



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

Building the Future—One Child at a Time

## Outdoor School = Environmental Science



Fifth grade students attended Outdoor School in Garrett County from September 16-20th. They had a great week with beautiful weather. Activities included hiking, canoeing, fishing, crafts, and soft-ball games. Students participated in environmental science classes each day. These classes included dissecting owl pellets, learning how to use GPS units, erosion, and more! Mrs. Sarah Llewellyn and Ms. Brittany McMahon spent the day with students. They were assisted by Mrs. Kim Albright, Mrs. Karla Bateson, Mrs. Shelly Fitzgerald and Mrs. Treva Steiding. Parents and camp staff stayed at night.



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### A Message from Nurse Karalee about the upcoming Dental Sealants:

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.

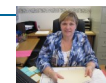
Parents, you are encouraged to complete the permission form (which will be sent home soon) so that your child may benefit from this program. If your child has already received dental sealants, this is a chance for the teeth to be checked and re-sealed, if needed.

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. Fluoride varnish is a protective coating that is painted on the teeth to help prevent or stop tooth decay.

If you have questions about this program, please call 301-759-5030 or see [www.mightytooth.com](http://www.mightytooth.com).



## 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 are able to attend our first Parent Conference Day of the year, which will be held on October 7th. 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 1050 dozen donuts this year!

October will be a busy month! Mr. Tim Stevens, resource officer for the ACPs, will be starting Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) training in the fifth grade. He will be working in Mrs. Llewellyn's and Ms. McMahon's classes. Be sure to ask your children what they are learning in their DARE classes. School pictures will be taken on Tuesday, October 22nd. Order forms will be sent home. Please come out to support the PTA on Fall

Fun Night this year. It is always a great time for the students!

The event will take place from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, October 25th. You will not want to miss it! The Halloween Parade will take place on Thursday, October 31st. 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 Incentives

Westernport Elementary is again providing attendance incentives to reward students who are in school on time every day all day. The students who have earned perfect attendance will be invited to stay after school for special (and fun) activities with teachers who volunteer to help. The activity will be different each time and will require a signed permission slip from the child's parent or guardian in order for the child to be allowed to stay. Advance notice will be given in order for parents to make arrangements to have their child picked up at the end of the activity.

A time frame will be given to qualify for each activity for which there will be no exceptions. The activities will end between 5:30 PM and 6:00 PM, depending on the specific activity. Invitations for the first event will go home in October.

Good attendance is so important for your child's education. Please help your child to be a successful student by having your child in school **every day**, on time **every day**, and in school for the **entire day**.



## Mission/Vision

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

**OUR VISION:** Westernport Elementary 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.



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 22, 2019.

## WES School Calendar

- ♦ Oct. 1 (Tues.) Grade K trip to Brookdale Farm
- ♦ Oct. 7 (Mon.) SCHOOLS CLOSED-PARENT CONFERENCE DAY @9:00 AM-12:00 & 1:00-3:30 PM; Krispy Crème Donut Delivery
- ♦ Oct. 8 (Tues.) PTA 50-50 Raffle begins
- ♦ Oct. 16 (Wed.) Ms. Jennifer Howell, public library, to present to grade 3, 4 & 5 computer/tech classes
- ♦ Oct. 17 (Thurs.) Great Southeast Shake-Out Drill @10:17 AM
- ♦ Oct. 21 (Mon.) Dental Sealants begin for grades 1, 2, 3 & 5
- ♦ Oct. 22 (Tues.) Fall individual student pictures
- ♦ Oct. 23 (Wed.) Ms. Howell to present to grade 3, 4 & 5 computer/tech classes
- ♦ Oct. 25 (Fri.) DARE Graduation (Grade 5); PTA Fall Fun Night 6:00-8:00 PM
- ♦ Oct. 31 (Thurs.) End of First Marking Period; Halloween Parade

### UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENTS

- ♦ Nov. 1 (Fri.) SCHOOLS CLOSED-Principal Staff Development & Teacher Work Time
- ♦ Nov. 8 (Fri.) Report Cards Released

## Title I Tips

Westernport Elementary has a **Schoolwide 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 additional support for reading and math instruction.

Our Title I staff includes Ms. Julie Kyle, Support Teacher for Reading and Math; Mrs. Erica Swisher, Support Teacher for Reading and Math; Ms. Beth Chapman, Grade 2 Classroom Teacher; 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.

No experience is necessary.

## Citizens of the Month

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

The character trait for September was responsibility.

PreK-Easton Guinn & Ethan Brashear  
Grade K-Aaliyah Spiker & Kiya Chojar  
Grade 1-Addison Hensley & Wesley Haggerty  
Grade 2-Klarissa Paitzel & Nancy Cook  
Grade 3-Americus Greene & Aaliyah Davis  
Grade 4-Sean Wade & Nevaeh Blowe  
Grade 5-Emily Gurtler & Kyiah Green







## Accelerated Reader Now in Grades 4 & 5



**A.R. has begun for 2019-2020!** September 5, 2019 was the first day for students to participate and the beginning of the 29th year of the Accelerated Reader program at WES. Students are using the online version of the program (in school only).

**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 takes 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, as appropriate. Students are also encouraged to take quizzes on books of personal interest.

**Changes for 2019-2020:** AR quizzes may be taken by **students in grades 4 & 5 only**. These students may take quizzes in library or technology classes or in their homerooms at their teachers' convenience, as time permits.

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 administered to students in grades four and five. Students will still be able to take a wide range of AR quizzes, but the computer will not allow them to take quizzes well below grade level.

**Student Recognition:** Top Points and amount of quizzes passed, by homeroom, will be posted on the bulletin board on second floor next to the entrance to the computer lab.

Mrs. Hendrickson will continue to be the program administrator. To monitor your child's progress, be sure to send her your e-mail address to link to your child's secure A.R. records online, using ([Deborah.Hendrickson@acpsmd.org](mailto:Deborah.Hendrickson@acpsmd.org)) to contact her.

Happy Reading!

## Meet the (New) Faculty and Staff

**Ms. Beth Chapman** is the new second grade teacher at WES. She is a native of Lonaconing and a graduate of Westmar High. Ms. Chapman has a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Frostburg State University. She has been teaching for more than 25 years. She has been a Head Start teacher, taught 13 years at Flintstone School (in PreK, 1st and 5th grades) and was most recently a reading teacher at Frost Elementary. Ms. Chapman lives in "Coney" with her family and their dog, Gizmo.

**Ms. Chelsea Carr** is the new third grade teacher at WES. She is a native of Cresap town and a graduate of Allegany High. She also has a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education from FSU. She previously taught at Northeast School, Bishop Walsh School, Lighthouse Christian Academy and Calvary Christian Academy, so she has experience at all grade levels. Ms. Carr loves to sing. She has sung the National Anthem five times at Altoona Curve Minor League baseball games. She is a Pittsburgh Steelers fan.

## Outdoor School...



## 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 25th and Tuesday, November 26th. Contact the school and 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 have met our goal of 145 complete booklets. A drawing will be held for a "inflatable chair" just before the booklets are mailed.** We will know soon which student wins the \$100.00 by having the Golden Ticket. We hope that all students turn in their completed booklets to have a chance to win. Don't throw away the lucky 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 @ WES

## Please help...



The fifth grade classes of Mrs. Sarah Llewellyn and Ms. Brittany McMahon will lead the recycling program this year 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 **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!

Please encourage ALL who use our playground to:

- PUT their trash in the trash can.
- SIT on the seats of the picnic tables.
- REMIND children to play safely, and to
- FOLLOW the posted rules.



## Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12, 2019

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 6h-12th** 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 "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice your Escape!" 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:

<https://www.nfpa.org/fpw> (Used by permission from Cut & Paste)

## Fire Drill Procedures @ WES



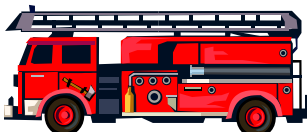
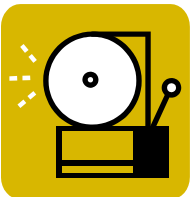
## Peace Days Winners



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), front doors on Church

Street side or Cafeteria Lobby doors. Please take a moment to become familiar with evacuation routes so that you may safely exit WES.



A drawing is held each Monday to award tokens to seven students who have had a peaceful week. These are students from each grade level 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 16-20: Easton Guinn, Hillary Shapiro, Lily Dennis, Oliver Marsh, Declan McGeady, Megan Smith and Emily Gurtler

Week of September 23-27: Kyree Boal, Maci Iliff, Koltin Spalding, Tayler Getson, Sophia Decker, Nevaeh Blowe and Jenna Wolfe

A special "Peace Celebration" was during the week of September 23rd 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 class-room and a freeze pop for each student.

