



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

Building the Future—One Child at a Time

## Grandparents Day Coming in November



Westernport Elementary School will be celebrating our Grandparents and Special Grand Friends with a Bingo night held Monday, November 19th from 5:30-7:30 PM. Grandparents and special Grand Friends are encouraged to bring their WES grandchildren to enjoy some Bingo fun and some shopping time at the school book fair. More information will be coming home closer to the event. We hope to see you there!

**A Message from Nurse Karalee:** Dental sealants for children in grades 1, 2, 3, & 5 will be offered again this year by the Allegany County Health Department. No payment is required for this service. The dental team will be visiting each school to provide the sealants. Parents are encouraged to complete the permission form (which will be sent home soon) so that your child may benefit from this program. If your child has already received dental sealants, this is a chance for the teeth to be checked and re-sealed, if needed. Dental sealants are applied to the chewing surfaces of the back teeth where tooth decay occurs most often. The sealant acts as a barrier, protecting the teeth from plaque and acids that cause tooth decay. If you have questions about this program, please call 301-759-5030 or see [www.mightytooth.com](http://www.mightytooth.com) for more information on dental sealants.



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## From the Principal...Mrs. Fazenbaker



It's hard to believe that September is over and we are now starting October! Students and teachers are settling into the school year well, and there are many exciting activities happening in our classrooms. I hope that you were able to attend our first Parent Conference Day of the year, which was held on October 2nd. 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 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, filling out Reading for Education booklets 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 your time and effort.

WES sold just over 950 dozen donuts this year! October will be a busy month! Mr. Tim Stevens, our resource officer, will continue Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) training in the fifth grade. He worked with Mrs. Sechler's class last month and moved to Mrs. Swisher's class on October 1st. Be sure to ask your children what they are learning in their DARE classes. Please come out to support the PTA this Friday, October 5th on Fall Fun Night! The event will take place from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. You will not want to miss it!

WES was fortunate to receive a grant to fully fund the Mobile Science Lab which will be here the week of October 15th. The topic for the lab is "Food, Fiber and You." School pictures will be taken on Tuesday, October 16th. Order forms will be sent home. The Halloween Parade will take place on Friday, October 26th. More information will be sent later. As always, thank you for all that you do for the students at WES. We appreciate all of your help in making our students (and school) the best that they (and we) can be!

## Attendance Drawing

These 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 4-7: Carter Blacka, Atalie Wilson, Tayler Getson, Maci Barbe, Margo Webb, Loki Martinez and Xzavier Wilt

Week of September 10-14: Caden Gift, Isabella Dolly, Bailey Cavey, Americus Greene, Keagan Butler, Austin Stout and Kolby Woolard

Week of September 17-21: Addalye Bennett, Jaselyn Ravenscroft, Ray Simon, Kaleb Whelan, Kristen Paitsel, Hunter Roy and Kerin Richard

Week of September 24-28: Addalye Bennett, Atalie Wilson, Nancy Cook, Bailey Brashear, Emma Streets, Lucas Johnson and Steven Johnson.

## 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



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

... and **WEAR YOUR SMILE**

**Just a reminder: The fall individual student pictures will be taken on Tuesday, October 16, 2018.**

## WES School Calendar

- ◆ Oct. 2 (Tues.) SCHOOLS CLOSED-PARENT CONFERENCE DAY @9:00 AM-12:00 & 1:00-3:30 PM; Krispy Crème Donut Delivery
- ◆ Oct. 3 (Wed.) PTA 50-50 tickets due
- ◆ Oct. 5 (Fri.) Fall Fun Night @6:00-8:00 PM
- ◆ Oct. 9 (Tues.) Kindergarten trip (Fire Station)
- ◆ Oct. 10 (Wed.) Potomac Fire Department Visit
- ◆ Oct 11 (Thurs.) Kindergarten-Brookdale Farms
- ◆ Oct. 15, 16 18, 19 (Mon. Tues, Thurs. & Fri.) Mobile Science Lab
- ◆ Oct 16 (Tues.) School Pictures
- ◆ Oct. 17 (Wed.) SCHOOLS CLOSED-Professional Development
- ◆ Oct. 18 (Thurs.) Great Southeast Shakeout Drill @10.18 AM (Drop Cover Hold and then evacuation of building)
- ◆ Oct. 22 (Mon.) Dental Sealant program for grades 1, 2, 3 & 5 (thru October 31.)
- ◆ Oct. 26 (Fri.) Halloween Parade @2:20 PM
- ◆ Oct. 30 (Tues.) DARE Celebration @2:00 PM
- ◆ Oct. 31 (Wed.) Grade 2 STEM Activity on basketball court @ 2:00 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/Family Engagement Programs.
- Additional staffing to provide addi-

tional support for reading and math instruction.

Our Title I staff includes Ms. Julie Kyle, Support Teacher for Reading and Math; Mrs. Mallory Sechler, Grade 5 Classroom Teacher; Mrs. Robin Everline, Title I instructional assistant; and Mrs. Delsie Fazenbaker, Family Engagement Coordinator.



Mrs. Delsie Fazenbaker 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.

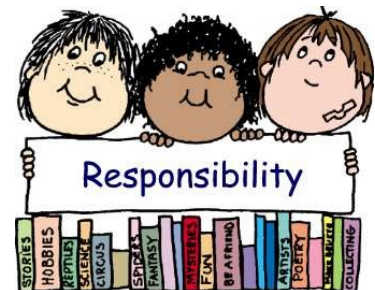
## Citizens of the Month

No experience is necessary.

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-Atalie Wilson & Willow Guinn  
Grade 1-Klarissa Paitsel & Nancy Cook  
Grade 2-Americus Greene & Bailey Brashear  
Grade 3-Rachel Wolford & Kristen Paitsel  
Grade 4-Joey Fearon & Emily Gurtler  
Grade 5-Ashlynn Light & Mikaili Fearon





# Accelerated Reader News



**A.R. has begun for 2018-2019!** September 4, 2018 was the first day for students to participate and the beginning of the 28th year of the Accelerated Reader program at WES. We are using the online version of the program (in school only) in grades 2, 3, 4, and 5.

**What is Accelerated Reader?** Accelerated Reader is a computerized reading program that allows each student to move at his or her own pace and level of ability, with its goal being to have students read more, and to select better books. **This is how the program works.** Each child chooses a book from a group of carefully selected children's books, which are available at the school or public library. **(There are now over 170,000 books listed in the AR Bookfinder (<http://www.arbookfind.com>),**

**which is linked to the school website.)** Each book has been evaluated as to

reading level and length. Based on these two factors, each book is assigned a point value. After reading the book, the child goes to a computer to take a quiz. The quiz measures the child's comprehension of the book. The child then receives a number of incentive points, which are based on the percentage of questions answered correctly. Students are encouraged to take Accelerated Reader quizzes on books read as a group in the classroom, as appropriate. Students are also encouraged to take quizzes on books of personal interest.

**Changes for 2018-2019:** AR quizzes may be taken by **students in grades 2 & 3** in the computer lab during after lunch playtime on **MONDAYS ONLY**. **Mrs. Hendrickson will assist younger students to log into and read the quizzes.** Older students may take quizzes in library classes or in their

homerooms at their teachers' convenience, as time permits, or drop in to the library. It is important that older students challenge themselves with higher-level books. So the AR program will again be synched with the results of the Scholastic Reading Inventory, which was given to 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 grade level.

**Incentives:** Points and amount of quizzes passed, by homeroom, will be used to determine monthly winners of small reading incentives. Winners will be posted on the bulletin board on second floor next to the entrance to the library media center. Top students will also be recognized at a special "end of year" event. Please encourage your child to participate in Accelerated Reader.

## Meet the (New) Faculty and Staff

**Mrs. Sabrina Ketterman** is the new instructional assistant for the AM-Prek. She is a graduate of Westmar High School and CCTE, specializing in Business Data Processing. She is also currently the president of the Westernport PTA. Mrs. Ketterman attended WES as a child. She lives in Westernport with her husband Kirk and their three children: Nathaniel, Elizabeth and Adrian. She loves the outdoors and is an avid reader and movie fan.

**Mrs. Karla Bateson** is a new instructional assistant at WES. She came to WES from Frost Elementary and has worked for the ACPS for 18 years. She also works part-time for Martin's in Keyser. Mrs. Bateson is a graduate of Keyser High School. She lives in Westernport with Bill, her husband of 34 years, and dog, Muzzy. She and her husband have a daughter, Angela, and son, Ryan, as well as four granddaughters.

Mrs. Bateson loves watching football, especially the Green Bay Packers. **Mrs. Candee Armbruster** is the new Kindergarten instructional assistant. She came to WES from Beall Elementary and has worked for the ACPS since 1999. Mrs. Armbruster is a graduate of Allegany High School, Allegany College and Frostburg State University. She and her husband, Jim, have been married for six years and live in Cresaptown with their two Yorkies, Faith and Hope.

## 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:

-register to create an account, then sign up online to **share your Martin's BonusCard 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 19th and Tuesday, November 20th. 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 reached our goal of over 150 booklets. A drawing was held for a "inflatable chair" and the winner was fifth grade student, Jacob Emrick. We will know soon which student wins the \$100.00 on the mystery booklet.

## Cafeteria News

All students at WES will receive free breakfast and also a free lunch, unless they choose to pack their lunch. No applications are necessary. Milk costs 50 cents. Students will again be able to purchase desserts, even though their lunches are free. The easiest way to put money into a child's account is to send a check (preferred) on a weekly or a monthly basis. Make all checks payable to Westernport Elementary Cafeteria and include the child's PIN. Payments may also be done online using the PayPAM link on the ACPS website.



# Recycling Continues @WES



The third grade classes of Mrs. Sarah Llewellyn and Ms. Tiffany Moran will again lead the recycling program here at Westernport Elementary. Recycling of some items has already begun. Plastic "film" recycling will begin in October. This is 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, wood pellet 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.

Other items which can be recycled are being collected in bins on each floor. They are **clean glue bottles, clean glue sticks, broken crayons and used markers.** White office paper will again be collected from the small blue trash cans found throughout the school. Please encourage your child to recycle!

## Fire Prevention Week is October 7-13, 2018

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 7th-13th** 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 "Look. Listen. Learn. Be Aware—fire can happen anywhere." 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:

- **Look** for places that fire can start
- **Listen** for the sound of the smoke alarm
- **Learn** two ways out of each room



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. To obtain a home escape plan grid and home safety tip sheet, visit:

<http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/by-topic/safety-in-the-home/escape-planning> (Used by permission from Cut & Paste)

## Fire Drill Procedures @ WES

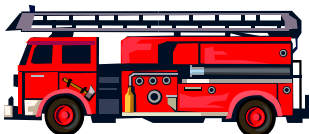


Maps which show building evacuation routes have been posted throughout WES. These maps may be found in all classroom doorways and in other locations such as the cafeteria, gym, computer lab and office.



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 17-21: Max Cole, Kambria Guinn, Ashlynn Laferty and Kolton Spalding,

A special "Peace Celebration" was held on Friday, September 21st after the words, PEACE DAYS, were spelled out on the second floor bulletin board. A letter was earned for each day that there was not an office referral. The celebration included extra play for each classroom and a popsicle for each student. This celebration was held on the same day as International Peace Day.

