



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

Building the Future—One Child at a Time

Welcome Back to Westernport Elementary!

Welcome to the 2016-2017 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 Gene "Bugs" Foutz and part-time custodians, Richard Fitzgerald and Donna McMillan. We also now have air conditioning in all classrooms. 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. We would also like to welcome our new staff. Mr. Joshua Blowe will teach physical education and is new to the ACPS. Ms. Beth Moore will be an additional instructional assistant in PreK. Mrs. Cindy Shumaker will be serving as a close adult support instructional assistant. She comes to us from Frost Elementary and worked at WES in the past. We are fortunate to have all of them at our school. One teacher at WES has been given a new assignment. Mr. Eric Follett's position is split



Welcome to WES 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 Westernport Elementary School the best that it can be. 2016-2017 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 a.m., so please do not arrive earlier. All stu-

dents who are being dropped off by parents need to be here by 8:30 a.m. to ensure enough time to eat breakfast before start of classes at 8:50 a.m. Students will be considered tardy if they arrive after 8:45 a.m. Please help your children get off to a good start by being here on time and ready to learn. Teachers at Westernport have been working diligently to make this school year a successful one

between WES and George's Creek School. We also send best wishes to Mr. Randy Stewart, former PE teacher, who has taken a new position at Fort Hill High School. We would also like to say a fond farewell to the AllCoNet Online Library System. Approximately 180,000 books were circulated between March 2000 and June 2016, so it served us well. You and your children can find the new Junto Online Library System on our school webpage, which is <http://www.acpsmd.org/wt>

Our 2016-2017 PTA Officers are: Jessica Spalding, President; Sabrina Ketterman, First Vice-President; Sonya Kenner, Second Vice-President; Krista Smith, Third Vice-President; Charlene Welsh, Secretary; and Chandra Wilson, Treasurer.



School Lunch Prices are now \$2.55 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

for your children. Schools in Maryland use the Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards. We are also using the Next Gen Science standards which are a set of performance expectations in science which place particular emphasis on content, critical thinking and science and engineering practices. All of these standards, along with county curriculum guides, drive instruction at WES.

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. Please take an active role in your children's education. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call. My door is always open. You may contact me at school by calling 301-359-0511.

Accelerated Reader testing at Westernport Elementary School will soon be starting. Our school has a subscription Accelerated Reader Enterprise, thanks to the Reeves Private Foundation. This allows students in grades 2-5 to access (from school computers only!) more than 160,000 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 2016-2017 (our 26th year!) will be kicked off in early September! Stay tuned for more information.



- ☺ Sept. 5 (Mon.) SCHOOLS & OFFICES Closed- Labor Day
- ☺ Sept 6 (Tues.) Krispy Kreme fundraiser begins
- ☺ Sept. 9 (Fri.) Grandparents Day (PreK -2 @ 10:30 a.m. & PreK, 3-5 @ 2:00 p.m.)
- ☺ Sept. 12-16 Outdoor School
- ☺ Sept. 12 (Mon.) Martin's BonusCard Registration begins.
- ☺ September 19 (Mon.) Reading for Education Magazine Campaign Kickoff
- ☺ Sept. 20 (Tues.) Krispy Kreme Order due
- ☺ Sept. 29 (Thurs.) **SCHOOLS CLOSED** -Parent Conferences-Elementary 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Krispy Kreme Pickup



Schoolwide Title I-What's That?

Westernport Elementary School is one of eight 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.