



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

Building the Future—One Child at a Time

## Welcome Back to Westernport Elementary!

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at Westernport Elementary. It's going to be a great year! Our school building looks beautiful, thanks to the hard work this summer done by custodians Kim Martin and David Parker and part-time custodians, Gene "Bugs" Foutz, David Marchinke and Donna McMillan. We are very excited to see smiling faces in our hallways! We wish to welcome all students who are new to WES, including our new PreK, and welcome back students who previously attended WES. **New Staff members** include Mrs. Erin Foutz, who is our new school secretary. She comes to the ACPS from CareFirst Mrs. Jewel Lambert is our new cafeteria manager. She worked at WES in the past and most recently worked at George's Creek School. Mrs. Barbara Amtower returns to WES as the guidance counselor. She worked both as a reading specialist and guidance counselor at WES from 1991-2003. Mrs. Katie McCusker is our new speech teacher. She comes to WES from George's Creek School. Mrs. Donna Beeman is our new reading specialist. She comes to WES from George's Creek School, where she taught first grade, and she will be here on Fridays. We are fortunate to have all of them at our school.



Welcome to Westernport Elementary School as we begin a new school year. I look forward to working with you, your children, and the faculty and staff so we can make our school the best that it can be. 2017-2018 is going to be a great year! I would like to remind you of the procedures regarding morning student drop-off. The doors do not open until 8:10 AM, so please do not

arrive earlier. All students who are being dropped off by parents need to be here by 8:30 AM to ensure enough time to eat breakfast before start of classes at 8:50 AM. Students will be considered tardy if they arrive after 8:45 AM. Please help your children get off to a good start by having them be here on time and ready to learn. Teachers and staff at West-

Two teachers at WES have been given new assignments. Mr. Eric Follett's position is split between George's Creek School, WES and Bel Air Schools. Ms. Lee Haught, speech teacher, will be here only on Fridays.

We also send best wishes to Mrs. Stacey Hanlin, former school secretary, who has taken a position outside the ACPS after 10 years at WES, to Mrs. Michelle Thompson, interim cafeteria manager at WES, who is now the cafeteria manager at George's Creek School, and to Mrs. Melissa Nelson, former guidance counselor, who has transferred to Parkside School after 12 years at WES.

### PTA Officers for 2017-2018

Sabrina Ketterman, President  
Krista Smith, First Vice-President  
Charlene Welsh, Second Vice-President  
Autumn Wolfe-Wade, Third Vice-President  
Marianne Decker, Secretary  
Chandra Wilson, Treasurer



**School Lunch Prices** are now \$2.65 for a regular lunch (this is a change from last year), \$.40 for a reduced lunch and \$.50 for milk.

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PARENTS, please support WES by registering your Martin's bonuscard number. <https://martinsfoods.com/> Bonuscards already registered do not need to be updated unless you wish to change designated school.



## From the Principal...Mrs. Fazenbaker

Westernport have been working diligently to make this school year a successful one for your children. Classroom teachers plan lessons each day to instruct children in each subject area. Lessons include remediation and enrichment activities to meet the needs of all learners. If you have any questions about what is happening in your child's classroom, please call to set up an appointment with

his/her teacher. Please take an active role in your children's education. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. My door is always open. You may call me at school (301-359-0511) or contact me by email using [alexa.fazenbaker@acpsmd.org](mailto:alexa.fazenbaker@acpsmd.org). Let's work together to make this a successful year for every child at Westernport Elementary School!

Accelerated Reader testing at Westernport Elementary School will soon be starting. Our school has a subscription Accelerated Reader Enterprise. This allows students in grades 2-5 to access (from school computers only!) more than 160,000 Accelerated Reader Quizzes. Included in the subscription are:

- Reading Practice Quizzes (what we call "AR tests" at WES)
- Recorded Voice Quizzes, which allow beginning readers to take Reading Practice quizzes on their own with a professionally narrated audio recording at the click of a button.
- Vocabulary Practice Quizzes (which may be used by classroom teachers to assess understanding of key words)
- Literacy Skills Quizzes (which may be used by classroom teachers to measure students'

proficiency with 24 higher-level reading and critical thinking skills)

- Textbook Quizzes (to enhance our "Treasures" reading series)

There is also a parent component which allows you to view your child's progress online.

The Accelerated Reader program for 2017-2018 (our 27th year!) will be kicked off in early September! Stay tuned for more information.



- ☺ Sept. 4 (Mon.) **SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED**- Labor Day
  - ☺ Sept. 6 (Wed.) First Day of School for PreK and Kindergarten; Krispy Kreme fundraiser begins
  - ☺ Sept. 7 (Thurs.) PTA Spirit Night @ Port West
  - ☺ Sept. 11 (Mon.) Martin's BonusCard Registration begins; PTA Meeting/ Room Visitation @ 5:30 PM
  - ☺ Sept. 18 (Mon.) Fall School Pictures; PTA 50-50 Fundraiser begins
  - ☺ September 18 (Mon.) Reading for Education Magazine Campaign Kickoff
  - ☺ Sept. 20 (Wed.) Krispy Kreme Orders due
  - ☺ Sept. 27 (Wed.) **SCHOOLS CLOSED** - Supervisor's Professional Development
- TO BE SCHEDULED: Grandparent's Day @ WES



## \*Schoolwide Title I-What's That?\*

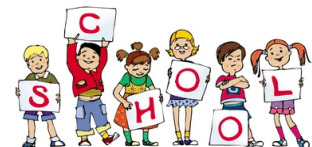
Westernport Elementary School is one of nine elementary schools in Allegany County who have been identified to receive Title I funds and operate a schoolwide Title I program.

The purpose of a schoolwide program is to upgrade the entire educational program in a Title I school. The following ten components must be addressed in planning for a schoolwide program:

- Comprehensive needs assessment of the entire school which focuses on the achievement of students on the state academic content and achievement standards
- Schoolwide reform strategies based on scientifically based research designed to address the needs of all students and especially the low achieving students
- Instruction by highly qualified teachers
- High quality, ongoing professional development
- Strategies to attract high-quality, highly qualified teachers to high needs schools
- Strategies to increase parent involvement
- Plans to assist preschool children in their transition from early childhood programs to elementary school
- Decision making by teachers in the use of academic assessments to improve student achievement
- The use of additional, effective, and timely assistance for students who are not meeting the standards of proficiency
- Coordination and integration of federal, state, and local services

and programs including violence prevention, nutrition, housing, Head Start, adult education, vocational and technical education, and job training

Each Title I school develops a schoolwide plan which includes all of the school wide Title I components. Schoolwide plans are available on each school's website for parent/community review and comment.



**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.