



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

Building the Future—One Child at a Time

## Words of the Week



Westernport Elementary students in grades K to 5 are learning and reviewing "Words of the Week." These words are the critical verbs and critical nouns that each student should know and be able to explain. The "Words of the Week" are introduced on the Monday closed circuit television show by Mrs. Fazenbaker, Mr. Follett and two students who are chosen each week to explain the words. Teachers review the words in their classrooms and use the words and show examples of the words throughout the week. Posters showing the words are in hallways and classrooms. The definitions of the critical verbs and critical nouns on the posters were provided, with permission, from the book Teaching the Critical Vocabulary of the Common Core, by Marilee Sprenger.

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The critical verbs are analyze, articulate, cite, compare, comprehend, contrast, delineate, demonstrate, describe, determine, develop, distinguish, draw, evaluate, explain, identify, infer, integrate, interpret, locate, organize, paraphrase, refer, retell, suggest, summarize, support, synthesize and trace.

The critical nouns are alliteration, analogy, argument, central idea/main idea, conclusions, connections, connotative language, details, evidence, figurative language, illustrations, interaction, metaphor, mood, point of view, rhetoric, simile, stanza, structure, theme and tone.



## From the Principal...Mrs. Fazenbaker



I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday! I want to say thank you to Ms. Zimmerman and the third and fourth grade students for the inspirational Veterans Day Program that was presented to the students, parents and community members of WES. Eighteen veterans attended the program. We appreciate the sacrifices that our veterans and those currently

serving in the armed forces have made to protect this great country. Thanks to all families who sent in canned food and non-perishable items for the food drive. 2,248 items of food were taken to our local Food Pantry, which is located at the Piedmont Presbyterian Church on 63 Ashfield Street in Piedmont, WV. December will be a busy month

at our school. Santa's Secret Shop will be held from December 7-10. Thanks to all of the parents who come to help our students shop to find just the right gifts for their family and friends. Books Before Bedtime will be held on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the gym for students in grades Pre-K through grade two. A note was

sent home explaining the program. Please RSVP so that we will know how many students and parents to plan for. Please plan to attend the band and orchestra concert on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a dress rehearsal for students in the morning and an evening performance for parents and friends at 6:00 p.m. [\(Continued on page 4\)](#)

## Martin's BonusCards



595 Martin's BonusCard numbers have been collected to date by Westernport Elementary students, faculty and staff. The points from those BonusCard numbers have earned the school cash to use for student activities, **which totals \$687.65 to date** (Martin's has pledged to give away three million dollars to schools.) There is still time to register to support the school at <http://www.martinsaplus.com>.

We need YOUR BonusCard numbers! Thanks to all who have supported this campaign by shopping for WES!

## Peace Days Winners

A drawing is held each Monday to award a small prize 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. Our recent Peace Days winners include:

October 26-30: Michael Douglass, Nadiyah Placka, Corbin Ravenscroft and Violet Sowers

Week of November 2-6: Gracie Cosner, Gabriel Cramer, Brady Moran and Baylee Mowbray

Week of November 9-13: Matthew Hanlin, Owen Llewellyn, Brayden Reed and McKenna Swisher

Week of November 16-20: Megan Carpenter, Alyssa Crossland, Taylor Saville and Makinzie Zais



## WES School Calendar

**Dec. 2 (Wed.)** Public Library program with Ms. Barbara Riffey for AM-PreK @10:00 a.m., Kindergarten @10:30 a.m. and PM-PreK @1:30 p.m.

**Dec 3 (Thurs.)** Tri-Towns Christmas Parade

**Dec. 7-10 (Mon-Thurs.)** Santa's Secret Shop

**Dec. 9 (Wed.)** Books Before Bedtime @ 6:00 p.m., for grades PreK-2

**Dec. 10 (Thurs.)** Holiday Band Concert @ 9:45 a.m. (for students) and 6:00 p.m. (for parents and community)

**Dec. 18 (Fri.)** Flu Mist Clinic @1:30 p.m.

**Dec. 22 (Tues.)** Christmas program @ 9:30 a.m., PTA Meeting @ 1:30 p.m., and Christmas program 1:45 p.m.



## Attendance Drawing Winners



Here are the results of the weekly attendance drawing, which is sponsored 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 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.

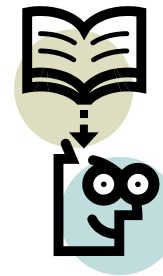
Week of October 26-30: Declan McGeady, Mason Weimer, Jaden Paugh Lee, Austin Donophan, Sofia Weasenforth, Brandon Miller and Macy Guinn

Week of November 2-6: Canyon Davis, Fischer Beeman, Alysha Bittinger, Michael Douglass, Maddox McKenzie, Emilee Lambert and Wyatt Murphy

Week of November 9-13: Everlee McNeal, Megan Carpenter, Vinnie Dyer, Nicole Youmans, Owen McGeady, Mackenzie Derham and Larae Grove

Week of November 16-20: Delaney White, Makinzie Zais, Jaden Paugh Lee, Zoey Kerchner, Alex Perry, David Miller and Jacob Tinsley.

## Title I Tips



Have you ever wondered "What can I do to help my child?"

The website of the Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium, which is found at <http://www.maec.org>, is a good resource for you to

use! You can find ideas about how to turn everyday activities into learning experiences for your child. You can find ideas about how to become involved at school and how parents can help each other.

You can ask a question and the resource center will provide a response. Webinars are offered as well as resources for Title I, helping young children, and parents as partner in education.

## 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 October was trustworthiness.

Grade K-Nathan Miller and Sean Wade

Grade 1-Ashlynn Durst and Wade Barbe

Grade 2-Gavin Ravenscroft and Dae Rinker

Grade 3-Cailyn Broadwater and Zoe Pattison

Grade 4-Connor Dayton and McKenna Swisher

Grade 5-Emily Schofield and Danielle Cross

## Memorial Books

Have you ever considered donating money to purchase a book for Westernport Elementary School Library in memory or in honor of a loved one? With your donation, a library book may be purchased to encourage student reading for personal interest and/or to support the curriculum.

Memorial/honor donations may be made at any time during the school year. These books are generally ordered in June or when a sufficient amount is available to make up a book order. A minimum of \$20.00 is appreciated to cover the cost of the book, as well as library processing. A plaque is placed in the book and the family will be notified of your donation. Books donated recently include Square Cat ABC, in memory of Carol Bradley, given by

Donna Burns; The Nitty-Gritty Gardening Book, in memory of Carol Bradley, given by Shawn and Erica Swisher and family; Clifford, the Firehouse Dog and A Day with Firefighters, in memory of Francis Mowbray, grandfather of Baylee Mowbray, given by Shawn and Erica Swisher and family; Army Green Berets and Baseball, in memory of Doug Dyche, grandfather of Larae Grove, given by Ron and Bev Grove; and Fire Drill and Little Red Writing, in memory of her former (deceased) WES students, given by Deborah Hendrickson.

Contact Mrs. Hendrickson at 301-359-0511 for more details



## Giving Thanks With Our Families

The Kindergarten feast was held on Tuesday, November 24, 2015. To prepare for the feast, the students made tom toms, shakers, necklaces and vests. They also learned Native American songs. Kindergarten parents came to school on the day of the feast to prepare the food in crock pots. They cooked the turkeys at home ahead of time. Kindergarten students made iced pumpkin cookies on the day of the feast.

The annual feast began more than 10 years ago in Mrs. Judy Fogle's and Mrs. Lisa Har-

ris's classes. Mrs. Janice Raines, grade four, was a student teacher in Kindergarten about that time. The students who participated in the original feast are now in high school.

To this day, Grade K students invite their families to the feast, which is held in the school cafeteria. It is always a great event!!

Mrs. Lisa Harris and Mrs. Candice Smith want to thank Mrs. Leslie Cooper, Mrs. Robin Everline and all of the parents who helped students to prepare the food for the feast.



## Meet PIC, Delsie Fazenbaker, and Volunteer, Ray Robertson

**Mrs. Delsie Fazenbaker** is the new Parent Involvement Coordinator at Westernport Elementary as well as at Beall, George's Creek, Mount Savage and West Side schools. She comes to Westernport every other Friday and can be found in room 210. Before taking this job in March, Mrs. Fazenbaker was previously a substitute teacher at WES and other schools along the creek. Mrs. Fazenbaker is a native of Garrett County and lives in Westernport with

her husband, Richard and their children, and special dog named Hershey. Her daughter, Sydney, is a junior at FSU and her daughter, Allie, is a senior at Mountain Ridge. While her children attended WES, Mrs. Fazenbaker was active in the PTA, serving as president and vice president.

**Mr. Ray Robertson** is a volunteer at Westernport Elementary and George's Creek schools. He has been a school

volunteer for 12 years, since his retirement from Wilson Welding. Mr. Robertson is a member of the Valley High School Class of 1957 and lives in Midland. He is married to Carol, has two daughters, Trina and Amy, and four grandchildren. Mr. Robertson loves volunteering at WES on Thursdays. He also loves to bowl, bus trips to Wheeling, WV and to take pictures.

# Congratulations, Fifth Grade DARE Graduates!

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E) Celebration was held at WES on Friday, October 23, 2015, in the school gym. Fifth grade students Kaylee Blocher, Danielle Cross and Emily Schofield served as greeters. Mrs. Alexa Fazzenbaker, principal, opened the program. School Security/Safety Officer, Mr. Tim Stevens, who taught the D.A.R.E. lessons to the fifth grade class, told the audience that the DARE graduation "is all about the students and congratulating them for their hard work." Former WES students Jonathan Dayton and Allen Green, now seniors at Mountain Ridge High School, spoke to the students about how participating in the DARE program has helped them in school and life. Students Eric Fadley, Kaitlin Lands, Leuma Puaauli and Samantha Wiland, D.A.R.E. Essay Winners, represented the fifth grade and read their essays to the group. In addition to the featured speakers, special guests included the fourth grade classes of Mrs. Jennifer Hughes and Mrs. Janice Raines; Dr. David Cox, Allegany County Superintendent of Schools and Allegany County Board of Education Members, Dr. Ed Root and Mr. Wayne Foote. At the end of the program, the fifth grade students took the pledge to be "Drug Free." Finally, fifth grade teachers, Mrs. Mallory Sechler and Mrs. Erica Swisher, Mrs. Fazzenbaker and Mr. Stevens congratulated the students and presented the D.A.R.E. graduation certificates. Refreshments were served.

Define  
Assess  
Respond  
Evaluate



**D.A.R.E.**  
TO RESIST  
DRUGS  
AND  
VIOLENCE

MRS FAZENBAKER (continued from page 1)

The annual Christmas Program will be held on Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our students are extremely talented and just love to get up and perform for their families. There will be performances at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Because of the limited seating, please choose one performance to attend. Parents are asked to stay for the entire program and not take students early so that students performing at the end of the program will have the big audience that was present for the beginning of the performance. Finally, please enjoy your families over the holiday season. Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> is our first day back in 2016 and it will be here before we know it!

## Thanks, Veterans!



Veterans were honored at the annual Westernport Elementary School Veterans Day program, which was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015. This original program was written and directed by Ms. Patricia Zimmerman, vocal music teacher. It featured a medley of songs and information highlighting the Korean and Vietnam Wars, plus a tribute to veterans of various military branches. Student narrators told the audience of the numbers of local men who served and survived those two wars and recognized those who sacrificed their

lives in the service of their county. Veterans shown with family members included John Gooding, Mark Whetzel, Jeff Ansel, Robert Wolford, John Pattison, Joe Sudine, Raymond Sterling, Curtis Smith, Dale Ryan, Carl Moore, Charles Shugars III, Leonard Cosner, Glenn Shingler, George Kitzmiller, Kenneth Ward, Robert Smith, Floyd Miller and Bob Shockey. Thanks, veterans!

**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 Westernport Elementary **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR 2015-2016** will soon be available for parents to view. The plan is available in the school office and will be found online @ <http://www.acpsmd.org/wt> Please remember that Mrs. Fazzenbaker's door is always open to parents. If you have any questions about the SIP plan or any other concerns, do not hesitate to contact her.

