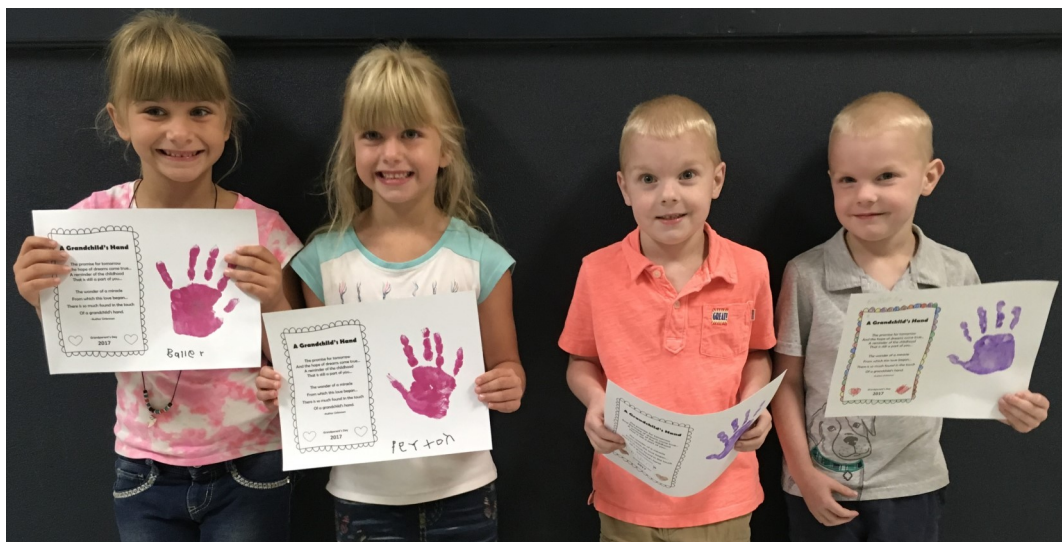




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Building the Future—One Child at a Time

Grandparents Day 2017



Students at Westernport Elementary celebrated Grandparents Day on Monday, October 2, 2017. The school gym was filled with proud grandparents. Each grade level danced, sang a song, or recited a poem or choral reading related to the joy of having a grandparent (or two or three or four) active in their lives. Students also made handprints for all of their grandparents. Shown above are Kindergarten students Bailey Cavey, Peyton Cavey, Landen Iliff and Brayden Iliff, holding their handprints.

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From the Principal...Mrs. Fazenbaker



It's hard to believe that September is over and we are now into the month of October! Students and teachers are settling into the school year well, and there are many exciting activities happening in all of our classrooms. I hope that you were able to attend our first Parent Conference Day of the year. There is no better way that you can help your child to be successful in school than to have open communication with your child's teacher. Please remember that a conference may be arranged at any time (not just on Parent Con-

ference Day) by calling the school office. You may also check your child's grades at any point of the school year! If you need help accessing your child's grades on ASPEN, please stop in the office and a staff member will help you with this task. Thanks to all parents and students who have supported WES by selling donuts and signing up online to share Martin's Bonus Card Numbers. The money that the school makes from these fundraisers benefits your children and we appreciate the time and effort that you have put into

these fundraisers. WES sold just over 850 dozen donuts this year! Donuts were delivered on Parent Conference Day. October will be a busy month! Mr. Tim Stevens, our resource officer, will continue DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) training in the fifth grade. He has already been working with Mrs. Sechler's class and will move to Mrs. Swisher's class on October 16th when students are back from Outdoor School. Be sure to ask your children what they are learning in their DARE classes. The annual Halloween

Parade will take place on Friday, October 27th. More information will be sent later concerning the parade. Please come out to support the PTA this Friday, October 6th with our annual Fall Fun Night! The event will take place from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM with lots of fun for everyone! You will not want to miss this event with your children! As always, thank you for all that you do for the students at Westernport Elementary. We appreciate all of your help in making our students (and school) the best that they (and we) can be!

Attendance Drawing

Here are the results of the attendance drawing, which is sponsored each week 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 but instead 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 4-8: Addison Shingler, Colin Stafford, Hailee O'Haver, Mason Weimer, Wade Barbe, Mikaili Fearon and Camden Lemus

Week of September 11-15: Natalie Harris, Oliver Marsh, Remington Mowbray, Megan Smith, Caden White, Landen Haggerty and Dawn Cook

Week of September 18-22: Willow Guinn, Landen Iliff, Americus Greene, Nathan Miller, Loki Martinez, Tommy Ellifritz and Owen McGeady.

Week of September 25-29: Emmitt Dawson, Karissa Paitzel, Sophia Decker, Makenna Turner (see next column)

Mission Statement

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

Attendance (continued)

Cheyenne Whetzel, Steven Johnson and Owen McGeady



The school website may be found at <http://acpsmd.org/wt>

WES School Calendar

- ♦ Oct. 4 (Wed.) Outdoor School Parent/Student Meeting @ 2:15 PM in the Gym
- ♦ Oct. 5 (Thurs.) Allegany County Public Library StoryCorps (PreK @ 9:00 AM & 1:30 PM and Kindergarten @ 9:30 AM)
- ♦ Oct. 6 (Fri.) Fall Fun Night/Craft Bazaar @ 6:00-8:00 PM
- ♦ Oct. 9-13 (Mon.-Fri.) Outdoor School-Grade 5
- ♦ Oct. 11 (Wed.) Potomac Fire Department Visit to Grades K-4
- ♦ Oct. 12 (Thurs.) Lions Club PreK Eye Screening
- ♦ Oct. 16 (Mon.) Cumberland Fire Department, Local 1715 Visit to Kindergarten
- ♦ Oct. 18 (Wed.) Oldtown Field Trip-Grade 4
- ♦ Oct. 23 (Mon.) Dental Sealants begin (program runs through early November)
- ♦ Oct. 24 (Tues.) Make-up Picture Day
- ♦ Oct. 27 (Fri.) Halloween Parade @ 2:20 PM
- ♦ Oct. 30 (Mon.) Kindergarten Trip to Brookdale Farms
- ♦ Oct. 31 (Tues.) Kindergarten Pumpkin Carving @ 1:45 PM



Title I Tips

Westernport Elementary has a **School-wide Title I Program**. This means that the federally funded instructional staff may work with all of the students in our school, and that our school develops a Schoolwide Title I program designed to increase academic achievement for **all** students. A Schoolwide Program helps us to use federal funds to meet the needs of all students more effectively. Title I provides additional resources such as:

- Instructional materials for our students.
- Professional development for teachers.
- Information about how to help children succeed in school for parents.
- Parent Involvement Programs.
- Additional staffing to provide additional support for reading and math

instruction.

Our Title I staff includes Julie Kyle, Support Teacher for Reading and Math; Mallory Sechler, Grade 5 Classroom Teacher; Robin Everline, Title I instructional assistant; and Delsie Fazzenbaker, Parent Involvement Coordinator.



Delsie Fazzenbaker comes to WES every other Monday. She would love to have parent volunteers help with laminating, crafts and other projects that will benefit all classrooms.

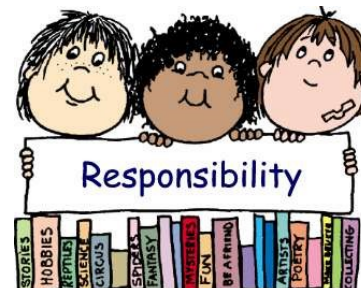
No experience is necessary.

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-Nancy Cook and Brayden Riker
Grade 1-Americus Greene and Cassidy Kyle
Grade 2-Aiden Weimer and Rachel Wolford
Grade 3-Leighton Johnson and Ashlynn Durst
Grade 4-Zegan Konke and Maaziah Fertig
Grade 5-Jonathan Ray and Kaitlyn Todd





Accelerated Reader Contests 2017-2018



There will be three Accelerated Reader contests during the 2017-2018 school year.

September 11-November 7, 2017: AR Coloring Craze Contest

All students will receive one coloring craze bookmark. Then students will have a chance to win more bookmarks for passing AR quizzes during Monday and Tuesday play periods. At the end of the contest, all students will participate in a drawing based on number of AR points earned. Each student who earns one AR point will have one ticket with his/her name on it placed in the drawing. A student who earns two points at the end will earn two tickets, etc. There will be four "buckets" so students will be competing against students in their own grade. Students may use their TOPS papers to watch their progress, but do not need to turn them in to Mrs. Hendrickson. Book Fair gift certificates will be awarded to the winners.

January-Mid-March: Winter 2018 AR Contest (theme yet to be determined)

Mystery Prize Contest (Year-long Event): ?????

All students will help to complete the mystery picture on the AR bulletin board. Each Wednesday, students will receive one color sticker for each point earned during the previous week and may choose where to place it.

In May, 48 student "winners" will earn a mystery prize or treat. The top six students in each grade who pass a minimum number of AR Practice Quizzes as well as earn the most Accelerated Reader points by taking AR Reading Practice Quizzes throughout the entire school year will be the winners. All other students who pass a minimum number of AR Reading Practice quizzes will be eligible to be in a drawing to select six more winners, per grade.

(MINIMUM QUIZ NUMBERS: Grade two students must pass 8 quizzes during the school year. Grades three, four and five must pass 12, 16 or 20 quizzes respectively.)

To prevent indiscriminate quizzing, students

who are in the "top six" or students who pass the minimum number of quizzes also must have an average of 70% of quiz questions correctly answered to be eligible to win the special prize or treat.

AR Quizzes may be taken in the computer lab during lunch play period on MONDAYS and TUESDAYS. Students may also take quizzes in their classrooms at their teachers' convenience. We want older students to challenge themselves, so the AR program will be synched at the end of September with the results of the Scholastic Reading Inventory, which was taken by students in grades four and five. Older students will still be able to take a wide range of AR quizzes, but the computer will not allow them to take quizzes way below their grade levels.

Please support the AR program by encouraging your children to read and test on books of personal interest, and help them to be successful by choosing books that are not too easy, and not too hard, but "just right."

Meet the (New) Faculty and Staff

Mrs. Erin Foutz is the new school secretary at WES. She is a native of Ridgeley, West Virginia and a graduate from Frankfort High School. Mrs. Foutz has an associate of applied science degree in office technologies/admin. assistant from Allegany College of Maryland. She and her husband, Ryan, have been married for five years. They are avid sports fans, especially of professional football. Erin and Ryan reside with their dog, Zeppelin, in Short Gap.

Mrs. Katie McCusker is the new Speech-Language Pathologist at WES. She is a native of Midlothian and a graduate of Beall High School. Mrs. McCusker has a bachelor's degree in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and a Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology. She is a certified and licensed SLP who has been providing services for nearly 18 years. Mrs. McCusker and her husband, Shawn, and their three children live in Midlothian.

Book Busters

Book Busters will start on October 10th for students in grades 3, 4 & 5. Book Busters is an after school group which will meet every Tuesday at 4:00 PM at the Westernport Branch of the Allegany County Public Library System, which is located at 66 Main Street. Students will listen to stories, read stories and enjoy a variety of book-related activities. Snacks will be provided. The first meeting will be a pizza party! For more information, call Carol Richardson -Heft, public library service specialist, at 301-359-0455.

Ways to Support WES

If you want to help Westernport Elementary School to 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 Bonus-Card points with the school**, if you did not do so last year. WES will receive one point for every dollar that you spend at the supermarket, and those points will become dollars for the school. **You do 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 and

attend parent and student events at WES

-**be a Book Fair Volunteer.** The book fair needs volunteers on Monday, November 20th and Tuesday, November 21st. Contact Deborah.Hendrickson@acpsmd.org to sign up to help in the morning, afternoon or all day! Students need your help to shop and to help them to count their change.

Thanks to all who supported the Reading for Education Fundraiser and filled out booklets. We came close to reaching our goal of 170 booklets. A drawing was done on WWES-TV (our Monday morning closed-circuit TV program) for a "minion" and the winner was Savannah Miller.

Cafeteria News

A school lunch is now \$2.65 (full price) and \$.40 (reduced price). Please pay your child's lunch bill on time with cash, check or Pay-PAM. You may pay everyday or send in money for a week or month at a time. This way you can assure that your child will have money in his/her account.

If your child charges five meals or \$11.00 (or \$2.00 charged for five reduced meals), he/she will receive a substitute meal of 1/2 cup vegetable, 1/2 cup fruit and half pint milk.



Plastic "Film" Recycling Continues @WES



The third grade classes of Mrs. Sarah Llewellyn and Ms. Tiffany Moran will again lead a plastic "film" recycling program here at Westernport Elementary. This recycling project will begin in October. This will be a school-wide recycling effort, so all students, teachers and parents are asked to help. **If you wish to participate, please send in the following items: grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, ziplock & other re-sealable bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags, and cereal bags.** Do not send in plastic bottles and plastic containers. All materials must be clean, dry and free of food residue.

Fire Prevention Week is October 8-14, 2017

No one wants to hear the sound of sirens as fire trucks scream through the streets. But fires are a reality. **Fire Prevention Week is October 8th-14th** and The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) uses this as an opportunity to educate students and parents about fire safety. This year's theme is "Every Second Counts; Plan 2 Ways Out." Once a fire starts in your home, you may have as little as two minutes to escape. Advance planning and a practiced fire escape route can save lives. NFPA suggests the following when making an escape plan for your family:

- Have two ways out of every room in your house.
- Have the number to call in case of a fire emergency posted near the phone.
- Establish a place outside for members of the family to meet in case the house must be evacuated.
- Make sure bedroom windows open easily for a possible escape route.
- Have children practice opening doors and windows until you know they can do this easily.
- Test smoke alarms regularly and change the batteries at least once a year.
- If the house has a second floor, have an escape ladder that can be dropped down from the upstairs window.

NFPA also stresses general fire prevention and lists a series of checks to be made in the home to lessen the chances for a fire. Visit <http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/by-topic/safety-in-the-home/escape-planning>

for a home escape plan grid and home safety tip sheet.

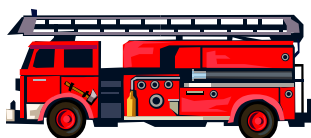
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Fire Drill Procedures @ WES

Maps which show building evacuation routes have been posted throughout WES. These maps may be found in all classroom doorways and in other locations such as the cafeteria, gym, computer lab and office.

If you are a parent volunteer or visitor to WES, you are expected to exit the building when the fire alarm rings or if there is a scheduled fire drill. Please assist to close all doors and windows, as necessary, and turn off the lights before proceeding to the playground blacktop area via the east (McDonald's side), west (Alley side) or Cafeteria Lobby doors.

Please take a moment to become familiar with evacuation routes so that you may safely exit WES.



Peace Days Winners



A drawing is held each Monday to award tokens 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 school office. Some of our latest peaceful students are:

Week of September 4-8: Lauren Biser, Emma Rose Decker, Maaziah Fertig and Daniel Kyle

Week of September 11-15: Lynden Haggerty, Gabriella Zelaya Guevara, Zegan Konke and Tyler Miller

Week of September 18-22: Dawn Cook, Jeremy Fasching, Carrie Miller and Gracelyn Shingler

Week of September 25-29: Izaiah Clark, Declan McGeady, Brayden Tranum and Grayson Wilson