,

Fiber and You" Mobile Science Lab at our school. The lab was fully funded by grants by the Maryland Ag Education Foundation and the Western Maryland Local Section of the American Chemical Society. Our fifth grade students held a DARE Celebration on Tuesday, October 30th.

Upcoming events include a Veteran's Day Program, which will be presented by grades three, four and five on Tuesday, November 13th at 1:45 PM for parents and

community. It is a tribute to the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI and will include The Bells of Peace. All veterans and service men and service women are invited to attend. The Book Fair "Books & Bingo" event for Grandparents and Grand Friends will be held on November 19th from 4:30-6:30 PM. Until next month....Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoy your family over the holiday!



## 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 of 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.



**OUR MISSION:** Westernport Elementary will partner with family and community to build a better world—one child at a time.

**OUR VISION:** We 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 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 1-5: Maci Bittinger, Nevaeh Blowe, Michael Douglass and Americus Greene

Week of October 8-12: Jamyson Hanlin, Abbigale Lambert, Rya Long and Jacob Whetstone

Week of October 15-19: Skylar Crites, Isabella Dolly, Aiden Guthrie and Nicholas Freeman

Week of October 22-26: Chloe Haggerty, Leighton Johnson, Mya Kolberg and Bella Peck

**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. 2 (Fri.) Close of First Marking Period
- ◆ Nov. 5 (Mon.) 3-HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL (PM Teacher Work Time)
- ◆ Nov. 6 (Tues.) SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED (General Election)
- ◆ Nov. 7 (Wed.) Grade Two Field Trip to FSU
- ◆ Nov. 13 (Tues.) Veterans Day Program (presented by grades 3, 4 & 5) 10:00 AM Dress Rehearsal/1:45 PM Parents and Community Invited
- ◆ Nov. 15-16 (Thurs.-Fri.) Student Book Fair Browsing in Library
- ◆ Nov. 16. (Fri.) Report Cards Released
- ◆ Nov. 19-20 (Mon-Tues.) Book Fair Buying in Gym
- ◆ Nov. 19 (Mon.) Books & Bingo: for "Grandparents and "Grand" Friends
- ◆ Nov. 20 (Tues.) School Makeup Pictures & Candid Photos
- ◆ Nov. 21 (Wed.) 3-HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL; Thanksgiving Break Begins
- ◆ Nov. 27 (Tues.) 2-HOUR DELAY-SCHOOLS REOPEN (Teacher Work Time 8:15-10:15 AM)

## 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 1-5: Harleigh Mason, Silas Beeman, Klarissa Paitsel, Maci Barbe, Josiah Alt, Damon Sarfino and Alex Parker-Holmes

Week of October 8-12: Brooklyn Edwards, Koltin Spalding, Mathew Alt, Ben Broadwater, Ethan Broadwater, Emily Gurtler and

Hailey Rodriguez Cruz

Week of October 15-19: Makali Roy, Koltin Spalding, Kierstin Miller, Cassidy Kyle, Ethan Broadwater, Jaquan Jackson and Abbigail Cage

Week of October 22-26: Harleigh Mason, Cyrix Whiteman, Dustlyn Rebar, Adrian Kertman, Margo Webb, Amberlea Sweitzer and Chloe Haggerty



## 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.



## Accelerated Reader Tips: Parent Link



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 Witten Greene and Ashlynn Durst.)

## Travel Safely to School

Please have your children in the appropriate child restraint when bringing your children to school in your vehicle. Deputy Darrell Wildesen, our resource officer, will be checking to make sure that all of our students are safe and secure in vehicles. The current law requires that children under eight years old or 80 pounds in weight are to be in a child restraint unless the child is 4'9" or taller. Every child from 8 to 16 years old who is not secured in a child restraint must be secured in the vehicle's seat belt, in every sitting position in the vehicle. The fine for not having a child secured is \$83.00, which includes court costs. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

## Red Ribbon Week

Westernport Elementary School celebrated Red Ribbon Week on Monday, October 22nd through Friday, October 26th. 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,

Pledge to Be Drug-Free, Hats Off to Being Drug-Free, I'm Too Bright for Drugs, 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 Kathy Miller, who won the 50-50 drawing at the PTA Fall Fun Night in October.

Congratulations to all who helped the school by selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts and special congratulations to the winners! The top winner, who sold 62 dozen doughnuts, was Colton Dawson, Pre-K. He won the \$75.00 prize. The second place winner, who sold 36 dozen doughnuts, was Kyiah Green, fourth grade. Kyiah earned \$50.00. The third place winners, who sold 33 dozen doughnuts, and who earned \$25.00 were kindergarten students,



Cameron Hamilton and Jade Greenwald. Finally, congratulations to all students who brought in completed Reading for Education booklets and who received a small Backpack Pet prize. The Glow-In-The-Dark Minion t-shirts and Super Sponsor Prizes will be arriving soon! These prizes are for those students whose friends or families purchased two magazine subscriptions. We have not learned the winner of the mystery \$100.00 prize. Did your child have the winning Golden Ticket? Stay tuned!

You can find information about our school and the ACPS by using the Westernport Elementary Home Page at <http://acpsmd.org/wt>

## 2018-2019 PTA Meetings

## National Principals Month

**Open Parent Meetings** will be held on Mondays. Upcoming meeting dates are November 1, 2018 @ 5:00 PM, February 7th, 2019 @ 5:00 PM & May 2, 2019 @ 5:00 PM, which is election of officers for 2019-2020.

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

**2018-2019 PTA Activities for families and children** will include:

December 10-12, 2018: Santa's Secret Shop

December 14, 2018: Pictures with Santa

February 14, 2019: Ice Cream Social (for students)

March 11, 2019: Founder's Day Dinner

May 10, 2019: PTA Spring Fling

### PTA Sales

February 4-15, 2019: PTA Hoagie Sale (Hoagies will be delivered on Monday, March 4th)

April 29-May 8, 2019: 50-50 Raffle

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



Mrs. Alexa Fazenbaker, principal, was recently honored at a surprise assembly held during National Principals Month. She was presented with a special gift of a "tree" which was created by thumbprints of all Westernport Elementary students. She entered the assembly as all in the room sang, "You Are My Sunshine."

The words under the tree said "It takes a big heart to shape little minds. Thank you for making a difference in our lives."

## 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-Taylor Schramm & Hayden Doman

Grade 1-Oliver Marsh & Kahlan Chojar

Grade 2-Charlie Spiker and Declan McGeady

Grade 3-Sarah Shingler & Arianna Roy

Grade 4-Kambria Spalding & Destiny Studli

Grade 5-Brody Dayton & Hunter Roderick



## 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 15th and Friday, November 16th. Students will pick their "free" book, courtesy of a grant from the Reeves Private Foundation, at that time. November 16th during library classes. Students will also be able to shop at school on Monday, November 19th and Tuesday, November 20th. Parents are welcome to sign in at the office and shop on Monday or Tuesday, too. A special Grandparents and "Grand" Friends Event will be held on Monday, November 19th. It is called Books & Bingo and will feature book shopping in the school gym and bingo in the school cafeteria. That event will be from 4:30-6:30 PM. Profit from all sales will be used by Westernport Elementary School to provide materials for the library and to support library-related programs in 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.

Please mark your calendars! Books make great holiday gifts!

