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Clark Wood Elementary School

From the Principal:

Spring is in the air, and we are all very excited to see the flowers grow and hear the birds sing. This means it is time to start outdoor activities. We have many of our Clark Wood kids playing ball this Spring. Please come out and enjoy a ball game and root on our children. We will also see many more kids playing outdoors, riding bike, and being independent. Let's work together to support and protect our children. They are our most precious resource.

PSSA's will be held on April 22, 23, and 24 for grades 3-6 in the area of Language Arts. The same grades will be testing in Math on April 28 and 29. 5th grade students will take the Science test on April 30 and May 1.

Thank you for your continued support. -Jess Millard

School Wide Positive Behavior Program:

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

Title 1 Reading:

Go on a scavenger hunt in nature to find signs that spring is here.

Clark Wood HSA:

Kindergarten through second graders will "Chalk Our Walk" by creating encouraging pictures or messages on the sidewalks for students taking the PSSAs. The Clark Wood HSA will provide a motivational snack on the first day of PSSAs testing. Good luck to all students! Do your best on the test! Special thank you to Anne Alexander of Higher Ground Welding and Art for her generous donation to our school to purchase books at the book fair.

Valley Youth Initiative: Jackson Center UMC

We would like to thank the Jackson Center UMC for their continued support. Your thoughtful donations help us continue to take

care of our students' needs. We are grateful.

Student Council:

This month, Student Council is gearing up to help our students in grades 3 through 6 "Rock the Test". We will be providing special treats & sponsoring other activities to pep up our student body in preparation for the PSSA state assessments coming up at the end of the month.

Band Notes:

Mrs. McClaren has a Student Teacher! My name is Angelina Colón. I am a senior at Commonwealth University of Mansfield studying music education. I am from Long Island, New York. At Mansfield, I was involved in Concert Choir under the direction of Dr. Peggy Dettwiler and studied voice with Dr. Alissa Rose. Mansfield has provided me with so many amazing opportunities to study with amazing professors and talented colleagues. Besides music, I was a part of the Mansfield's Women's Cross Country and Track and Field program for 4 years. I was the women's cross country team captain in 2024. Running is a huge passion of mine. I am also a national champion racewalker. I had the honor of competing with some of the world's most talented racewalkers at such a young age. This past summer my career hit a high as I qualified and got to race at the 2024 USA Olympic Team Trials for a shot to make the Olympic team. A special thank you to the Clark Wood faculty and staff for providing me with such a welcoming and warm environment and allowing me to learn and grow as a future music educator. To Heather McClaren, thank you for your guidance and allowing me to be your student teacher. Go Rams!

The following students will be participating this month in the Northern Elementary Festival in Montoursville: Loren Bacon, Sky Bacon, Sofia Densmore, Kelsie Schoonover, Ryleigh Taft, Calilliea Hand.

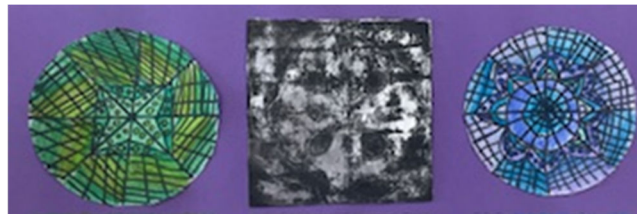
The following students participated in All Star Band at Williamson High School on April 14th. Eli Bower, Kayleigh Costellic, Mason Wiles, Aubree Lowe, Julie Cunningham, Oliver Calvario, Nikolai Fisher, Henrik Southard, Loren Bacon.

May 15, 2025 - 7:00 p.m. Students in grades 3-5 Band (select students) and Chorus will present their spring concert. The concert is free and open to the public.

Art Students of the Month:



K-2nd: Haley Shutter, Kindergarten



3rd-6th: Anaiis Doan, 5th Grade

Kindergarten:

In math, we are studying shapes, both 2D and 3D. We will see that 2D shapes are “flat” shapes. We will compare them to 3D shapes that “take up space.” Many of our activities are hands-on partner games, such as “KABOOM” AND “Rotten Apple.”

Along with our study of shapes, we include words to describe the position of objects such as above, below, next to, inside, outside, etc. For this, we listened to the story “Rosie’s Walk” by Pat Hutchins. We made a story strip depicting Rosie’s Walk and words of position.

Learning shapes not only helps children identify and organize visual information, but it also helps them learn skills in other curriculum areas including reading, writing, math, and science.

1. Being able to distinguish between shapes helps to notice the differences in shapes of letters. Kids who have practice with different types of shapes and lines can translate those into writing.

2. A strong understanding of shapes can help children better recognize the numbers and how they look. Number recognition is needed for more advanced math skills, such as addition.

3. Learning the differences in shapes requires children to focus on using observational skills, which are key skills in science.

From our reading class - It's hard to believe how quickly the school year has gone! Kindergarten has completed the entire alphabet!! In class, we will continue to write and blend all the letters. At home, continue to practice writing the letters. Practice sight words. If your child is able to quickly recognize their sight words, you can practice spelling them. Continue to read books that are sent home! Thank you for your support in strengthening your child's reading!

First Grade:

Adalynn Petrey is the First Grade Student of the Month. Adalynn comes to school each day ready to learn. She never gives up and is always willing to learn something new. □ Adalynn is consistently displaying our RAMS expectations, and she goes above and beyond to help in any way he can. Adalynn has a contagious smile and has a genuine heart for others. It is a joy to have Adalynn in class!

1st grade students have worked very hard on their very own published class book "The Best Part of Me". Our book pages will go out very soon to be bound into a book and sent back to us. At the end of the school year, we will have an "unveiling" of our class book at a special ceremony.

In reading class, students have been working on their reading fluency. We have learned most of the phonics patterns, so when we are reading and come across a difficult word, we look for the "secrets" in the word. Students have made so much progress in their reading. It is

important to continue reading each night to build those reading skills for 2nd grade.

In math class, we are learning all about place value. We can represent large numbers in many different ways and can tell the value of each place in a number. We also are working on ordering/ comparing numbers as well as skip counting. Addition and subtraction fact fluency is still a large focus. The students' use of flash cards at home can help them become faster.

Second Grade:

New things are springing up all over Second Grade. Our science studies are all about life cycles and animal habitats. Children are experiencing life cycles first-hand as they hatch chicks in the classroom! We will again be hatching butterflies in our classrooms as well. Additionally, learners will be gaining information about the rainforest habitat. Learners have mastered making all of the capital cursive letters. They are applying their knowledge during daily work and writing some jokes in cursive.

Learners are beginning to add and subtract three-digit numbers with and without regrouping. We are reading biographies about different heroes and the impacts they have on our world. Students are practicing using pronouns in their writing to help with fluency. Students are using timelines found in their stories to help them comprehend the passages. Second graders did an amazing job with the AR challenge for Mr. Millard.

We would like to congratulate Keegan McDonald on being selected as April's Second Grade Student of the Month.

Third Grade:

Math (3): We are studying geometry this month. This is a fun unit for the kids because it is very hands-on and practical. By the end of the month, the students will have mastered quadrilaterals, polygons, mass, volume, and length. They learn strategies that will help them use these skills in the real world. This will be our last topic before PSSAs. The students have been working very hard to prepare.

ELA (3): We are finishing up Unit 5 and heading into our final unit for 3rd grade! Our focus will be on getting ourselves prepared for

4th grade ELA concepts. Good luck to all students on the upcoming PSSA tests! They have the skills to do very well!

Science (3): We finished up our animal survival projects. Now we are learning about ecosystems. The students made their own food chains out of paper plates and magazines. We will be learning about states and properties of matter next. The students will do investigations on various classroom items to identify its state and study its properties.

Social Studies (3): We have been exploring Earth's natural resources and discussing ways to preserve our them by shutting off lights, not letting water run unnecessarily, and looking for alternative energy sources. The kids have been doing such a great job with this!

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 are working hard in our Coach Books, so we are ready for PSSA testing. In grammar, the students are learning about Types of Sentences and how to correctly use punctuation marks. After PSSA testing, will be looking at how understanding the research process allows writers to present information on a topic.

In 5th grade Science we are finishing our unit on Earth's Systems by looking at how human activity impacts the spheres. The next unit is Structure and Properties of Matter.

Fifth Grade Math Classes are diving into Unit 6 on Geometry and Patterns. We will be learning how to plot points on a coordinate grid. We will explore how to create and analyze patterns. And, we will be examining the properties of two-dimensional figures to be able to classify them. Our main focus will be on how to use these concepts and apply them to real world problems. The students are also continuing to work very hard in the PSSA Math Coach Book each week to help them prepare for the PSSA exams in May.

Fifth Grade Social Studies Classes are taking a look at England's history in the Americas. We will be learning about how the 13 original colonies were established. We'll start by focusing on the New England colonies – Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Students will learn about the triangular trade routes that connected these colonies to Africa, the West Indies, and England.

Sixth Grade:

Sixth Grade ELA is busy prepping for the PSSAs. We are doing a review of everything we have covered so far. After testing is over, we will begin talking about research and begin our research projects.

Sixth Grade Science is learning about weathering and erosion. We will then be moving onto classifying rocks and learning about the different types.

Sixth Grade Social Studies has started a unit on Europe. We will be discussing the physical features, their history, and culture.

Sixth grade Math has just finished a unit on Data and Statistics. Students are now able to find the measures of central tendency and variability. This includes mean, median, mode, range, outliers, quartile 1, 2, and 3, Inter quartile range and how to make a box and whisker plot. They are able to create frequency and tally charts, along with histograms. We will now spend some time prepping for the upcoming PSSA tests. Once they are completed, we will learn all operations of integers as well as area and circumference of a circle. This will include discovering pi and where it comes from.

There are several field trips for the month of May for sixth grade. We will be attending Environmental Field Day, Move Up Day, as well as the big trip to Niagara Falls.

Students of the Month:

Kindergarten: Owen Metcalf; First Grade: Adalynn Petrey; Second Grade: Keegan McDonald; Third Grade: Damon DeAcutis; Fourth Grade: Kaylee Reed; Fifth Grade: Brayden Abel; Sixth Grade: Dallyce Beard.

Clark Wood Student of the Month: Owen Metcalf

Owen Metcalf is our Clark Wood student of the month. Owen is in our Kindergarten class. He is the son of Jared and Jackie Metcalf. Owen enters the classroom each morning and is eager to help put classroom chairs down in preparation for the day. His favorite activities in school include math, especially math games.

Outside of school, Owen participates in baseball, basketball, and soccer. Owen enjoys playing with his sister, riding his “gator”, and checking on the cows on the family farm. He also enjoys visiting his grandparents and fishing with his grandpa. We are proud of Owen and congratulate him on this recognition. Way to go Owen!

Westfield Area Elementary School

Kindergarten:

Mrs. Good and Mrs. Young are crazy impressed with how much these kindergarteners have grown academically and socially. Strong friendships have developed and the kindness they have for adults and peers is incredible to see. Reading and writing fluency are

becoming stronger each day. It is enjoyable to listen to them blend words to read and write. Watching them come up with complete ideas and writing three detailed sentences is impressive as well. We look forward to a new fundraiser, Wilson's beef sticks and a countdown to our Rochester Museum of Play fieldtrip has begun!

First Grade:

WAES First Graders have been working hard in math. Students are beginning to identify, compare, use symbols, and order numbers to solve problems. They are becoming great solvers of number riddles!

It is amazing to see how well they have grown with reading! R-controlled vowels and spelling patterns have been introduced. Daily reading is so important to reinforce skills. Students have moved from books that had predictable sound patterns, to books with some predictable patterns, to now beginning to read longer stories with unpredictable patterns. Writing skills are also growing! Students are using graphic organizers and journals to help develop writing. Recent topics have been "If I Had Animal Teeth and Hair," "A Time When I Lost Something," "My Invention," and "My Ouchy." Writing ideas coincide with reading and phonics skills. They had lots of great ideas! Planets and our solar system were explored in science. Each class worked in groups to create fun facts for a chosen planet. Then the groups presented their information along with a model of their planet to all of First Grade.

Second Grade:

2nd Grade enjoyed a variety of readers and activities for Ag Literacy Week! We kicked off the week with a connection with the PA Beef Council when Mr. Clivers came to read Rowdy, The Cow Kid. He also told us about beef farming. Did you know potato chip factories have cattle to feed their waste to? Later in the week we had Ag Literacy materials supplied by Heyler Farms. 2 senior CV FFA members, Graham Hess and Nate Boyer, came and read The Soil in Jackie's Garden and then did activities with our class on how to sort materials into recycling, composting, and trash so that we wouldn't have as much waste. We also got to learn fun facts about worms and how they help

our soil! Ag Literacy Week was a great way to connect the agriculture in our area to the reading we do both inside our classroom and at home!

Another exiting reading activity our 2nd graders participated in in March was our annual Read-a-Thon! Our Read-a-Thon is an annual 2nd grade fundraiser to raise money for field trips. The kids enjoyed bringing in their blankets, pillows, and stuffies so they could get comfortable reading while they read for 2 hours. During that time, they read independently and listened to great stories from guest readers. A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored a reader! It was a successful fundraiser that will help allow us to take 2 field trips this year! We will be going to Corning Museum of Glass in April and the Seneca Park Zoo in May.

Fourth Grade:

4th grade at WAES is on track to move to 5th grade. The students here have been working hard on many key reading strategies to become better readers. These key reading strategies are comparing texts, summarizing, looking for key details and main ideas, and so many others. In Math, they have been working on fractions and decimals. They are now adding, subtracting and multiplying using those fractions and decimals. For writing, the students are answering questions about what they are reading in paragraph form. These are called TDAs (Text dependent Analysis). TDAs can be tricky because they require the students to analyze the text and answer questions using text evidence. They are doing better at TDAs because they have been practicing a very specific format to organize their ideas. If you talk to the students, ask them about R.A.C.E.S.! In Science, the students are getting ready to start their government unit to prepare for the upcoming trip to Harrisburg! They are so excited to tour the Capitol Building, the Pennsylvania State Museum, and go to the Lake Tobias Wildlife Park in May.

3rd Marking Period Honor Roll:

4th Grade High Honor Roll: Zeva Burdick, Adrien Clark, Jackson Hess, Bayleigh Linza, Lincoln Monroe, and Zola Rice.

4th Grade Honor Roll: Grady Baker, Averie Bieser, Brantley Caparulo, Kali Herman, Colton Kline, Jack McDonnell, Sequoyah Mead, Layla Miles, Crosby Moon, Burr Robbins, Daisy Rouse, Isabelle Rumsey, Abigail Stevens, Emma Tomb, and Rebecka Umble.

5th Grade High Honor Roll: Zyra Bates, Treyvon Pierce, and Aria Rice.

5th Grade Honor Roll: Hannah Caparulo, Cooper Carl, Avery Dibble, Allie Donaldson, Jonna Gleason, Colt Heck, Hope Houghtaling, Risley Howe, Natalie Hurd, Emiley Kline, Emily Koester, Avery Mead, Dmytro Shunaiev, Noah Stevens, Kayleigh Whitsell, Airianna Whittle, and Zayannah Wilson.

6th Grade High Honor Roll: Keana Campbell and Aden Pierce.

6th Grade Honor Roll: Darwin Ballard, Jaxson Bieser, Colin Bogsch, Hudson Brown, Paul Buterbaugh, Cruz Catherman, Joshua Cooper, Kovin Cooper, Kennedy Covert, Jeremiah Doan, Jack Drake, Jade Goodling, Styles Herman, Haydn Hutton, Haddie Moon, Noah Mummert, Kaylee Potoeski, Cole Riley, Zander Rowan, Madilyn Simmonds, Kolbie St. Peter, Brylee Watson, Payton Webster, Makenzie Wescott, and Senecca Worthington.

R.B. Walter Elementary School

From the Principal:

Spring is in the air! Our 3rd through 6th grade students will be taking the ELA & Math PSSA assessments. Here are some simple tips to help support your child's success:

1. Mark down the test on your home calendar so that you are both aware it is coming.
2. Make sure your child gets enough sleep the night before.
3. Make sure your child has a healthy breakfast and avoids heavy or sugar filled foods.

4. Talk to your child about the test.
5. Encourage your child to do their best; that's all that matters.
6. Keep a positive attitude about the test.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone that the week of May 5th is Teacher Appreciation Week. Please join me in celebrating OUR wonderful teachers for their unwavering dedication to our RBW school, students, families, and communities. You are our everyday heroes! Thank you for always being our students "Champions!"

Thank you for all your continued support! Without you, our students, faculty, and staff would not be as successful. As always, my door is open, please don't hesitate to reach out anytime.

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



Upcoming Events:

4/10 – 4th grade band concert & 5th/6th grade band/chorus concert @ WHS Aud. @ 7pm
4/22-4/24 – ELA PSSA
4/28-4/30 – Math PSSA
4/30 – 1st/2nd grade Spring concert
4/30-5/1 – Science PSSA - 5th grade only
5/2 – PSSA makeup day

Kindergarten:

Spring has sprung and we are hoppin' in kindergarten! Mastery of CVC words has led us to, blends, digraphs, and CVCe words. Through Secret Stories we have learned about the Superhero Skills the

vowels have, saying their short and long vowel sounds. We just wrapped up addition and subtraction to 10 in our math module. We will begin learning about 3D and 2D shapes over the next few weeks. We recently celebrated School's Closed for continuing to show our SPARK! Kindergarteners had Foodie Friday (making a snack with fluff), a goat craft to go along with our story, and bubbles and chalk! The season of Spring brings about many changes, and we cannot wait to see how much growth will occur in just a few short weeks before school is out!



First Grade:

First grade has been hopping and gearing up for Easter! We just completed Unit 4 where students are required to reading the reading test on their own. Boy! Did they ever rise to the challenge. Great job RB Firsties!

We are planning lots of spring activities and are ready for the warmer weather.

Second Grade:

Our second graders are counting down the days now that we are in the final marking period! Currently in reading, the students are reading about heroes and how hard work and perseverance pays off in the end. Speaking of “pays off”, they’re also learning about idioms! We had a fun time imagining what idioms would really look like if taken literally, such as “raining cats and dogs” and “a bull in a china shop”.

In math, students are continuing to work on addition and subtraction strategies and identifying which operation to use in a word problem.

We recently visited the Digital Dome Theater at Corning Community College where we watched a movie about dinosaurs and learned about our night sky. Did you know that the phrase “in like a lion, out like a lamb” originated with the visibility of the constellations Leo and Aries and not the weather?

Third Grade:

How do we get what we need? Students are reading various fairy tales. Fairy tales are fictional stories that often include magical characters, good vs. evil, lessons to be learned, and usually conclude with a happy ending. Third grade students will be determining the meaning of words that have prefixes and suffixes. The students will determine the point of view and the lesson of each fairy tale. In grammar students are working on subject pronouns and verb agreement.

MTSS, students are preparing for the PSSA testing. We are working on practice PSSA tests and reviewing math that they will see on the tests. We are also continuing with spelling, exact path, and study island which is a review of Language arts and math.

In Math, students have been collecting data, creating tally charts, and transferring the data to bar graphs and picture graphs. We have also learned how to create and read a line plot. Do you know that the key and scale are very important when reading graphs?

In social studies students have been working in our economics unit. Students have been learning about the difference between wants and needs. Students have also been learning about the three types of resources. Students are learning how natural resources, capital resources, and human resources are used in the real world. In the near future students will be learning about why humans work and the two types of assets.

Fourth Grade:

4th grade is so happy spring is here and enjoying the sunshine!

In ELA, we are continually working on improving our reading skills and have been practicing constructing text dependent analysis essays. We are preparing for the PSSA tests that are coming at the end of April.

In Science, we have been shifted into studying our Earth and how and why our Earth is constantly changing. The kiddos have excellent, aligned questions that will drive our research day at the end of our unit. I am so proud of the work that the kiddos have put into exploring how information travels in waves and the many ways of communication, like Morse Code, Binary and Braille, that have been and are currently used.



In math, we have been doing a great job with operations of fractions and understanding their relationship to decimals. We will be doing some calculator work in preparation for the math PSSAs. We will be moving into our geometry and measurement units next. Please encourage your child to continue to work on their multiplication and division facts. Knowing these are instrumental to being successful in the fourth grade math content, in addition to the PSSAs.

Fifth Grade:

P.S.S.A.s are fast approaching. The fifth-grade students have been working extremely hard, and we feel they are prepared. In ELA, we are spending time perfecting our TDA's and reviewing grammar skills. In math, we are finishing coordinate planes and working on geometry. In science students are learning about how the Earth's major systems interact with human activity. For example, Earth's spheres and the layers of the atmosphere. In social studies students

are learning how the Spanish, French and the English countries paved the way for the American colonies. Hope you had a wonderful Easter and we're hoping it warms up soon!

Sixth Grade:

Spring has sprung! We are so thankful to have sunshine and some warmer days. It is truly hard to believe that we started the fourth marking period, and our time together is winding down. Sixth grade graduation will be held Tuesday, June 3, at 7:00 PM in the high school auditorium. This will be an exciting evening to celebrate the accomplishments of our students.

Students are working on Statistical Displays in math class. They enjoy learning about all the different ways data can be shown and interpreted. We are also working on ratios and proportions, as well as preparing for upcoming PSSA testing.

In Science and Social Studies students have been working hard. They have submitted their Fish Art Competition projects, and we are eagerly awaiting the results. They have also been learning about the transfer of thermal energy and how it changes and affects matter. Students are exploring the 47 different countries on the continent of Europe. Students are starting a new project where they have chosen a country and will dive deeper into the specifics of that country. They will then present it to their peers so that students will get a better idea of what Europe is like and its many cultures.

In ELA, propaganda techniques have been introduced. Students had a discussion on where marketing companies are targeting their age group and what to watch out for as tricks used to persuade them to purchase items. Additionally, rhyme scheme and meter have been practiced within our poetry unit. Students will choose their favorite song and apply these skills in the upcoming weeks. This is a fun way for the students to practice the new content with something they already enjoy. Making the connection between poetry and their favorite song is always eye opening for them.

Title I:

This is a busy time of year for the RBW Title I team. We had the pleasure of attending a Tier 3 intervention training that will help us meet the needs of our primary students. We have several small groups already formed and are anticipating accelerated growth in these students.

The Title I team also spent a day with the incoming kindergarteners. Students listened to a story and made a craft. Then each stu-

dent was screened. What an amazing bunch of curious students. Watching their excitement for the upcoming year was a rewarding experience.

The One School One Book program came to a conclusion this last week. Students participated in a culminating project where they wrote a newspaper article about Frindle's plot and characters. Many students participated and their creativity was astounding. We received positive feedback about the book selection and the learning experience that it provided. Thank you to all families who participated and also enjoyed the novel at home.

Keep an eye out for the next Tuesday Tip from the RBW Title I Team on ParentSquare. We hope families are finding our tips practical and easy to implement. As always, reach out to us with any questions or concerns. Happy spring!

Art:

Spring is hopefully outside of the Artroom here at R.B. Even though there is an upturn in the weather, we still have piles to learn. The 2nd graders are experimenting with perspective and 3-dimensional forms. First grade has been using warm and cool colors to create a seascape inspired by the fantastic work of Winslow Homer. Third graders are learning the proportions of the human face and attempting a strange self-portrait. Lots to do and very little time left. Be safe - Mr. McKee

Music:

First and third grade students are busy practicing and getting ready for their Spring Concert on April 30 at 7:00pm! We hope you can join us for a night of fun music making!

Kindergarten students are also busy learning songs for their Kindergarten Celebration at the end of May. They are learning proper concert etiquette and practicing using their best singing voices. Second grade students have been learning about the "William Tell Overture" - they have been acting out the story, watching creative videos, and playing classroom instruments to the piece. Fourth grade students have been singing "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean" and learning about parodies. They have even written their very own parodies! Fifth and sixth grade students have been enjoying Jump Bands, which is a very physical activity performed to music of various tempos. It has felt like physical education class here in the music room! They are excited to get even better at the Jump Bands and learn more intricate patterns and formations.

Physical Education:

It is the end of the 3rd marking period and the weather is start-

ing to get nicer. Soon many of the physical education classes will be outdoors. I want to remind all students to come prepared for this possibility. It's a good idea to wear layers. A short sleeve shirt with a light jacket works well. If your class is early in the morning, you may want to bring an extra pair of dry socks to put on afterwards. If it is a sunny day you may want to wear sunblock as well. It is nice to be able to take students outdoor for certain activities that are not suitable for indoors.

I'd like to take this opportunity to again remind everyone of the value of regular exercise. I encourage everyone to consider making it a priority in your daily schedule. It's a great opportunity to help manage stress, improve your cardiovascular system, and build muscle. Please check with your doctor about the appropriate activities for you.

Cowanesque Valley High School

FFA Banquet:

March 27th was CV's annual FFA Banquet. This year's banquet was a huge success, with 155 people in attendance. An abundance of awards were handed out, from Discovery to Keystone Degrees as well as a variety of Future First Responder awards. The alumnae in attendance presented Alexis Shenk with a \$500 Outstanding Senior Award. Clint Owlett and CV alumni Johnny Painter both spoke at the banquet. Those in attendance had the pleasure of a feast following the awards ceremony, which included smoked lamb and smoked turkey, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, vegetables, apple crisp, and strawberry shortcake. Pictured are the Dairy Judging team that competed at the National Convention and the Keystone Degree recipients.



Forestry Class Trip to Patterson Lumber:

CV's Forestry Class took a trip to Patterson Lumber Company to tour their facility. They started in the log yard, where they learned the process of grading logs, then moved onto the debarking and laser-guided sawing rooms. Next they toured the sorting and kiln drying facilities and ended in the sharpening shop. They learned about how the factory recycles all of the sawdust to use in a high efficiency furnace that heats all of the kilns and buildings on the premises.

Job Fair:

On April 3rd, the Williamson High School hosted a job fair for students in grades 9th-12th. Many Cowanesque Valley students were able to attend the event that involved 23 employers/organizations. This year's fair featured a presentation on fiscal literacy from First Heritage Credit Union. The students were given insights into job application processes and interview strategies by Pa Careerlink and Treehab, and NTRPDC provided the students with virtual reality headsets for discovering new jobs and career paths.

Easter Egg Hunt:

On April 13th, several members of our student council and National Honor Society will assist Pizza and Stuff in organizing a children's Easter Egg hunt at the Electric Cord in Westfield. Junior Brayden McDonell will oversee the organization of the event on the student side, while students will assist in filling and hiding eggs, handing out prizes, and serving food.

Mini Thon:

On March 27th, the CV student council hosted a Mini Thon aimed at raising awareness for Children's Cancer Research. Sixty-three students from Cowanesque Valley participated in four hours of non-stop activities. The event, coordinated by Starr Ordway and Anna Lee, raised \$2,000 for Penn State's Four Diamonds Donor Drive. Guest speaker Alyvia Haynes shared her experience of losing her cousin to childhood cancer, discussing the effects on her family and the importance of fundraising for this cause.



Mr. Boyer Named Coaching Educator of the Year:

On Thursday, March 20th, CV teacher and athletic director Mr. Andrew Boyer was named this year's Distinguished Coaching Educator at the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association Awards presentation in Hershey.



Middle School Student of the Month: Khelian Cruz-Fonseca

Khelian Cruz-Fonseca is the April Student of the Month for the CV Middle School. Khelian lives in Osceola with her parents, David and Carrie Cruz-Fonseca. Khelian is kind to her classmates and teachers, dedicated to her school work, and always willing to help out. Khelian is the Historian of the middle school student council. She loves making posters and helping to plan dances. Her goal is to be a member of the student council when she's in high school. When she's not in school, Khelian loves to spend time with her friends, try new foods, and bake. Her favorite school subject is math and she plans to be an animal doctor and live in this area when she's an adult. Her teachers appreciate that Khelian is hard-working, kind, cheerful, and creative.

Senior High Student of the Month: Alexandria Fuhrer

Cowanesque Valley proudly announces Senior Alexandria Fuhrer as the Student of the Month for April. Lexi is the daughter of Brandon and Jessica Fuhrer of Knoxville. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, History Club, and Drama Club. She is also in band, plays tennis, and is the vice president of the senior class. Lexi's teachers describe her as positive, outgoing, involved in extracurricular events, and academically strong. In Lexi's spare time, she enjoys making money as well as spending time with her friends and her pets. Her favorite subject is math. After graduation, Lexi will attend Rochester Institute of Technology for Hospitality and Tourism Management.

Williamson High School

National Honor Society:

As the last few months before the end of the year creep up on us, the Williamson National Honor Society is still working hard. On April 5th, RB Walter Elementary School hosted the Battle of the Books and several of our NHS members volunteered their time on a Saturday to chauffeur guests to the appropriate locations. All members are continuing with their service hours to get 20 hours completed before school ends!

Every year we spend a day cleaning up cemetery grounds and little league fields before spring mowing begins. We have turned this into an annual service project and on April 28th we will be going to the Tioga Evergreen Cemetery to help make things look fresh and beautiful again for spring! We also are excited to induct new members into our society on May 7th at 6:00 pm for both our National Honor Society and our National Junior Honor Society. It's always great to get some fresh new faces and ideas rolling to continue making our school and community a better place! Our last big event for the year will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive at Williamson on May 29th. Signups will be out shortly so students can sign up to donate, so keep an eye out!

Senior High Student Council:

The High School Student Council had an out-of-this-world good time at the PASC Region G Conference in Wellsboro. Fundraising ideas, school spirit examples, and enhancing leadership abilities were all topics of the workshops and conversations. In addition, students were exposed to motivational speaker Sherry Mohr, who focused on demonstrating kindness and love in the world. Keynote speaker David Flood empowered students to embrace the concepts of dignity, compassion, and respect. Of course, there were tons of yummy snacks and a great meal. A super-pepped-up pep rally was a big hit, too. The final activity was a lip sync battle where the Spice Girls were represented with giggles, glitter, and gusto.

While improving their leadership skills, the Student Council is also working to improve school spirit. They voted to purchase a die-cut machine to create decorations. They have also voted to purchase a spirit cart and fill it with Warrior swag to sell, including t-shirts, beanies, and lanyards. In true Warrior fashion, they've also helped bring some cheer to fellow Warrior Kendall Bailey, who was recently injured in an automobile accident. Members are also working together to plan a super end-of-the-year event.

Band News:

Spring Concerts: Spring concert season has begun! The RB Walter bands and choirs performed on 4/8 to a packed house, and livestream. The WHS Band (4/23) and Chorus (4/10) concerts have been moved to avoid conflicts. The Middle School Band/Chorus concert has also been moved to avoid conflicts (5/13). Please take note of

these changes. All concerts begin at 7PM in the WHS auditorium, and are free to attend!

All-Star Band: Williamson is hosting the All-Star Band festival on 4/14. Students from elementary bands across the county will visit our building and rehearse together that morning, and put on a concert at 1pm for students, family, and friends to enjoy.

Alumni/Faculty/Spaghetti: The yearly alumni concert will be the chorus this year, featuring faculty and alumni from WHS. The concert starts at 5PM and is free. Dinner follows and is \$10. Come catch up with some former classmates, enjoy a concert, and have a meal. Contact Mr. Hampton if you want to perform with the group.

MS Band to Perform at Knoebel's: The Williamson Middle School Band will be performing inside Knoebel's Amusement Park on 5/18. There will be school bands from around the state performing all day, for free.

Music Calendar: Events through the end of the year are listed below.

- 4/10 7pm WHS Chorus Concert 7PM
- 4/14 1pm All-Star Band Concert 1PM
- 4/23 7pm WHS Band Concert 7PM
- 5/13 MS Band/Chorus Concert 7PM
- 5/15 Guitar Class Recital 7PM
- 5/17 Alumni/Faculty Chorus Concert at Spaghetti Dinner 5PM
- 5/18 Middle School Band to perform at Knoebel's
- 5/24 Coal Festival Parade
- 5/26 Memorial Day Parades
- 5/31 WHS Band to Dorney Park
- 6/5 WHS Band at Elmira Pioneers game
- 6/6 WHS Graduation

FBLA:

Williamson FBLA students competed last week at the State Leadership Conference. We had six students attend and compete at a state level. Of those six, one placed within the top ten in his category. Derek VanEtten placed 2nd in Pennsylvania in his category "Help Desk". This means he has qualified to attend the FBLA National Conference and represent Williamson High School. This year, the NLC will be held in Anaheim, California. Please congratulate all of our students

on a job well done and a special congratulations as well to Derek for qualifying for Nationals!

Entrepreneurship Class:

Entrepreneurship Class Hosting another Auto Show!
(Hopefully without Rain)



The Entrepreneurship class at Williamson Jr/Sr High School will be hosting its 3rd annual auto show; led by the students, on May 17th-weather permitting. It will be a charity event supporting Partners in Progress in Wellsboro and the Entrepreneurship class. Online registration will open April 2nd which can be done by contacting us at our number 570-827-2191 Press #7, our email WHS-sharks@ntiogasd.org, or our Facebook page WHS Entrepreneurship. You could also register on the day of the show starting at 8 a.m. When registering make sure to provide your name, number, and your vehicle's make and model. The show will run from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and light food and refreshments will be available. There will be six categories of vehicles; antique cars (30 years or older), modern cars, antique trucks (30 years or older), modern trucks, CJ Jeeps (1945-1986), and modern jeeps, which will be voted on by participants and attendees for the top three in each category to win a trophy. Another trophy will be awarded to Best in Show. You may bring your own chairs and pop-up tents (with weights). The Williamson Entrepreneurship class thanks everyone for their support and looks forward to seeing you there.

Middle School Battle of the Books:

The Middle School Battle of the Books team took 2nd place at the April 5th battle, which was held at RB Walter Elementary.

The middle school team was the first to compete in a battle in a few years and they were pumped. Congratulations to: Grant Hills, Jackson Edgecomb, Henry Hess, Mason Wunderlich, Lindsey Robinson, Charles Brown, Emma Nester, Lyla Thompson, Selene Morse and team captains Liam Wales and Cora Wilson. Awesome job!

The team would also like to thank everyone who supported them. Thank you to Mrs. Stone for helping with the books, Ms. Wales for the awesome t-shirt design, Ms. Allen for volunteering as monitor, and Mr. Butterfield for organizing and supporting the team.

Middle School Student of the Month: Edward Brizzee

Edward (Eddie) Brizzee an outstanding student at Williamson Middle School, has earned Student of the Month recognition for his exceptional academic achievements and contributions to his school and community. The son of Taylor Dann of Lawrenceville, Eddie is an integral part of his 8th grade class. Eddie works diligently in all his classes and always has a smile on his face. Eddie is kind and considerate which makes him a great student and great classmate. He is creative and imaginative which serves him well in his classes and allows him to think outside of the box. His teachers have stated that he is an abundance of optimism and that they wish he could be in all their classes. Eddie is always willing to take on any challenge placed in front of him.

Senior High Student of the Month: Emily Brant

Emily Brant has been chosen as Student of the Month by the Music and Art Departments. She resides in Millerton and is the daughter of Terry Brant and the late Michelle Kellogg. This junior is active in chorus and the school musical. In fact, for this year's show, Emily applied her creative and artistic abilities to make almost all of the props and enhance the costumes. Her art teacher and musical director raved about her contributions to the success of the production. Besides being such an integral part of the crew, she also sang, danced, and acted in the musical. During her free time, Emily enjoys reading, drawing, working with clay, and practicing music. She is hoping to learn guitar and piano. In the future, she is considering becoming a tattoo artist or doing something with music production and composition. Congratulations, Emily, on being named Williamson's Student of the Month!

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