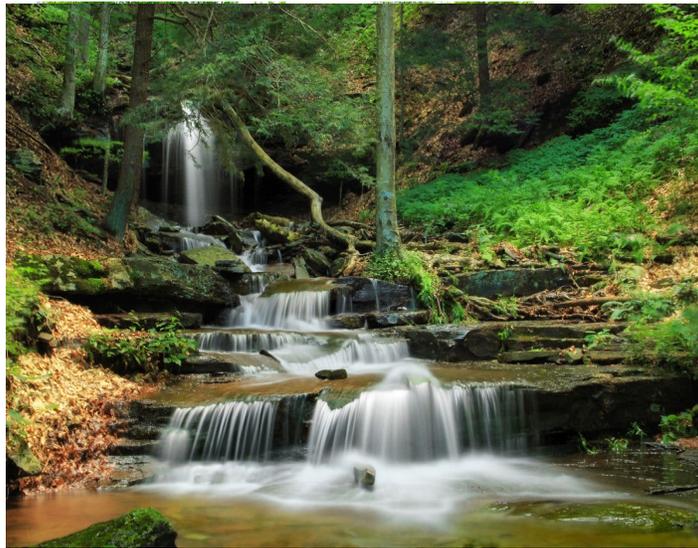


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## **Clark Wood Elementary School**

### From the Principal:

As the end of the year approaches, I would like to give a shout out to several groups that have helped us have a successful year this year. There are several groups that have given their time energy and even money to help our students and staff. These include our Home and School Association, PBIS Teams, Family Reading Night, CCI Team, Valley Youth Initiative and Student Council.

We also appreciate our reading clubs, Art Helpers, Band, Chorus, as well as our great team of maintenance and custodial staff. We give a special thank you to the NTSD Board of Directors and Mr. Kaufman for all of their support. We will not forget to mention our cafeteria staff and bus drivers. We thank you all.

I want to say thank you to all of our parents for working with us this year. Together we make differences in children's lives. We will not have school on May 24 as those are unused Snow Days.

### School Wide Positive Behavior Program:

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

### Title 1 Reading:

Reading makes for a happy camper! Take your books outside and read under the stars or near a bonfire. Don't forget the s'mores!

### HSA Scoop:

Clark Wood HSA parents have been busy preparing Turn Off the Screen Week. We partnered with the Elkland Area Community Library. Our mascot, Rusty the Ram, has been hiding around the library, waiting for students to spot him. Students who found Rusty earned a ticket that increased their chances of winning an ice cream basket. Together, we also created a book scavenger hunt. Students booked it around town looking for book covers in the window. When students completed the book hunt, they earned another ticket towards the ice cream basket.

Special thanks to the Elkland Area Community Library, our Clark Wood Librarian- Mrs. Watkins, and businesses who allowed us to use their window for the book scavenger hunt.

We hope students enjoyed their screen-free week and found new ways to stay busy! Be on the lookout for a new reading challenge that will take place during the summer break. More information will be given at the end of the year. Next meeting- TBD

Valley Youth Initiative: Northern Tioga Maintenance and Custodial Staff

We would like to recognize and appreciate the Northern Tioga Maintenance and Custodial staff for their support of our programs specifically supporting the Backpack Program. With out your help we would not be able to help our students and families in all the ways that we do. We thank you.

Upcoming Events:

Mon. May 13 – Kindergarten – Clemens Center  
Tues., May 14 – 6th Track Meet, & 4th Environmental Field Day  
Thurs. May 16 – Band and Chorus Concert 7PM  
Fri. May 17 – PBIS Assembly  
Tues. May 21 – 6th Grade to Hills Creek – Environmental Day  
Wed. May 22 – 5th and 6th to Buffalo – 4th to Harrisburg  
Wed. May 23 – 3rd to Bison Farm – 1st to Farmland – 2nd Walking FT (Community Tour)  
Fri. May 24 – Snow Make Up – No School  
Wed. May 28 – 6th Move Up day – 1st Walking FT to Library  
Thurs. May 30 – CW Field Day  
Fri. May 31 – Special Olympics  
Mon. June 3 – Kindergarten Celebration  
Tues. June 4 – 6th Graduation – 2nd Walking FT to Westlake  
Wed. June 5 – 1st Awards Picnic – Band/Chorus to Knoebel’s  
Thurs. June 6 – Sr. Walk Through – CW Awards Assembly  
Fri. June 7 – Last Day of School – Early Dismissal

Classroom News:

Band Notes:

Spring Concert for grades 3,4,5, Band and Chorus is on May 16, at 7:00 pm in the Elkland Complex Auditorium.

### Kindergarten:

We are going on our second field trip this month! We will travel to the Clemens Center to see "Pete the Cat." Afterwards, we will have lunch at Red Robin as well as visit Jone's Kones for an ice cream treat. Our first field trip was April 23, when we visited the Rockwell Museum and Applebee's. A big THANK YOU goes out to all who helped support our Cherrydale class fundraiser.

In math class we are working on those trick teen numbers. We are learning that teen numbers start with a number 1. We are also learning that they have a group of ten and some extra ones, when we look at ten-frames and base ten blocks. Teen numbers can be very tricky for early math learners to understand. The main reason numbers 11 through 19 are so tricky to master is because they do not follow the common rule for reading numbers — the language connection to teen numbers is different than most other numbers. For example, 35 is made up of 3 tens and 5 ones and is pronounced as "thirty-five." This pronunciation is logical since your child sees first the number three, followed by the number five. But consider the number 17: It's made up of 1 ten and 7 ones but pronounced "seventeen." Your child sees the number 1 followed by the number 7 — so it's understandably confusing that it's the "seven" that's said first.

In reading class Kindergarten is working on the last two units in reading. Both units 9 and 10 will introduce the long vowel sounds. Students are learning how to read and spell words with a long vowel sound by using the "silent e" rule. We are also proud to say that we will be learning our last few sight words to make it a total of 40 sight words this year. Student of the month is Elijah Tiffany. Way to go, Elijah!

### First Grade:

Michael Steinruck is a first-grade student, who exemplifies the RAMS expectations on a daily basis. He is very kind to his peers and adults throughout the school building. He has made great academic progress throughout this school year. He works diligently to complete his work with pride. He is always happy to lend a hand with errands or jobs within the classroom or Clark Wood building. Congratulations to Michael for being our first-grade student of the month.

The end of the year is quickly approaching. We are looking forward to our field trip to Farmland Animal Park and also our field trip to

the Elkland Community Library. Because they are both outdoor trips, please have your student dress accordingly and wear sneakers on both of these days. First grade students will be tie dying t-shirts at the end of the month. Please send in a new or gently used white t-shirt for your child to dye.

We are looking forward to celebrating all of our students' successes and time together this year. We have become published authors and will be unveiling our book at our class picnic and awards day. Students will be participating in a math bee and spelling bee. Spelling lists to study went home already. The math bee will include addition facts.

Please continue to read with your child throughout the remainder of the school year as well as throughout the summer months. It makes a crucial impact on their reading success.

### Second Grade:

Clark Wood students have been working hard to both, display and interpret information on a variety of graphs. Students are learning the value of different pieces of money. In ELA, students are creating plans for a food truck design. They are researching different recipes and practicing writing using sequential words. Clark Wood students had a great time at Clyde Peeling's Reptiland. Students saw many animals that were supported by our Rain Forest Unit. We have a busy end of the school year coming up and want to thank everyone for the support.

### Third Grade:

Math (3): Now that PSSAs are over, we get to do some projects that were skipped over throughout the year. Last week, we made a quadrilateral quilt. This week, we are making geometry stars. The students show understanding of points, line segments, acute and obtuse angles. The students will be finishing up our last month of school with some fun math activities such as a math carnival. We will be reviewing concepts we learned this year, as well as introducing a few topics for next year.

ELA (3): We worked so hard on the PSSA tests, and now we're in the homestretch! The end of the school year is such a busy time, but we still have a lot to accomplish. To round out the school year, we will still be learning new spelling words and vocabulary words, but we're

going to do this by completing a book study. We will read the book, discuss it at length, watch the movie, compare and contrast the book to the movie, and if we have time, complete a writing project.

Science (3): We are wrapping up the year studying electricity. Electrical safety at home is very practical and important for students to know. They get to have a scavenger hunt around their house in order to be proactive with their families. We will study some other fun things such as bees and dinosaurs to end the year.

Social Studies (3): We will finish out the school year by examining travel, tourism, parks, and recreation and how each of those have an impact on economy.

#### Fourth Grade:

Welcome to the Fourth Grade Corner of the District Newsletter! Our Clark Wood Fourth Grade ELA students explore many exciting topics! These topics include text structures, plot elements, making inferences, using context clues, utilizing text features, identifying types of conflicts, noticing different viewpoints, and the facets of biographies and autobiographies. Each week students also have a designated spelling and vocabulary list. These vocabulary words come from our weekly story. The weekly story is used to teach reading comprehension skills! Lastly, students will continue working on citing text evidence to prove the answers to fascinating questions. To support your child from home, please practice their spelling and vocabulary words!

Our Fourth-Grade world of math zeroes in on place value, operations and algebraic thinking, fractions, data and measurement, and geometry. To support math students at home, please spend time practicing multiplication facts. Math fact fluency allows students to learn more complicated concepts much more easily!

Fourth Grade Science focuses on many interesting topics. Students discuss the difference between facts and opinions, delve into the various scientific investigation tools, explore animal adaptations, dive into the properties of matter, and much more. We have so much fun!

Fourth Grade Social Studies is centered around our wonderful state of Pennsylvania. Students learn about early settlers and the events that led to our modern world. We will take a field trip to Harrisburg this year! In anticipation of our trip, we make many connections between our lessons in class and what we see and hear while visiting the Capitol Building.

### Fifth Grade:

In 5th grade ELA, we started our unit on how research writing is different from all other forms of writing. The students will learn where to find reliable and valid information for a research paper. In grammar, we are finishing up working on sentence structure and will be moving on to prepositions.

In science, the students are learning how plants and animals survive in an ecosystem. Fifth grade math classes are having an amazing time with measurement. We are learning how to convert measurements, how to represent and interpret data with a variety of graphs, and how to calculate the volume of rectangular prisms.

Fifth grade social studies classes are exploring the 13 original colonies of the United States of America. Soon our focus will shift from the colonization to the series of events that led to the American Revolution.

### Sixth Grade:

6th Grade math is now preparing for 7th grade. We are learning all operations of integers. Then we will move onto circle, where they will discover pi, and be able to find the circumference and area of circles. 6th Grade Social Studies is finishing a unit on Europe. We are learning about the holocaust in additions to climate, physical features, and culture. We will move on to Africa once this is completed.

Sixth grade will be attending Environmental Field Day at Hills Creek. There they will learn about erosion, recycling, boating, trees and various other environmental topics. Sixth grade will be visiting the school they will be attending next year. The Transition/Move Up day allows them to tour, meet teachers, and mingle with the students that will be in seventh grade with them. They will have the opportunity to eat in the high school cafeteria and learn expectations.

5th and 6th Grade will be going to Buffalo on May 22. There they will visit the Buffalo Zoo, Naval Park and the Museum of History. It is sure to be a fun filled day.

6th Grade ELA we started our research unit. Students will learn how it is different from all other types of writing. We will be looking closely at understanding how to find reliable and valid information. In Grammar, we will be looking at prepositions and usage. 6th Grade Science we are focusing on the three rock groups and how they relate to the rock cycle.

Students of the Month:

Kindergarten: Elijah Tiffany; First Grade: Michael Steinruck; Second Grade: Reed Jacobson; Third Grade: Evelyn Sumral; Fourth Grade: Temperance Hinson; Fifth Grade: Owen West; Sixth Grade: Kiera Skadsem.

## **Westfield Area Elementary School**

First Grade:

First grade has been working very hard! In our reading units we are learning about the world around us and how we can work together to make things better. We are getting very good at reading words with lots of different sounds and spellings. We have been working on some different writing projects. They wrote about a time when we had an ouchy. They also wrote about and designed a dream fort. Now they are working on writing about a superpower they would like to have. They have some very creative ideas!

In math, we finished a unit on adding and subtracting double-digit numbers. We learned some different strategies we could use to add and subtract these bigger numbers. These strategies included using a 100 chart, using a quick picture, and making a ten and regrouping. Now we are learning about two and three-dimensional shapes. We are learning to identify them and describe them using their different attributes. We are also putting shapes together to compose new shapes. It has been a fun unit!

In Science we are learning about plants. We learned about the life cycle of a plant and the different parts of a plant. We also learned about what plants need to grow. We planted bean seeds in recycled milk cartons to observe their growth. We are measuring them to see how they are growing. Some of them are getting really tall!

We recently had our Book It party to celebrating our reading at home. We were able to watch a movie and have ice cream. It was a fun way to celebrate reading!

Second Grade:

The first field trip of the school year for 2nd grade was a HUGE success! We went to the Corning Museum of Glass on Friday, April 5th and watched a live hot glass demonstration and then created suncatchers by fusing glass pieces together. Everyone had a great time and did a great job while visiting the museum.

Our “egg drop” STEM week was a lot of fun as well! Students had to become engineers and create the most supportive container for their eggs. We saw them create parachutes and containers that were attached to them and then watched as their eggs were dropped from a chair, the 2nd floor of the elementary school, and then finally off the top of the building. It’s so fun watching them supporting each other even after their own egg didn’t make it.

In May, we will be heading to the Seneca Park Zoo to see a wide variety of animals and learn a little about each one. Also, the Tanglewood Nature Center will be coming to visit us at the end of the month to teach us about a few of the animals they have as well. We are looking forward to both of these events!

#### Fourth Grade:

The year is quickly winding down for 4th graders at WAES, but the weeks are filled with lots of exciting learning opportunities now that PSSA testing is over. The kiddos worked so hard to show everything they’ve learned this year on the tests. We are SO proud of them! Now they are hard at work on fun projects and so many field trips! This month, we had a blast at Farm Safety Day, learned a lot at Ives Run through the “Every Kid in the Park” program, and we are anxiously awaiting our big field trip to Harrisburg to learn all about our state government and history at the State Capitol building and State History Museum. To prepare for our trip to Harrisburg, students are working hard as we complete our unit on Government in Social Studies. In Math, students are getting to use their creativity to design unique “geometry cities.” They have come up with some really awesome ideas! In Reading, we are wrapping up the year with a novel study of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. So far, the kids are loving the book. We can’t wait to see what happens next!

#### Fifth Grade:

WAES 5<sup>th</sup> graders have worked extremely hard this year. The following questions come directly from the PA 5<sup>th</sup> grade standards. Can you answer the same questions they have this year? Let’s play ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A FIFTH GRADER:

1.  $2^3 + (8+3 \times 2) - 6$
2. Name the first 13 colonies.
3. Are **all** squares considered to be rectangles?
4. Which document stated, "We the loyal subjects of King James will establish our own government of fair and equal laws. These laws will be decided by the majority rule of this group. These laws are made for the good of the people in the colony as well as for the colony itself."?

C. C. The actor had a powerful presence on stage.

7. Is the following sentence an example of a simile or a metaphor?  
My brother's feet are as big as boats.
8. The study of how living things interact with each other and with their environment is called \_\_\_\_\_.

Answers:

5. Which conjunction should fill in the blank to correctly complete the sentence?  
Mom said that \_\_\_\_\_ my sister nor I had homework, so we could do something fun.
6. Which sentence uses the underlined word correctly?
  - A. My aunt is a kernel in the U S Army
  - B. B. Brenda took her fishing poll to the lake

1. 10
2. Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia.
3. Yes
4. Mayflower Compact
5. Neither
6. C
7. Simile
8. Ecology

WAES Drama Club:

The Westfield area Elementary Drama Club recently took a walk on the wild side! After two months of skill building, fun drama games, and learning lines and songs, this amazing cast of about 40 kids performed Rudyard Kipling's *The Elephant's Child*. The sense of pride in these students was overflowing! For many, the task of memorizing lines and music, combined with getting up in front of two full audiences was daunting. Mr. Wert and Mrs. McKee would like to thank student assistants Kyra Campbell and Addi Winch for their help in guiding these young thespians.



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

### From the Principal:

“Teaching is the profession that teaches all the other professions.” -Author Unknown. This year May 6th is National Teacher Appreciation Day. Our RBW teachers always strive to be their best, deliver the best instruction and care for our students. They inspire students and their colleagues every day! I would like to take this opportunity to say, “Thank You!”

I would also like to thank all our students, staff & faculty, families, and community members for making my first year at NTSD an incredible one! Out of all my years in education, this one has been my favorite. Please find time to rest and relax over the summer, so we can come back recharged and ready to learn in August. Have a safe summer!

Your partner in education,  
Kathryn Slavinski  
Principal, R. B. Walter Elementary School

### Upcoming Events:

5/23/24 - Kindergarten Celebration @ 12:00 pm

5/24/24 - No School (Snow Make-up Day)

5/27/24 – No School (Memorial Day)

5/28/24 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Move Up Day

6/3/24 – RBW School-Wide Track & Field Day

*~Wear your grade level color*

6/4/24 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation @ 7 pm

### STEM Day:

RB Walter would like to thank the following businesses and presenters for speaking with our students during STEM Day: Seneca Resources, Lawrenceville Fire Department, Morse's Excavating, Hultz Farm, PA Game Commission, Davenport Karate, PA State Police, Tri-County Electric, C&N Bank, Penn DOT, Williamson High School, Tioga County 4-H, Steve Wunderlich-Hoof Trimming, Tyler Upham-Soil, Sam Warren-Electrical Engineering, Carrie Blakeslee-Biology, and Chris Young- Manufacturing.

Title 1 :

Summer vacation is here! It's the time of year for the pool, picnics, family reunions, and fireworks! But, it is also the time of year when students slip backwards and forget some of the important skills they have learned during the school year. Luckily, there is a simple fix! The way to keep from losing those important skills is to read, read, and read some more. Here are some tips:

Read books or brochures about vacation spots you may be visiting. Make trips a way to encourage reading by reading aloud traffic signs, billboards, big truck business names and notices.

Join a summer reading program; often sponsored by local libraries. This year's theme (2024) is: "Adventure Begins at Your Library!" Read aloud together with your child whenever possible. Subscribe, in your child's name, to magazines like Sports Illustrated for Kids, Highlights for children, or National Geographic World. Set aside a few time blocks for reading each week and mark the calendar. Try some shared reading, where a child reads a page and a parent reads a page.



Keep a summer journal of all your summertime activities. Have a wonderful summer, and don't stop reading!

Kindergarten:

We have been a bunch of busy bees in Kindergarten! In math, we have been perfecting our counting skills, focusing on counting to 100 by 1s, 5s, and 10s, as well as counting to 100 beginning at any number. We have mastered our blends as well as our long vowels by reading and writing long vowel words. RBW has a special ABC countdown to the final day of school, which has included many fun activities so far such as chalk day, fun socks, wear green, bubbles and more! Kindergarten will be venturing out to our first of 3 field trips this month. First up is the Clemens Center, followed by Hultz Farm, and then Harris Hill. We also have our Kindergarten Celebration coming up the end of May and look forward to this time of recognizing the huge accomplishments our students have made throughout the year. Looking

ahead, please continue to work with your child over the summer on both math and reading skills. This is crucial for your child's academic growth and ability to retain all skills covered in kindergarten.



### First Grade:

May is an exciting month for first graders! this is the month where everything that we've been learning all year starts to come together. Please be sure to practice reading and basic math facts over the summer so it's fresh when August rolls around.

We're anxiously waiting for our Flat Stanleys to return from their adventures abroad! We have a map to chart where they all vacationed to and are eager to share! Have a safe and peaceful summer break!

### Second Grade:

In Reading, our second graders at R.B. Walter have been working on skills like summarization, point of view and making predictions, along with antonyms, synonyms, homophones, suffixes and other phonetic skills within our Wonders reading program. The stories have covered various genres from expository texts to myths.

In math, the students did a super job learning addition and

subtraction with regrouping. We will finish up the year learning about two and three dimensional shapes.

We are excited to have a visit from Tanglewood this month, where we will get to meet and learn about several interesting animals. We'll also be visiting one of our favorite local businesses... Jones Kones! With the end of the year approaching quickly, the students have decided to liven things up a bit at R.B. Walter. We are counting down the year with the ABCs! A is for stuffed Animal Day \* B is for Bubbles Day \* C is for Chalk Day \* D is for Dance Party.

### Third Grade:

What are different kinds of energy? The third-grade students will be reading the story "It's All in the Wind." Students will learn what causes a windmill to produce energy. Third grade students will be reading various expository texts & use skills, strategies, & cause/effect relationships to answer comprehension questions. Students will write important details from the story, in their story notes, to create a written summary. In English class, students will be learning about pronoun-verb contractions.

In Math, the third graders will be working on reviewing the concepts and skills we have learned this school year. We will be reviewing with hands-on activities like Escape Rooms, FROG games, Picture Pie fraction activities, and computerized activities to name a few. We will also be using our math skills as we participate in Academic Field Day and STEM Day this month.

In MTSS we are reviewing all of the math standards from this year, and also some of the Language arts standards. We will continue with spelling on weeks that we can fit it in. The students will continue to practice their math fluency with 99 Math.

Third grade has two exciting field trips planned for this month. We will be visiting Mansfield University for a Science based day. We will also be visiting the Heritage Village in Painted Post to experience a one-room schoolhouse along with other activities from the early 1900's.

### Fourth Grade:

4th Grade was well prepared and rocked the PSSA tests! We are super proud of the effort and focus we saw! We will celebrate our hard

work with special root beer floats and a movie! We are looking forward to the busy month of May. It will be full of activities including STEM day, Track and Field Day, field trips and beautiful weather!

We have participated in our first ever “Farm Safety Day” at Clark Wood. A big shout out to Cowanesque Valley’s FFA organization for putting this event together.

We will be going on a field trip to Ives Run for “Every Kid in the Park” where we will learn more about our county’s wildlife and how to do our part in conserving its resources and beauty. We will also be taking our annual trip to Harrisburg where we will tour our Capitol building and learn about the artful design and history of the building and the important work that is done there.

Preparing for PSSA testing gave us the chance to review the math skills covered this year. As we enter May, we will be delving deeper into 4th grade concepts, completing escape rooms, and introducing algebraic concepts to help prepare students for 5th grade. In ELA, we will be working on leveled activities to work on increasing individual skills. To prepare for our Harrisburg trip we will focus on our state symbols and learn more about our state of Pennsylvania. In Science, we will continue to learn about circuits and electricity, as well as completing “minute to win it” type engineering challenges.

#### Fifth Grade:

Only a month of school left... can you believe it? Time flies when you’re having fun! In ELA we will be fine tuning skills to prepare the students for 6th grade. The skills we are working on are inferences, parts of speech and reading comprehension. Students will be ending the year revisiting concepts that will prepare them for sixth grade math and expanding our learning of coordinate planes and mean, median, mode! In science, students are learning about plate boundaries. Students constructed a map of the Earth’s plates and learned which continents have convergent, divergent, or transform boundaries. Divergent boundaries create a new seafloor and transform boundaries can bring about earthquakes. Our next project will be about volcanoes. Next in social studies, students are learning about the two very first colonies. The first colony was founded in Jamestown, Virginia in 1607. Many of the people who settled in the New World came to escape religious persecution. The Pilgrims, founders of

Plymouth, Massachusetts, arrived in 1620. In both Virginia and Massachusetts, the colonists worked together with some assistance from Native Americans. Finally, 5th grade is looking forward to our field trip to Lake Tobias. Have a safe, healthy, and happy summer.

### Sixth Grade:

Wow-it's hard to believe that our time with the sixth graders is coming to a close. It has been a great year, and we wish these students much success as they move on to seventh grade. We have A LOT of fun and exciting days ahead of us for the last weeks of school: field trips, special programs, graduation rehearsals....the list goes on and on!

Students in math class recently finished the Statistics unit. We are currently working in our Integer Operations unit. Students always enjoy learning more about negative numbers, and how to calculate them. We will also study circles in the coming weeks. We will be celebrating "Pi" day a couple of months later, with a Pi memorization contest. We also have a few more Exact Path Challenges happening in the coming weeks!

In ELA, we are in the midst of several projects. Students have researched the Wright Brothers, and we are making paper airplanes to test fly. Students are having a blast. With each flight, they log the results and decide how they need to change and update their designs. At the end, there will be homeroom winners and an overall grade level winner. In addition to that, students are researching how each subject impacts their future goals in the workforce. Hoping each child sees how working hard now can impact their lives moving forward. Lastly, they are assembling a world map complete with all continents and oceans. With the map we took a quiz on basic American citizen knowledge. Capital of the US, longest river, first president and where is the Big Apple. It was fun and the students did an excellent job.

In Science and Social Studies students have continued to work hard. We have been learning more about aqua-culture and how fish are raised in captivity and the benefits to the environment it can have. This goes along with our Trout in The Classroom project that will be coming to a close here in a couple weeks with the release of our trout into the river.

Students are also excited to travel to Penn State University on

our field trip. While their students will be given a tour of the dairy science facilities, observe a canulated cow, and tour Beaver Stadium. Thanks to donations from the Potter Tioga Farm Bureau and Taylor Pride Farms every person going on our trip will receive an ice cream cone from the Berkey Creamery! In the lead up to the trip students will be researching how ice cream is made in the class and what they think would be a “great” new recipe.

In Social Studies students have been exploring the landforms and water ways of Europe. They have learned how similar and different the climate is from that of our own. Students will next be learning about the landforms and waterways of Africa to close out the year.

#### Physical Education:

As the school year is nearing the end, the students at RBW remain active in Physical Education. The primary students have been participating in a game called “Spongebob”. It’s theme is taken from the popular cartoon, and the students love it. I do realize that this cartoon is controversial, but I do want to share with all parents and guardians that the story line used is 100% appropriate for school. The secondary students have been participating in various versions of Baseball and Softball. In one of the activities, modifications have been made to highlight baserunning. It is called “5 Base”. It is a very fast paced game that gets the students moving and thinking. In addition, the 6th grade will be participating in the district wide Track and Field meet with the students from Westfield Elementary and Clark Wood on May 14th. I would also like to take this opportunity to tell all the students that I am very proud of what they accomplished this year in Physical Education. I also enjoyed having all of them in class and really look forward to seeing all of them again next year. Please take the time to make exercise a daily habit and enjoy your summer. Mr. Durst

#### Art:

R.B. Artroom is winding things down on a very productive year for the students. The 6th graders are finishing their plasters sculptures by adding a base, in some cases, and a neatly applied coat of paint. Their level of effort should be obvious. A few have finished them already and have begun a logo design based on their name or initials that can correspond to a possible career choice. Hope everyone has a terrific remainder of the school year and drive safely. - Mr. McKee

Music:

Our first through fourth grade students just finished performing 2 amazing concerts! Students sang beautifully, behaved well, and had so much fun performing for their families. Congratulations to the students on their hard work and a wonderful concert! Kindergarten students are currently preparing for their own performance at their year-end Kindergarten Celebration at the end of May. Fifth and sixth grade students have been discussing musicals. Fifth grade classes are watching and discussing “The Wizard of Oz,” while sixth grade is enjoying “Shrek: The Musical.” During this final month of school, all students will be enjoying some of our most popular music class activities from this year, as well as playing a musical version of “Four Corners.”

## **Cowanesque Valley High School**

Several CV middle school students have been seeing where hard work can take them! The month of April contained two middle school band festivals. The PMEA District 8 Jazz Festival was held at Central Columbia HS and the PMEA District 8 Middle School Band Fest was held at Montoursville Area HS. Participating students include Collin Hoke, Jalen Graves, and Isaiah Mummert for the jazz festival and Holly Peers, Bella Boom, Jalen Graves, Isaiah Mummert, and Isaiah Fuhrer at the Middle School Band Fest. Congratulations to those students on earning a spot playing with those groups. Here's to many more in the future!





Cowaneseque Valley's Everyday Hero's: Nate Boyer, Madeline Millard, Logan Hamilton, Carter Ackley, and Ashley Woodring.



CV students volunteer at Knoxville VFW





**Senior High Student of the Month: Alexis Shenk**

Alexis Shenk is the daughter of Michael and Christina Shenk of Knoxville. In school Lexi serves as the President of FFA, Class Treasurer, Student Council Secretary, Band Treasurer and is a member of History Club. She is also a member of the volleyball, cheer, and track teams. Out of school she serves as the President of her 4-H club and enjoys showing cattle. She has been very successful in the show ring, showing multiple Grand Champion Steers. Lexi also has extensive training in clipping and fitting of show cattle. Lexi volunteers her time to help in so many arenas. She presents cattle clipping and fitting to her peers and can be seen volunteering at most

events at school. After graduation she plans on attending college for business administration.

**Junior High Student of the Month: Lexi Brown**

Lexi Brown is the May student of the month for the CV middle school. Lexi is the daughter of Neal and Mindy Brown of Westfield, PA. Lexi is kind, well-spoken, thoughtful with her responses, and a lover of reading. Lexi is the Jr. High Student Council President. She plans to continue with student council in high school. She plays piano and pickleball. Her family recently installed a pickleball court in their driveway. Lexi plans to join the tennis team next year.

When she's not in school, Lexi loves reading, watching the NHL (Go Mapleleaves!), and baking/cooking for her family. She recently made homemade pizza dough that her family found delicious! The things that make Lexi the most happy are her family, friends, books, and music.

Lexi's favorite school subjects are ELA and history. Her favorite thing about middle school is her teachers. Lexi is most proud of her 394 AR points for this school year. When she's an adult, Lexi wants to be a neurosurgeon or a doctor. She dreams of going to college in Charleston, SC or Washington, D.C. Lexi believes she was chosen for student of the month because she has good grades and she tries to be respectful. Way to go, Lexi!

## **Williamson High School**

**National Honor Society :**

Mr. Hepfer and Mrs. Scott would like to congratulate the following students on their induction into Williamson's National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society. The inductees for NJHS were Jana Butler, Garrett Champlain, Maddison Fay, Lainey Hackett, Jeremy Hanley, Barrett Heyler, Daniel King, Ian Merwine, Sadie Plunkert, Lyla Thompson, and Emma Warren. The inductees for NHS were Ashlyn Achey, Jaylin Butler, Gabriel Crance. Madisen Jones, Aiden O'Neil, Mariella Potter, Abigail Schwartz, Kenna Thomas, Eros Toombs, Cole Warner, and Danel Wilson. The students participated in a wonderful ceremony on the 8th and faculty

and staff would like to extend their congratulations to the students



PCNOW Class:

The class made cupcake bouquets for Mothers Day. Three of the PCNOW students passed the ServSafe Manager's Exam and they are Thomas Brown, Seth Zimmerman and Paige Roupp. They can now be employed in the food industry as managers .

The PCNOW class had a visit from Chef Todd from Penn Tech, and they made homemade French Macarons and ganache . The Foods 2 class made cake pops for the prom



Senior High Student of the Month: Alexia Bryant

Alexia Bryant of Lawrenceville is Williamson's Student of the Month. She is the daughter of Brandon and Jennifer Bryant. She was nominated by the Phys. Ed. Department, a class Alexia values be-

cause it helps people be active, and when the weather is nice, it sometimes takes place outside. Her teachers say that Alexia is a very respectful, hardworking, and insightful young lady to have in class. She is extremely kind and also patient with others. Alexia thinks that school is great because it gives you something productive to do with your time and allows you to feel connected to people. Alexia's favorite classes are Science 9 and Chorus. When Alexia is not in school, she loves to be outside when it's warm. She enjoys taking walks and drawing. As a freshman, her future is somewhat undecided, but science, singing, and acting are definitely on her list of possibilities. Williamson congratulates this unique and kind-hearted young lady. We are proud of you, Alexia!

**Junior High Student of the Month: Natalie Yonker**

Natalie Yonker is Williamson Middle School's student of the month for May. Natalie is the daughter of Greg and Samantha Yonker of Nelson. Natalie is involved in volleyball, cross country, track, National Junior Honor Society and is the president of middle school student council.

Natalie's teachers would describe her as being actively engaged in her school community. She is responsible, driven, easy going, and a pleasure to have in class. Her classmates know that Natalie is always willing to lend a helping hand with any assignment or a problem they are facing. Her fellow student council members would say that Natalie is a great leader who gives everyone the opportunity to show off their individual skills and talents.

In high school, Natalie plans to continue playing sports and participating in student council. She is planning to apply to present at next year's state PASC conference in Pittsburgh on leadership styles. Congratulations Natalie!

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**Grab N Go Meals**

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Any Child aged 18 and under may come and eat for free.  
SERVING DAYS MONDAY - THURSDAY JUNE 17TH TILL AUGUST 9TH

Served at the following sites and times:

**11:30 AM -NOON LUNCH/BREAKFAST BAGS TO GO**

**CLARK WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Admin. Office entrance, Elkland**

**TIOGA FIREHALL IN TIOGA**

**MILLERTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN MILLERTON**

**11:30 AM-NOON LUNCH/SNACK BAGS TO GO - Fit for Life sites**

**JEROME PARK, PATTISON AVENUE, ELKLAND**

**KNOXVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER IN KNOXVILLE**

**VALLEY CHRISTIAN CENTER IN WESTFIELD**

**CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN LAWRENCEVILLE**

**NOTE ALL SITES WILL BE CLOSED ON JULY 4<sup>th</sup>**

Upcoming Calendar Reminders

<b>May 2024</b>							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Comments
			1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	10 – Snow Make Up Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	24 – Snow Make Up Day
26	27	28	29	30	31		27 – Memorial Day Recess
<b>June 2024</b>							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Comments
						1	5 & 6 – 3 Hour Early Dismissal
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	7 - 3 Hour Early Dismissal, Last Day of School
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	10 – Professional Dev. Day (Flex)
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
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**Graduation Dates:**

**CVHS – June 7,  
2024, 7:30 PM**

**WHS – June 8,  
2024, 11:00 AM**

Community Corner:

**Elkland Area Community Library**

Is accepting used books for their upcoming used book sale.

May 20th – 4pm Bloomsburg Children’s Museum  
May 30th– 6pm Adult Craft Night

**Bostwick Perry Memorial Library**

Open Saturdays in May from 10am-2pm.

May 19– 2pm Coffee with seniors  
May 26th– 12:30pm Memorial Day Program at Powers Cemetery, with  
social hour at Library afterwards

