



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

Building the Future—One Child at a Time

Welcome Back to Westernport Elementary!

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at Westernport Elementary. It's going to be a great year! Our school building looks beautiful, thanks to the hard work done this summer by custodians Kim Martin and David Parker and part-time custodians, Gene "Bugs" Foutz 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 Pre-Kindergarten, and welcome back students who previously attended WES.

There are several **new staff members** at Westernport Elementary. Mrs. Candee Arm-buster, who came to WES from Beall Elementary School, will be the Kindergarten Instructional Assistant. Mrs. Karla Bateson, who came from Frost Elementary School, will be an Instructional Assistant providing close adult support. Mrs. Kim Albright, who previously worked with our morning PreK, and Ms. Amber Thaxton will become full-time instructional assistants and fill the same roles. Mrs. Sabrina Ketterman will now be the morning PreK instructional assistant. Mrs. Nancy Zacari has joined the custodial staff. We are fortunate to have all of them at our school. We want to wish good health, success and

happiness to Mrs. Leslie Cooper and Mrs. Timmie Lancaster, who retired on September 1st. We also send best wishes to Mr. Eric Follett, who has been transferred to Cash Valley School, and to Mrs. Donna McMillan, who has taken another position. We hope that they can come back to visit their WES family.

PTA Officers for 2018-2019

Sabrina Ketterman, President
Charlene Welsh, First Vice-President
Chandra Wilson, Second Vice-President
Brittany Chojar, Third Vice-President
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School Breakfast and Lunch: 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.

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A Title I School
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PARENTS, please support WES by registering your Martin's bonuscard number. <https://martinsfoods.com/school-rewards/> You must register to create an account, then sign in to designate WES. Bonuscards already registered do not need to be updated unless you wish to change your designated school.



From the Principal...Mrs. Fazenbaker

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. 2018-2019 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

that 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 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. I do want to remind everyone about the PTA meeting which

will be held on Thursday, September 6th at 5:00 PM in the school library. There will be a short presentation about our Title I Program before the meeting. Classroom visitation will follow. Please take an active role in your children's education. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone (301-359-0511) or by e-mail. My door is always open to you.

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 170,000 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 2018-2019 (our 28th year!) will be kicked off on September 4th. Stay tuned for more information.



☺ TO BE SCHEDULED: Grand-parent's Day @ WES

- ☺ Sept. 3 (Mon.) **SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED**- Labor Day
- ☺ Sept. 4 (Tues.) First Day of School for PreK and Kindergarten; Fifth grade parent meeting for Outdoor School @ 2:00 PM
- ☺ Sept. 5 (Wed). Krispy Kreme Donut fundraiser begins
- ☺ Sept. 6 (Thurs.) PTA Meeting & Class Visitation @ 5:00 PM.
- ☺ Sept. 10-14 (Mon.-Fri.) Fifth Grade Outdoor School
- ☺ September 17 (Mon.) Reading for Education Magazine Campaign Kickoff
- ☺ Sept. 19 (Wed.) Krispy Kreme Donut Orders due
- ☺ Sept. 20 (Thurs.) PTA Spirit Night @ 5:00-8:00 PM (Port West) PTA 50-50 Tickets go on sale.
- ☺ Oct. 2 (Tues.) **SCHOOLS CLOSED** - Parent Conference Day (Elementary) 9:00-12:00 & 1:00-3:30 PM; Krispy Kreme Donut delivery



Schoolwide Title I-What's That?

Westernport Elementary School is one of ten elementary schools in Allegany County which 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 that are evidence based and are designed to address the needs of all students and especially the low achieving students
- Instruction by certified/licensed teachers
- High quality, ongoing professional development
- Strategies to attract certified/licensed teachers to high needs schools
- Strategies to increase parent/family engagement
- 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 and which may be reviewed on each school's website. Title I plans are available in each school office for parent/community review and comment. Annually, principals review the Title I schoolwide program with parents.



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.