

*Northern Tioga  
School District*



District Update  
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# *Dr. Diana L. Barnes Superintendent*



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## **Fall Title 1 Meetings:**

Elementary Title 1 School Parent and Family Engagement Meetings:

R.B. Walter Elementary, November 7, 4:30 – 5:00 G117

Clark Wood Elementary, November 8, 10:00 room G126

Westfield Area Elementary, November 7, 4:00 – 4:30 Library

# Clark Wood Elementary School

## From the Principal:

Welcome back to school. I am pleased to announce that we have gotten off to a great start. Thank you to everyone for helping us make this year a safe and smooth start.

Clark Wood Elementary School is committed to making your child's school experience a safe and supportive environment. We continue to hold safety drills and meetings to continuously review our safety practices and procedures. You can help us by reporting any concerns that you may have. Our students are at the center of each day and we will remain focused on their wellbeing and protection.

I would like to thank all of our teachers and staff for the wonderful job that they have done and continue to do with our children. Their dedication is first class. Thank you.

## Title 1 Reading:

Explore Books! Give your child an opportunity to explore books. Visiting a library or bookstore gives your child a chance to find books that interest them

Read, read, read! Make sure to read every day! Students can read independently, aloud to an adult, or back and forth with a partner.



## Student Council News:

Welcome back to school. That is the message that the student council sends to everyone when school starts. Some of the student council members came to school in mid-August and began decorating our school. This made our building look so very nice for the first day of school. The Student Council is made of students from the sixth and fifth grades. They work with Mrs. Shirley Heitzenrater as their advisor. The Student Council is always very busy throughout the year planning their special weeks and activities.

## School Wide Positive Behavior Program:

- R-** Respect Everyone
- A-** Act Safely
- M-** Make Responsible Choices
- S-** Show Pride

### **Home and School Association:**

The Clark Wood Home and School Association is a team made up of staff and parents that is dedicated to supporting our students. We meet once a month to plan school events and provide a variety of supports to our school. This parent-teacher organization is open to any person who is interested in helping support our students. If you are interested in being involved please let your child's teacher know or contact Jess Millard, Principal, at millardj@ntiogasd.org.

### **Community Sponsor Spotlight: The Valley Youth Initiative**

We would like to thank The Valley Youth Initiative for their continued support of our students, staff, and community. Over the past year this team has helped provide approximately 5,000 weekend backpack meals for our students, around 200 pairs of new shoes, summer lunch and activity programs as well as the completion of the new pavilion in Jerome Park. If you would like to make a donation to The Valley Youth Initiative, please contact Jess Millard at millardj@ntiogasd.org or a local church leader.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Thursday, September 19 – Family Reading Night

Thursday, September 26 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip – Tanglewood

Friday, September 27 – No School – Professional Development

Thursday, October 17 – Early Dismissal – Professional Development

Friday, October 18 – No School – Professional Development

Thursday, October 24 – Family Reading Night

Friday, October 25 – End of First Semester

### **Classroom News:**

#### **Notes from the Music Department:**

Concert dates have been set.

Tuesday, December 17 – Clark Wood Band/Chorus Concert

Tuesday, May 19 – Clark Wood Band/Chorus Concert



#### **Kindergarten:**

Here in Clark Wood Kindergarten we have been working very hard at

learning the classroom rules and routines. Our school wide positive behavior program is helping to add to our success. We are . . .  
RAMS!

With implementation of the Cark Wood customized concept, the children are continuing to learn routines as they change classes with their friends. Teachers are using email to keep parents informed of the latest happenings in the subject areas of math and reading.

Some of our homeroom activities have included "The Kissing Hand" by Audrey Penn. We discussed how Chester Raccoon's mother gave him a "kissing hand" on his first day of school. We then made our own "kissing hands" to take home. We also read "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" by Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault. With this story we discussed letters of the alphabet, and we painted our own coconut trees.

Thanks for all your cooperation in getting our year off to a great start.

### **First Grade:**

We are starting our year by practicing our RAMS expectations in all areas of our school. We love to show pride when we do a great job!

We have been busy preparing projects for our parents to see at Open House. Also, we will be celebrating Grandparent's Day on Fri., Sept 6, with a special 1st grade assembly and snacks. Students are excited to share what makes their grandparents special.

Our fundraiser this year will be a chicken barbecue, happening on Sat., Sept. 28. Chicken halves will be \$6 each. The students will be selling tickets starting Sept. 4. See your favorite 1st grader for your tickets.

One of our goals this year is for all of the students to become experts at tying their shoes. Please work with your child at home to practice each day. When the students are able to show their teacher that they can tie shoes, they will become a part of the "shoe-tying" club and receive a reward.

### **Second Grade:**

Mrs. Barley's & Mrs. Caffo's homeroom has had a busy start to this school year. Anticipating a good school year, we mixed up a friendship salad. We put in canned fruit for each type of student that we wanted in our class: the kind students, the ones that share, those that are helpful, and yogurt for a happy class. When asked if they wanted to put in a rotten banana it was a resounding NO! The stu-

dents enjoyed the friendship salad together. After reading “My Mouth Is A Volcano” about how hard it is to put back unkind words the students represented that thought. Using toothpaste, we realized how easily it comes out but when asked to put it all back in, just using a toothpick the children found out that was impossible. As our words they come out of our mouth so easily but we never can put back or completely fix mean words that are said. We are very excited about starting cursive handwriting and will soon learn how to form some lowercase letters including l, h, k, and t. Science has us exploring the life cycle of a butterfly our Monarch caterpillars have all transformed into their chrysalis. We are anxiously waiting for the next part of the life cycle. The Little Caesars pizza fundraiser will come to a close September 9th. Soon after, at the end of September, we will take our first 2nd Grade Field Trip to Tanglewood Nature Center and Steele Memorial Library in Elmira, NY.

### **3-6<sup>th</sup> Grades:**

In 3rd grade math, we have been focused on place value and how it affects the order of numbers. We will also begin rounding numbers very soon. This is sometimes a difficult concept, so your help at home is very much appreciated! In fourth grade math we are working with place value. We are exploring how placement of a digit in the number affects the value of the number. We will be comparing numbers as well as rounding numbers. Keep studying your math facts!

We began our first unit of Text Structures and we will be using the following while reading our informational texts this unit: Cause & Effect, Problem & Solution, Compare & Contrast, Chronological Order, and Description. Spelling homework is assigned every night and every week we will be introducing a new list of vocabulary. Please encourage your child to practice both a little bit every night!

Fourth grade has begun looking at science inquiry, the difference between scientific facts and opinions, and how to test scientific theories.

We are so excited to be learning about Citizenship this month in 3rd grade! Included in this unit, we will be learning what it means to be a citizen, what our rights and responsibilities are, and how we can practice good citizenship skills!

Intermediate ELA blocks are in the middle of an exciting unit on Text Structure! We are learning how to structure out text for cause and effect, descriptions, comparing and contrasting, and sequence. We are exploring texts with these structures and even writing a few of

our own! We are also excited to add a new focus on grammar this year.

Fifth grade social studies classes are studying early regions and states. Students are comparing and contrasting regions of the United States and increasing their understanding of how our country is organized.

Fifth and sixth grade upcoming events/activities:

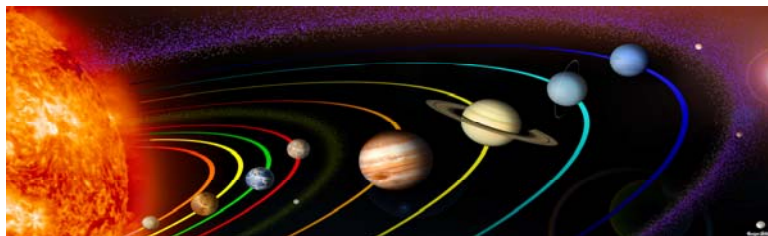
- Krispy Kreme fundraiser will begin in September and donuts will be delivered shortly after
- Student will also be selling pies for the Thanksgiving holiday season
- We held our first Kids AFTERNOON Out on Sept. 6. It was a success!

We are in the planning stages for our class field trip to Niagara Falls in May.

Fifth grade math classes are very busy getting back into the routine of school. They have reviewed how to identify and categorize whole numbers by place value and the various forms that numbers can take. They will continue to work on increasing their knowledge of mathematical computations involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers.

Third grade math classes have made the transition into new math groups with Mrs West and Mrs. Heitzenrater. They are working hard with place value concepts and remembering the rounding rules. We will soon start the addition process.

Sixth grade science classes are studying astronomy. They are learning the differences between rotation and revolution and how both affect our planet. We will soon be looking at the phases of the moon and how the moon interacts with Earth. Our students have asked many interesting questions related to space and the study of science.



Sixth grade math classes are reviewing some things from last year and learning some new concepts. Currently we are working on the Orders of Operations (PEMDAS) and will be moving on to decimals and fractions. Most of these are review but each contains a new element to further prepare them for 7th grade.

Sixth Grade Social Studies has begun the map unit. They will learn: continents, oceans, time zones, essential areas of the globe as well as how to read latitude and longitude coordinates.

Fourth Grade math is learning place value to new periods. In addition, they are beginning to multiply vertically by single and double digits. They will be able to represent numbers in a variety of forms. They have so many new things to learn this year.

## **Westfield Area Elementary School**

**Kindergarten** is back in full swing and we are excited to be here! The beginning of the year will focus on writing names, recognizing, writing and naming the letters, recognizing and counting using numbers, and identifying colors and shapes. School is an exciting place to be as students begin to understand the expectations of school and our daily routine, make new friends and learn how much fun it is to be at WAES!

**First Grade** at Westfield Area Elementary is off to a fantastic start! The students and teachers have settled in nicely. Mrs. Doan has welcomed Mrs. Whitsell and Mrs. Good to the first grade team and they are all very excited! All three classes started the year off with a s'mores theme, which included s'mores treats and lots of s'mores themed Math centers. First grade jumped right into number concepts and addition. New sight words and spelling patterns are already being utilized in our grade level reading books. These books will be going home weekly and students will have the opportunity to practice reading at home with their families using their books. We are very proud of how ready and willing our first graders have been for **s'more** learning here at WAES!

**Second Graders** at WAES have been super busy! We have hit the ground running learning about story elements in fictional stories, writing about our weekend adventures, and learning all about place value. We have also learned all about each other, our likes and differences between this school year and last, and getting to know the ropes at school in our classroom and school environment. We have set goals for our school year and are looking forward to learning from each other and becoming better readers and writers throughout the year!



Welcome back to school! **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** is excited to begin another exciting year. Our students are looking forward to mastering their cursive writing and multiplication, not to mention rotating classes for science, social studies, and writing! It is a big year for our students!

Our classes are wrapping up their fundraising sales, so if you know a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, it's not too late! They are selling Little Caesar's Pizza Kits to raise money for the field trips we hope to take this year. They've been working very hard, so don't miss out!

The **Fifth Graders** at WAES are off to a great start this year. We would like to officially welcome Mrs. Simonetti to our team. She will be teaching science to all of the students and in addition, all core classes to her homeroom. Mrs. Simonetti previously taught at Clark Wood Elementary for several years. We are excited to have her join our WAES family.

We have been reviewing and introducing many different strategies in reading to help us become successful in fifth grade. The students have been introduced to a new literature series that will be used over the next two years. The year has started with learning nonfiction content including topics on smart animals and buried tombs!

This year the students will be switching for math class. This will provide the students the opportunity to collaborate with others, but will also allow for personal growth. They will also be using a new math software called "Learning Farm" that will allow them to slow down or speed up their learning whenever they need to. This program is engaging and encourages problem solving independently.

In science, they will be learning about magnetism and electricity. The students will be creating Google slides and a diorama for Native Americans in social studies. Lastly, students will be learning the writing process and moving on to the parts of speech in English.

We would like to welcome all of our new students and wish everyone a great 2019-2020 year!

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade** is off to a great start this year. September will be a busy and exciting month for us. Our first class fundraiser will start September 16<sup>th</sup> and run through the 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be selling hoagies and pizzas to help fund our spring field trip to Niagara Falls. These items make great dinners for busy sports families this time of year. 6<sup>th</sup> grade will also be attending the Challenge Ropes Course at Penn York Camp later in September. This is always a day filled with adventure and challenge. Students are pushed out of their comfort zones and work together to complete a variety of difficult tasks. They learn a lot about each other and themselves as people and stu-

dent learners. Finally, we have applied and were accepted to participate with Trout in the Classroom. This opportunity will allow our students to experience the life cycles of rainbow trout in a hands on way. Keep reading the district update to hear how the trout are doing.

## **R.B. Walter Elementary School**

### **Kindergarten:**

We have completed the first full week of school in kindergarten! The students are working hard to learn new routines throughout the school and in the classroom. Walking in the halls, eating in the cafeteria, going to special classes, and getting to the buses are exciting new challenges for everyone. All RB Walter students have been introduced to our positive behavior program, SPARK! Throughout the school day, teachers and staff look to reward student behaviors that show Self-control, Participation, Accountability, Respect, and Kindness. In the classroom students are introduced to a new letter of the alphabet every day. They need to learn to identify the uppercase and lowercase letters and the sounds associated with each letter. Color identification is reinforced as the spelling of each color word is introduced. Utilizing pencils, crayons, and scissors appropriately is important throughout the day. These kindergarten skills can be practiced and reinforced at home, so your child feels more successful in school. September will be a busy month of learning new skills and making new friends. Please make sure your child gets enough rest at home to meet the challenges of school every day!



### **First grade:**

What a great start! We are learning how to be awesome first graders and how to show everyone SPARK! A reminder to parents to please check student folders every day due to the amount of beginning-of-school programs and paperwork. Our fundraiser with Cherrydale Farms began on August 30th and will run through September 13th.

## **Second Grade:**

Second graders have been busy!! At our Meet the Teacher night the students were excited to see their classroom, old friends, and of course, meet their teacher!! In reading we've started exploring both fantasy and realistic fiction stories. In Math we have been working on place value with numbers to 1,000. WOW!!! Just like the upcoming season, we're falling into place for a super, great year here at R. B. Walter!!!



## **Third Grade:**

The Third Grade R.B. Walter teachers would like to welcome everyone back to school. We have an exciting and fun filled year planned. The third graders are able to switch to different classes this year and have transitioned well into their new routine.

Our first Science lesson is to learn about the tools scientists use to explore our world. The students are having a great time discovering how to use science tools as they rotate through stations. We are positive they will be able to help you with chores around the house now that they know the safe way to use scientific tools.

Third graders have started their first Grammar concept. We are learning how to recognize and write complete sentences. We are also discovering how to use those complete sentences to write a story about Science in our lives.

In reading, students will be reading several fantasy stories, Jennie and the Wolf, Bruno's New Home, & Wolf. This week, students will be practicing the skills of visualizing, character traits, and synonyms.

In Math, students have been busy ordering numbers, comparing

numbers, and expanding their knowledge of place value. The students have learned how to “accordion fold” a piece of paper to show expanded form. We have also played a Mystery Math Game and Place Value Dice Game to practice place value to the thousands place.

#### **Fourth Grade:**

The fourth graders at R.B. Walter are off to a great school year. In Math, they have been reviewing skills from third grade, such as; place value and comparing numbers. In ELA, the students are reading *The Book Report from the Black Lagoon* and learning how reading a good book can be a great adventure! In Science, the students have just started learning about the 5 kingdoms of life in great detail. The fourth graders are becoming familiar with Google Classroom and AR expectations. We also have been reviewing and practicing SPARK behavior.

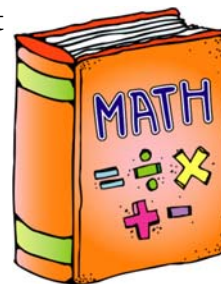
#### **Fifth Grade:**

We are excited to start a new school year. In reading, the students are examining plot elements in narratives. Students are also learning the difference between internal and external conflicts. In math, we are learning to use place value in relationship to the new Common Core. We will be moving on to comparing & ordering numbers. In social studies class, we are learning how ancient Native Americans came to be in North America. In science class, we are studying the relationship between electrical charges & currents & how electrical circuits transfer electricity. We have completed Lab Zone activities following the scientific method. Many fifth graders are enthusiastic about joining chorus and band. We are looking forward to learning many new Common Core concepts as fifth graders!

#### **Sixth Grade:**

We had a great first two weeks of school. The students seem well-rested from a nice summer vacation and ready to learn new things.

In math class, we started the year learning about exponents, order of operations, and mathematical properties. These concepts always prove to be enjoyable to students once they learn the rules. Remember Please excuse my dear Aunt Sally? Ask your sixth grader what phrase they invented to remember the order of operations! Next up....GCF/LCM and decimal operations!



In Science students have begun studying Astronomy. We will discuss the phases of the moon and the effects on our everyday life, (tides, planting seasons, etc.). Students are eager to explore the solar system, galaxies, and all the other elements that make up outer space. Students will also learn the layers and characteristics of our sun.

In Social Studies students have been discussing current events. They are also beginning to learn about the differences between relative and absolute location. Students will study human geography and physical geography and lay the groundwork to explore the geography throughout our world.

In ELA we have started the year working on the skill of text structure. Understanding the different ways text can be structured can impact comprehension. Text can be structured in several ways: Cause and Effect, Problem/Solution, Compare and Contrast, Sequence and Description. Students have chosen a topic and are writing an example of each structure with that topic. Additionally, we are discussing figurative language and that will lead us into our first writing assignment late next week. The subject will be on a super hero of their imagination with the magic of figurative language added. Finally, in grammar we will be learning about the 4 types of sentences and using a variety in their writing.



**Title I:**

What a great start to the 2019-2020 school year here at R. B. Walter Elementary!! Title I has been busy helping out our new kindergarten students. We assist with beginning of the year kindergarten testing, breakfast/lunch duties and busing. We then jump right into district wide DIBELS testing, traveling to all three elementary schools to help test. Data meeting soon follow, with guided reading groups and MTSS groups being established. Once we have our Title I groups, things settle in and students arrive in our classrooms each day to receive Title I services.

**Library:**

Welcome back to all of our students at RB Walter Elementary School. By this time students have begun to visit the school library as a regular part of their “Specials” rotation. If your stu-

dent's library special time falls on a Monday or Friday, your student will have instruction and book selection with Mrs. Bates, our school librarian. If your student's library special time falls on any other day of the week, your student will have book selection time plus another scheduled activity such as sustained silent reading, Study Island, or story time plus an activity. Don't forget to watch for important events at our library such as the Book Fairs (Fall and Spring) and Battle of the Books (April 4). Happy reading to all!

### **Physical Education:**

On the first day of all Physical Education classes time is spent setting goals, discussing purpose, motivating students, and going over procedures. That procedure went very well this year. Since then, each level has started their first unit. For the primary grades, basic movement skills are taught. They include all locomotor and non-locomotor skills. They will participate in simple games to reinforce those skills. For grades 3-6, students participate in fitness activities. Most are done on the track. Some are done indoors. A strong emphasis is put on learning about heart rate, exercise heart rate, recovery, and taking pulse.

### **Art:**

The school year is off to a fantastic start. Students are meeting their new classmates and beginning a set of new creative problems to solve in my art room. Each grade level is a day or two into the first project of the year and seems to be ready to work hard. Creative problem solvers make great employees or business owners or surgeons or mechanics or.... well, you get my point! I hope all of you have a safe, healthy and educational year!

### **Music:**

We are busy making music already this year! Kindergarten students have been enjoying singing songs and trying out all the neat instruments the music room has to offer. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades have been discussing the difference between steady beat and rhythm, and had a lot of fun singing and play "The Hokey Pokey." 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students started out the year chanting "Alligator Pie" and composing new lyrics to the chant. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students got things going with a "Pizza" round and are getting ready to compose their own rhythmic pieces. Steady beat and rhythm is a great way for all students to start the new school year!



## **Cowanesque Valley High School**

On Thursday, Aug 29<sup>th</sup>, the CV Middle School had their annual back to school dance on the tennis courts. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students had a blast dancing to music by CV's own DJ Evan Kies with help from Tommy Mack. Pictured is Tommy Mack teaching students some dance moves.



## **Two Cowanesque FFA Teams Place First at States**

The Cowanesque FFA Poultry and Land Management Judging teams placed first at the PA State FFA Career Development Event held during FFA Activities Week in June at the Pennsylvania State University.

The teams will now represent the Pennsylvania FFA at the National Level. The Poultry Judging Team will represent the Pennsylvania FFA at the National FFA Convention held in October in Indianapolis, Indiana. Team members are Ashley Bower, Sarah Boyer, Matthew Shuey, and Kendra Smeltz.

Boyer placed third individually overall in the state and received a Gold recognition. She is the daughter of Andy and Melissa Boyer of Little Marsh. Bower is the daughter of Jody and Stacey Bower of Knoxville. Shuey is the son of Mike and Amy Shuey of Sabinsville while Smeltz is the daughter of Chad and Bobbie Smeltz of Little Marsh.

The Land Management Judging Team will represent the Pennsylvania FFA at the National FFA Land Judging Competition held in May in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Team members are Glenn Barnes, Thaddeus Boyer, McGwire Painter, and Miche Robbins.

Boyer placed first individually overall and all team members received Gold recognition as all team members took the top four places in the state. Boyer is the son of Andy and Melissa Boyer of Little Marsh. Barnes is the son of Jeff and Pamela Barnes of Lawrenceville. Painter is the son of Clinton and Maria Painter of Westfield. Robbins is the son of Doug Robbins of Knoxville.

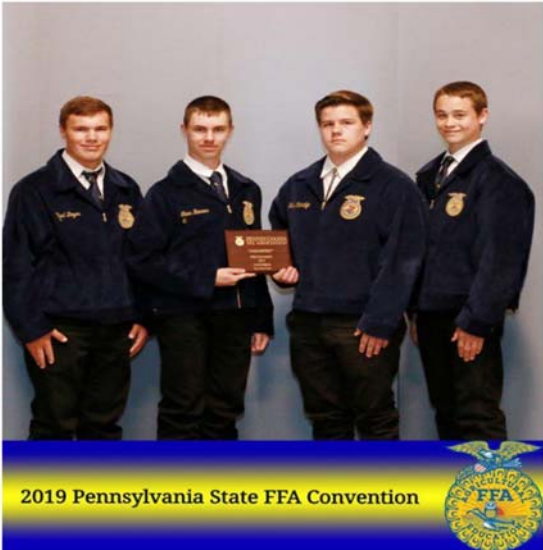
A total of 12 Cowanesque FFA members represented their chapter competing in Career Development Events. The Dairy Judging team comprised of Nick Eldridge, Lane Graves, Joshua Hultz, and Logan Bentley. The team earned a 5th place finish. Hultz placed 8<sup>th</sup> overall in the completion and is the son of Daryl and Denise Hultz of Millerton.

FFA Activities Week is organized by the Pennsylvania FFA Association and included Career Development Events, Leadership Development Events and business sessions of the PA FFA. More than 1,500 FFA members and advisors across the state of Pennsylvania participated in the events. While at PSU the students were offered use of the campus facilities for educational and recreational activities and attended general session meetings at the PA FFA State Convention.



Cowanesque FFA advisors are Andrew Boyer and Martin Heyler.

### Land Judging First Place Team



Land Judging First Place Team - Cowanesque Valley - Thad Boyer, Glenn Barnes, Miche Robbins, McGwire Painter

### Poultry 1st Place Team



Poultry 1st Place Team - Cowanesque - Sarah Boyer, Ashley Bower, Matt Shuey, Kendra Smeltz

## Poultry Individuals



Poultry Individuals - 1st, Micah Frey, Manor - 2nd, Jesse St Cyr, Cumberland Valley - 3rd, Sarah Boyer, Cowanesque

The Cowanesque Indians have been busy preparing for the upcoming season under new head coach Mike Schmitt who brings a new look and enthusiasm to the game. The boys have been preparing since last spring by strength training in the weight room four mornings a week and having a spring installation of the offense and attending seven on seven sessions with Athens, Canton, Sayre and Wellsboro over the summer as well as a tournament at Penn State University. Here they competed with teams from four states and Washington DC and drew compliments from many of the coaches for their play and enthusiasm. Heat conditioning started August fifth and the players reported to football camp at Elkland High School August twelve for three days of intense practices and chalkboard sessions as well as the comradery associated with teamwork. They then returned to Cowanesque Valley High School to prepare for a scrimmage held at Eberle Griffin Memorial Field with Port Allegheny High School. Following the scrimmage a new tradition was introduced called the "Senior Retreat" whereby the seniors on the team went to a hunting lodge where they enjoyed some fun activities, had dinner and sat around a campfire for a series of discussions

about their leadership roles, their senior year and their future plans. After a good night's sleep they were treated to a breakfast at a local restaurant and returned home. They now prepare for their first game at Wellsboro. Coach Schmitt has brought a wealth of knowledge after a highly successful career coaching in his home state of Louisiana as well as Colorado. He strives to mold "Good Men" for the future through hard work and perseverance. Coach Schmitt resides in Nelson with his wife Lenore and their four children who attend school in the Williamson Schools. Coach Schmitt is assisted by a staff consisting of Dylan Smith, Jim Oman, Jacob Lane, Bill McCawley, Jeff Quick, Travis Brown, Shawn Huyler and Matt Sottolano. Everyone is looking forward to the season.



### **CV Middle School News!**

By Alexis Shenk & Addi Winch

This year our middle school has many fun activities planned but for right now we have September activities. Come out and support our volleyball, football, and cross country teams. The home games are:

9/9 JH VB (H) Wyalusing

9/18 JH VB (H) Wellsboro

9/23 JH FB (H) NP Mansfield

9/23 JH VB (H) Sayre

September 30th starts homecoming week. It will run through October 5th. In August we hosted a middle school dance on the tennis courts there was dodgeball, pizza, soda, dancing and lots of laughs.

Some of our fellow classmates described it as fun and crazy. Remember we will have no school on September 27th.

## Williamson High School

### WHS Band Newsletter

#### Band Camp/Summer Parades:

The Williamson Marching Warriors completed this year's band camp from 7/29-8/2, 2019. Students in grades 7-12 who are enrolled in the concert band were eligible to attend. 53 students participated in this year's camp! These students memorized 2 of the 3 pieces of music and a field show routine for each piece, which was performed for friends and family at the end of camp on 8/2. These students also participated in the Italian Festival parade on 8/10/19 in Watkins Glen, NY; as well as the Tioga Old Home Days Parade in Tioga on 8/17/19. Guard instructor Barbra Lavelle wrote the color guard routine. The drill routine was written by band director Eric Lavelle. Steven Hepfer headed up the percussion section once again. Thanks to all the parents who helped fit uniforms, and provide snacks/drinks for our hot weather parades. These students deserve a lot of credit for doing all of this before the first day of school!

#### New Band Students/Instrument Rental Night:

On 8/29/19 at 6:30PM, representatives from Robert M. Sides Family Music Store in Williamsport held an informational meeting for parents whose children are to begin band this year. A representative from the music store explained the company's rent to buy program and got many students signed up for band with new and used instruments. Any student who wishes to join band may see Mr. Lavelle at any time for more information. It's never too late to learn to play an instrument!!



### Music Booster Meeting:

The Music Booster Organization is made up of a group of parents whose students are in the band or chorus program at Williamson HS, Middle School, or R.B. Walter elementary school. This year's first Music Booster Meeting date is 9/16 at 7PM in the WHS Band Room (letters containing more info have gone home with students in grades 7-12). Topics that will be discussed include upcoming music fundraisers and field trips, organization of the Music Booster Club, recent and future purchases, and helping out at parades.

### Facebook:

See our Facebook page for videos of recent performances, and click on the "learn more" button to view our up to date calendar of events. [www.facebook.com/williamsonmarchingwarriors](http://www.facebook.com/williamsonmarchingwarriors)

### NTSD Calendar:

On the NTSD web site, there is a calendar accessible by dropdown menu. The calendar has all of our band and chorus events on it, as well as most other events across NTSD.

## **Middle School**

On Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, seventh graders and their families participated in the middle school's annual orientation. This year was interesting with the construction project still underway in the middle school wing. Instead of traveling to their classrooms and trying out their new lockers, students and their families attended four mini workshops to help familiarize them with their new school. We had a terrific turnout. Special thanks to Mrs. Casbeer for helping to organize the evening and to Mrs. Kendrick for running the cookie table. We are looking forward to a new year full of learning and friendship.

Williamson Middle School students are selling SaveAround coupon books. The fundraiser is to help fund field trips and activities that take place throughout the school year. Books are \$25 each and there is a section of coupons for local establishments as well as a section with nationwide coupons. The sale will run through September 16th. If you would like to purchase a coupon book, please contact Krista Andrews at [andrewsk@ntiogasd.org](mailto:andrewsk@ntiogasd.org) OR call the school at 570-827-2191.

**Williamson Middle School Student Council** held two planning meetings and an officer meeting over the summer to prepare for the new school year. They worked in conjunction with the high school council to give a solid Welcome Back to the student body. Die cut feathers each displaying a student's name adorn the halls, and thanks to the help of the wonderful Mrs. Kies and her creative art club kids, a teepee welcoming all to the tribe sits in the entryway by the gym. Students also shared whale crackers with faculty, staff, and bus drivers to give them a tasty "Whale-come back to school." A shirt design has been voted upon, and fundraising to pay for them approved. Council members voted to expand the size of the council for a total of 30 members. With all of the wonderful happenings, we are sure to have a terrific year.

### **Williamson High School Student Council**

Even though summer is typically a time for students to rest and recharge, the WHS student council did just the opposite. Throughout the summer, we could be found helping out at the high school with various tasks, helping to paint the temporary Lawrenceville Station 8 fire hall, attending student council camps and conferences, and meeting to plan back to school kick off events, among other things.



We started off the school year by welcoming back faculty and staff with whales and goldfish crackers, saying “Student Council would like to o-FISH-ally WHALE-come you back!” We also worked with the amazing Mrs. Kies and some of her art students to fashion a teepee for our gym lobby. Lastly, we worked to get students and staff hyped for our first day of school speaker, Chris Seifert, by providing music, beach balls, and ice breakers.



Speaking of hype, we are working very hard to plan our upcoming homecoming events, which take place September 16<sup>th</sup>-September 21<sup>st</sup>. The calendar of events for homecoming is below.

All week: Spirit Week

Monday, 9/16: kick off pep rally, girls soccer at 4pm

Tuesday, 9/17: boys soccer 4pm, varsity volleyball 6pm

Wednesday, 9/18: block party in the parking lot 4-6pm, junior high volleyball 6pm

Thursday, 9/19: boys soccer 4pm, junior high volleyball 10am, junior high volleyball 6pm, bon fire at the soccer field 7-9

Friday, 9/20: homecoming dance 7-10pm, crowning at 7pm  
(community is welcome for crowning)

Saturday, 9/21: girls soccer 10am, junior high soccer 1pm

We are continuing to plan for our hosting of the 2020 Region G conference in April and are very excited to show student leaders from within our region what #warriornation is all about. In order to host such a large event, as well as take 25 students to the state

conference this year, we will be focusing on our fundraising efforts. Some of the fundraisers that we are hoping to complete in the near future are: sell texas roadhouse gift cards before the holidays, sell warrior gear and stadium chairs, and host a dodge ball tournament.

Look for us at the Lawrenceville Days Parade on September 21<sup>st</sup>! Please contact one of the advisors if you have questions or are interested in any of our fundraisers/events!

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