

The Senatorial

Mr. Bazler - School Reopening Plans for March

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Parents & Community Members:

The operation of school has been complex during the COVID-19 pandemic as we have attempted to balance the educational, social/mental health needs of students, student and teacher safety, and the ability to implement a hybrid model of teaching and learning. Our teachers and staff have worked tirelessly throughout the year and your support has been tremendous and very much appreciated.

The administrative team along with the Board of Education reviews data concerning COVID-19 as it relates to schools on a regular basis. Please recognize that it is difficult making decisions that affect the lives of individuals and families as well as the community as a whole. Beyond the benefits of in-person instruction, we must also consider the physical health of each student and staff member. As COVID-19 cases decrease and vaccines become available, we will be returning to school on a 100% in-person basis.

On March 15, 2021, we will begin to operate on Level 2-Orange of the reopening plan.

- 1) Grades PK-4 will attend 100% four days per week (Monday-Thursday). Fridays will be remote learning.
- 2) Grades 5-12 will continue to attend on a 50% rotation. Students will report 2 days a week for face to face instruction. The remaining 3 days will be remote learning.
- 3) The Senator Virtual Learning Academy will continue to be available for 100% remote learning.

On March 29, 2021, the district will operate on Level 1- Yellow of the reopening plan.

- 1) All students attend school five days per week within recommended guidelines found on the return plan.
- 2) The Senator Virtual Academy will continue to be available for 100% remote learning.

We are cautiously optimistic about our return to in-person instruction, this is not the time to let our guard down. We urge our community members to abide by the CDC and Ohio Department of Health guidelines to fight COVID-19 by avoiding large social gatherings, wearing face coverings, and practicing social distancing. We will continue all protocols while students are at schools, including temperature checks as we ask that symptomatic students remain at home.

As always, we truly appreciate your understanding, patience and support during these most difficult times.

Sincerely,

Anthony Bazler,

Superintendent, Washington-Nile Local School District.



Miss West 2021
Madison Russell



Mrs. Leah Blevins Awarded \$2000 in Step-It-Up Wellness Challenge

The OHSAA, in partnership with the Health Action Council, recently hosted a two-week Step-It-Up Wellness Challenge for Ohio schools. PWHS teacher Mrs. Leah Blevins was nominated by Superintendent Bazler to represent Washington-Nile School District in the challenge after he noticed she takes daily walks around campus during lunch. Mrs. Blevins was honored as one of six “regional stepper” winners and awarded \$2000 for health and wellness efforts in the district. She explained her motivation as follows:

When quarantine began in March, I began cooking big meals and along with that came some extra weight. I decided to start walking to try to shed the weight. When school began back this fall I didn't have much time to walk so I began walking during my lunch break. This led to my school superintendent seeing me walking around our campus and he entered me in the Fitbit challenge. Prior to the competition, my goal was to walk 10,000 steps a day. I felt that since I was competing I should try to double that. I began to walk the circle around my floor each time the bell rang, walk back and forth in front of the board while teaching and continued to walk during my lunch period.

Mrs. Kathy Ross Math Educator Award

Congratulations to Portsmouth West High School teacher Mrs. Kathy Ross for being awarded the 2020 Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics South District High School Teacher Award. Each year, the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics - an affiliate of the



Mrs. Blevins with Mr. Bazler showing her \$2000 Step-It-Up Wellness award.

After the first day of the competition I saw that I was going to have to work way harder if I was going to stand a chance of winning. I was told several times to give up because people could be attaching it to the ceiling fan or anything to get that many steps. However, I am a firm believer in “Whatever your hand (or feet) find to do, do it with all your might.” I even explained to my 10 and 6 year old that I may not win but life isn't always about winning—it's about giving it your best effort. Once my family realized that I was committed, they got behind me 100%. They would walk with me in the evenings, my Granny talked with me on the phone while I walked, teachers I worked with would walk with me during their free

time and I even started getting up before work and running. I kept telling myself that low and steady wins the race and that if nothing else, I had set a good example for my children. I tell them ALL the time that we may not be the best but we always have to give it our best and that was what I did.

In the end—surprisingly enough to even me—I came out a winner! I am so thankful for the help and support of my family, friends and colleagues and am so grateful for this opportunity.

PWHS plans to use Mrs. Blevins' \$2000 award to purchase a water fountain with a water bottle filler to install by the gymnasium.



National Council of Teachers of Mathematics - recognizes outstanding teachers, professors, emerging leaders and friends of mathematics. This is quite the prestigious honor. Thank you, Mrs. Ross, for your hard work and dedication to PWHS students!

Senator Fall and Winter Sports SOC II & All-Southeast District Awards



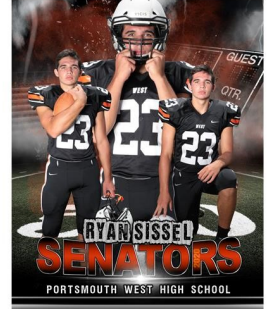
Eli Tilley : SOC All-Star Team - Defensive Player of the Year; SOC II 1st Team; All-Ohio Team - 3rd Team Defense; All-Southeast District Team - 1st Team Defense



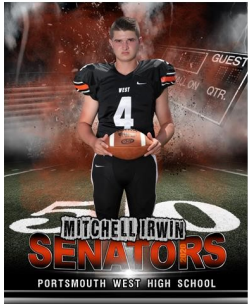
Luke Wroten: SOC II 1st Team; All-Ohio Team - Honorable Mention; All-Southeast District Team - 1st Team Offense; Most Improved Award



Luke Bradford: All Southeast District Team Division IV - First Team Defense; SOC II 1st Team: All-Ohio Team - 1st Team Defense



Ryan Sissel: All Southeast District Team - 1st Team Defense; Senator Pride Award; SOC II 1st Team



Mitchell Irwin: All Southeast District Team - Special Mention



Jeffrey Bishop: SOC II 2nd Team



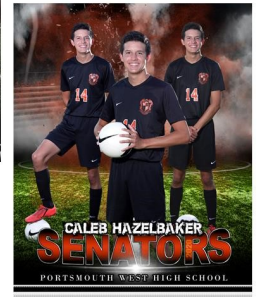
Hunter Brow: Most Inspirational Award



Ashton Klaiber: All Southeast District Team - Special Mention: SOC II 2nd Team

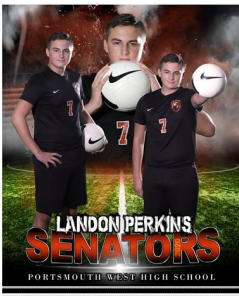


Rhett Estep: John Mitchel Memorial Award



Caleb Hazelbaker: All Southeast District Team Division II; 1st Team; SOC II 1st Team

2020 BOYS SOCCER AWARDS



Landon Perkins: All Southeast District Team Division II; Honorable Mention



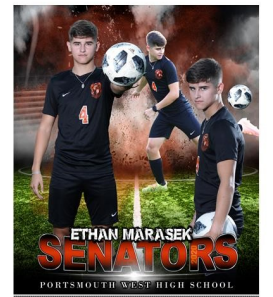
Austin Throckmorton: All Southeast District Team Division II; 2nd Team; SOC II 2nd Team



Maverick Stone: All Southeast District Team; Division II 1st Team; SOC II 2nd Team



Jared Opperman: All Southeast District Team Division II Honorable Mention

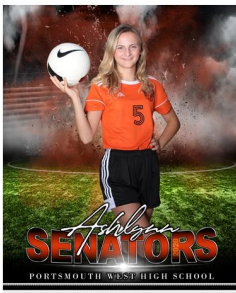


Ethan Marasek: All Southeast District Team Division II 2nd Team

The COVID-19 pandemic presented coaches, athletes, parents, and Senator fans with many obstacles in the fall of 2020. Even so, Senator resilience and will to overcome whatever barriers the pandemic placed on their path, can be seen in the outstanding performance of our fall sport teams and amazing student athletes. We would like to thank our Senator Community in your willingness to always go the extra mile for all of our students.

Athletic Awards Continued

LADY SENATOR SOCCER & GOLF



Ashlynn Pfau: All Southeast District Team Division III; 1st Team; Ohio Senior Scholar Award



Haven Hileman: SOC 1st Team; Ohio Senior Scholar Award



Zoe-Hanna Rawlins: All Southeast District Team Division III; 2nd Team; Ohio Senior Scholar Award



Alatheia Wolfe: All Southeast District Team Division III 2nd Team



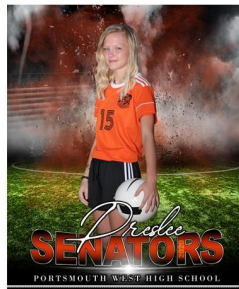
Bailee Wireman: Ohio Senior Scholar Award
SWIM TEAM: SOC Division II Women's 100 Meter Backstroke



Layla McCleese: All Southeast District Team Division III; 2nd Team; Ohio Senior Scholar Award



Allison Cooper: SOC 2nd Team



Preslee Jenkins: SOC 1st Team

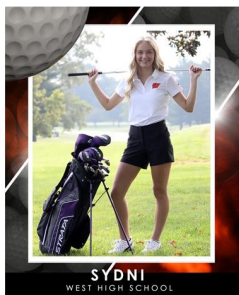


WEST HIGH SCHOOL

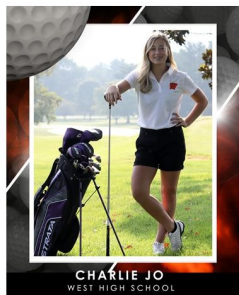
Golf Team Members: Eli Adkins, Evan Whitt, Luke Howard, Alex Cassidy, Staven Sadler, Lexi Deaver, Sydni Callihan, Sara Campbell, Gracie Vernier, Charlie Jo Howard.



Alexia Deaver: 1st Team All Conference



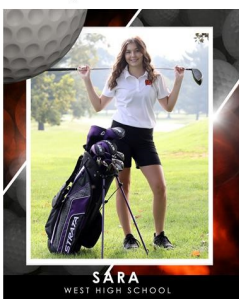
Sydni Callihan



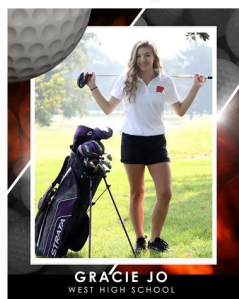
Charlie Jo Howard



Evan Whitt: 1st Team All SOC



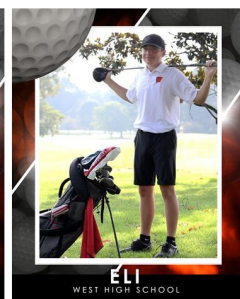
Sara Campbell



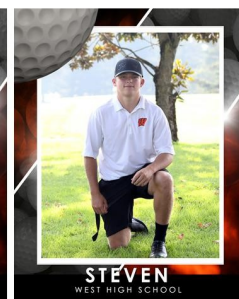
Gracie Jo Vernier



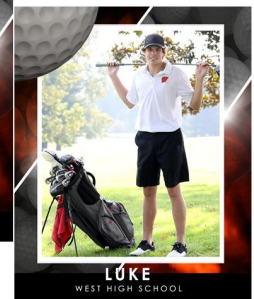
Alex Cassidy



Eli Adkins



Steven Sadler



Luke Howard

The 2020 golf season marked the first time West Girls Golf had a full roster in school history AND they placed 2nd in the SOC Conference! Congratulations to the West Boys Golf team in also placing 2nd in the SOC Conference!

PWHS SWIM TEAM

VOLLEYBALL



Eden Cline: All Southeast District Team Division III.; Honorable Mention; SOC II 1st Team



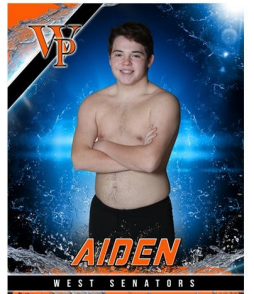
Maelynn Howell: SOC II 2nd Team



Team Members: Isaac Horner, Caleb Hazelbaker, Carson Malnar, Aiden Robinson, Ethan Hazelbaker, Hayden Runions, Dylan Essman, Rielly Carr, Madison Gilley, Kristin Fields, Sydney Burchett, Kaylee Scott, Ashlynn Pfau, Baillee Wireman, Sharon Macias, Karlee York, Kylie Osborne

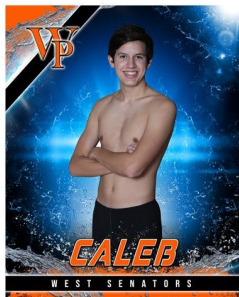


Ashlynn Pfau: SOC Division II - Women's 200 Meter Individual Medley

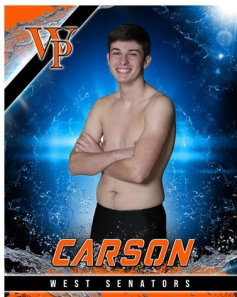


Aiden Robinson: SOC Division II - Men's 200 Meter Freestyle

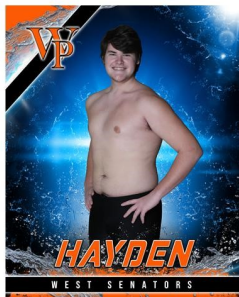
SOC Division II - 200 Meter Medley Relay



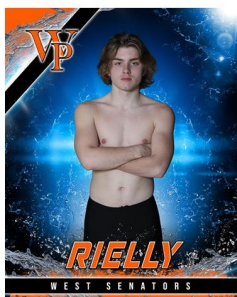
Caleb Hazelbaker



Carson Malnar



Hayden Runions: SOC Division II - Men's 100 Meter Butterfly



Rielly Carr

FFA Members Place at District Competition

Congratulations to the PWHS Future Farmers of America, FFA, members who recently competed in the District 10 Job Interview Career Development Event competition. In the Senior Division, Haven Hileman placed 6th overall. In the Freshman Division, Logan Hurst received 9th overall. Emily Scaff won 2nd overall Individual in the Sophomore Division.

FFA is a student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership and is one component of the organization's agricultural education program. This component focuses on premier leadership, personal

growth and career success through engagement in FFA and other programs and activities.

Another component is classroom & laboratory, inquiry based instruction & learning through interactive classroom and laboratory. Experiential, Service and/or Work-Based Learning through the implementation of a supervised agricultural experience program, or SAE, is the third component.



2021 Basketball Homecoming Queen - Ashlynn Pfau



The 2021 PWHs Homecoming Queen is Miss Ashlynn Pfau. Ashlynn will be escorted by her parents Jeremy and Davida Pfau. Ashlynn has been involved in Beta Club, Girl's Soccer, Swim, Cheer, and Band.



Senior Attendant is Miss Bailee Wireman. Bailee will be escorted by her parents, Ben & Cindy Wireman of Portsmouth. Bailee is Beta Club President, member of chorus, and participates in Girl's Soccer & Swim



Junior Attendant is Miss Madison Warren. Madison is being escorted by Adam & Heather Benschoff. Madison has been a member of the Girl's Soccer Team.



Sophomore Attendant is Miss Sydney Burchett. Sydney will be escorted by her parents, Jeff and Dawn Burchett. Sydney has been a member of the Girl's Soccer Team, Swim Team, and also participates in 4-H.



Freshman Attendant Emma Sayre will be escorted by her parents, Chad & Allison Sayre. Emma has been involved this year in Key Club, Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Basketball, and intends to play softball this spring.



Madison Russell is Miss West 2021

I am excited to have the opportunity to represent my school and community as your Miss West 2021. As a junior, I am taking advantage of the CCP program at SSU to obtain credit hours toward my degree as a Pharmacist with maintaining a new 4.0 GPA.

I am a member of the National Honor Society, the BETA Club in which I earned recognition as Champion in Math for Division I at the 2020 competition, have participated in OMUN, am a Varsity Cheerleader.

I cannot wait to watch how my journey will unfold as your Miss West. I take pride in this opportunity and hope to make an impact on my community along with gaining an experience of a

lifetime. It has been 40 years since Miss West has been crowned queen and I will work diligently with my platform for that to change.

I want to thank my peers for believing in me and promise to not let them down. To the Senator Community, I will take every moment of the River Days experience to give back and make a positive change. I will show everyone who I am and represent West with poise, dedication, love and passion.

Madison Russell
Miss West 2021



Congratulations Madison! The Senator Community is proud to have you represent our school & community at the 2021 Portsmouth River Days.

Miss West Sydney Carter Takes 2nd Place at 2020 Riverdays

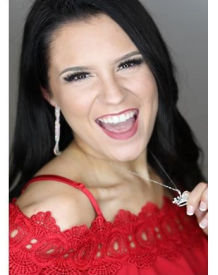


Congratulations Miss West Sydney Carter in walking away with a crown and 2nd place at the 2020 Riverdays Pageant! Sydney not only represented PWHS with grace and charm to earn her crown, but also received The Kennedy McGraw Charisma Award, The Emily Hicks Spirit of River Days Award, and second place in the Float competition.

While it was not a usual year for many events this past summer, Sydney and her fellow candidates managed to hold several events and share their platforms in communities across the county. Sydney visited the Elementary before the March closing and read a story to share on the school Facebook page. All the candidates held a food drive in their community and received several large donations in the fight against food insecurity in our area.

Sydney's platform "Tooth Be Told, All Smiles Matter" advocated the importance of good oral hygiene. "A poor dental status can lead to people being insecure, depressed, and certainly unhealthy. I also want to become a dental hygienist when I am out of high school, so this is my perfect kick start!"

Congratulations and Thank You Miss West Sydney Carter in representing Portsmouth West High School at the 2020 Portsmouth Riverdays!



Senior Haven Hileman Selected Ohio 4-H Teen of the Year



Senior Haven Hileman has been selected the 2021 Ohio 4-H Teen of the Year! Haven is the daughter of Robin & Ed Hileman. One teen 4-H member is selected each year for the distinction. The award was created in 2016 by the Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council to recognize one exceptional teen from Ohio for the contributions to the 4-H Program.

PWHS Introduces New Choral Group - Voice of Hope

The Portsmouth West High School Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Linda Tieman and technical director, Mr. Gary Tieman, has formed a smaller ensemble called The Voice of Hope. The group, accompanied by Dr. Jessica Powell, has performed Christmas concerts at several locations throughout the community, an annual tradition which began under the direction of Mr. Thomas Giles in the 1960's.

This year's CDC guidelines and regulations introduced some challenges to this tradition but the dedicated group of volunteer students created a new way of performing Christmas music on

it's "Tour of Hope". Instead of performing for packed houses as in the past, the group performed to an empty hall, wearing masks and observing social distancing. Mr. Aaron Blevins served as the program's videographer, recording with the high school's new recording equipment. Per the suggestion of Mr. Chris Rapp, high school principal, the Tour of Hope was posted on the district's website as a Christmas gift to the community.

Members of the Voice of Hope are: Andrew Abrams, Jacob Bays, Xavier Camden, Samantha Gray, Corey Hackworth, Abigail Hazelbaker,

Caleb Hazelbaker, Haven Hileman, Sailor Isgett, Anna Lovins, Ashlynn Pfau, Cole Tackett, Ryan Thompson, Bailee Wireman, Charity Teeters, Angel Hammond, Talisha Osburn, Connor Gray, Emily Hammond, Ethan Hazelbaker, Dalton Hedrick, John Jones, Macie Jones, Alex Leist, Natalie Marsh, Layla McCleese, Cianna Newman, Landon Perkins, Zoe-Hanna Rawlins, Aiden Robinson, Aris Setty, Noah Williams, Taran Willis and Maribeth Yerman.

Mrs. Linda Tieman,
PWHS Choral Director



Below: Voice of Hope perform 'Battle Hymn of the Republic' practicing social distance & COVID safety guidelines.



Kindergarten Teacher Mrs. Karla Coleman Retires

December 18, 2020, marked the end of a very distinguished teaching career for PWES Kindergarten Teacher, Mrs. Karla Coleman. Karla served in the Washington-Nile LSD for over 34 years .

Her career as an educator began at Jenkins Elementary where she taught Reading Recovery and Chapter One Reading to first grade students. In her 4th year with WNLSD, she began teaching Kindergarten students where she inspired both students and fellow teachers alike with the wonders of learning.

"One of my favorite parts of teaching has been the never ending adventures

of being with 5-6 year old students everyday. Their laughter, joy, smiles, and excitement for learning never gets old. It meant that teaching everyday was different and exciting! I've been able to teach with the best of the best teachers. Their guidance, wisdom, and friendships have meant everything to me! I learned from observing them, I will continue to enjoy the friendships we've made along the way!" ~ Karla Coleman

Karla did not only give many hours of dedicated service to her students, but also spent time outside of the classroom coaching, mentoring, and serving the district. She coached Junior

High Cheerleaders, served as Prom Advisor for 3 years, was a Mentor Teacher and served as an LPDC committee member for about 20 years. She served as PTC secretary for several years and received the Walmart Teacher of the Year in 2003, in which she was nominated by a Washington Nile student and parent. While teaching her precious students and supporting many fellow teachers and staff, she also earned a Masters Degree in Elementary Education.

Everyone at WNLSD would like to wish Mrs. Coleman all the best in her retirement. You will be greatly missed by students and staff alike!



"We are thankful and grateful to have worked with Karla. She has been a role model and mentor for our kindergarten team. She has always worked hard, been dedicated to her career, been generous, fun, and a great head teacher. We wish her the best and we will miss her!"



Mrs. Joyce Banks - From Behind the Scenes and Screens

The 2020-21 school year would definitely be a year of many rapid changes and one of uncertainty. I was so excited to begin a new school year, regardless of what education would look like during the pandemic. I had missed being with my 1st grade students. My classroom was setup, anxiously waiting for my students.

Three weeks before the start of school, I had soon realized that my career would navigate the technology world. School year, 2020-21, I would step into education as the 1st grade virtual teacher. Wow, to say that I will do anything my school district ask of me is accurate. Technically, speaking I stepped out of my comfort zone! Many questions swirled and filled my mind. A few tears were even shed at

the loss of what seems normal. Every educator had different circumstances to prepare for their first day.

However, on the first day of school when little 6-7yr olds began logging on to a Google Meet - meeting the needs of the parents and students in our district became easy.

Zoom forward a few months, my students and parents have embraced the virtual classroom. We are a team, helping one another, sharing ideas, and suggestions. Together we work on math/reading assignments , complete art projects, include guest readers, enjoy brain-break dancing, and share funny stories. and have guided a student teacher, Miss Bergan Jarvis. We are a Senator family,

I am very impressed with the operation of in-person learning, online learning, hybrid model; my colleagues are managing the ever changing teaching world with great strides.

The Washington-Nile School District is truly an amazing place to work. We need to continue to offer Grace to each and every Senator as the waves of change bring about adapting to a new level.

Does uncertainty still hover around this school year? Yes, it does...but with the continual support from the Washington-Nile School District we will continue to navigate a pandemic together!

Mrs. Joyce Banks

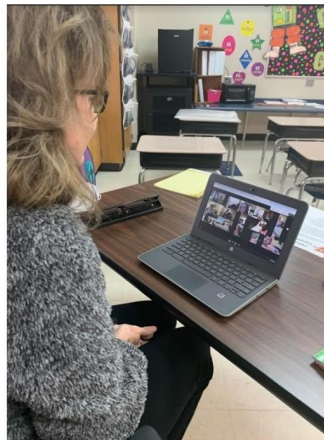
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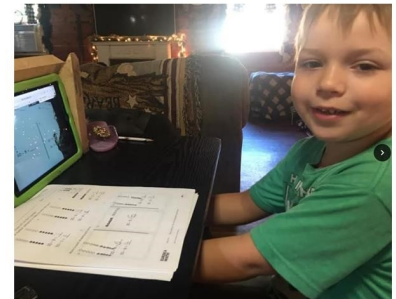
Gannon Ramey predicts more snow! Oh No!



Axl Cochran, with help from brother Gotham, talks about the hazards of ice!



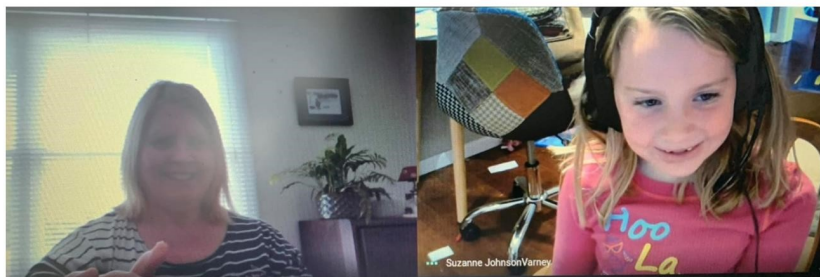
Mrs. Riggs is today's guest reader.



Landon Horsley hard at work in his virtual learning class.



Miss Jarvis & Mrs. Banks visits Jase Petrie with a special Valentine!



Mrs. Banks & Kiana Varney online together.

"No act of kindness however small is ever wasted." ~ Aesop

Kindness.

"Kindness is the sincere and voluntary use of one's time, talent, and resources to better the lives of others, one's own life, and the world through genuine acts of love, compassion, generosity, and service. Moreover, kindness involves choice."

Compassion, generosity, and dedication to service are three qualities Washington-Nile students and staff have in abundance. The pandemic made it a bit more difficult this year to bring kindness and giving to our communities however these barriers did not stop our Portsmouth West Senators. Students and staff show us that it really can be the little things, or kindnesses, that matter the most.

Mrs. Morgan's Class Sprinkle Drops of Kindness

Mrs. Morgan's 4th grade class recently sprinkled Drops of Kindness in their homes and around their community. Each student was asked to think of a way to make someone's day a little bit brighter. They had to choose a person, or people, they would like to do something nice for. Students had to come up with an idea, gather all the materials, then put the plan in action. The projects were shared with the class during a Google Meet. She is proud of her students and believes the impact of their kindness will linger for a lifetime. Mrs. Morgan's class Drops of Kindness project can be viewed on the Portsmouth West Elementary School Facebook page.



Aliyah Lancaster surprises Walmart associate with flowers & a stuffed animal



Aurrie Soward takes out a snack bag for the mailman.



Cameron Howard takes coffee to his grandpa & his worker buddy to warm them up.



Cason Frump fills the Blessing Box.



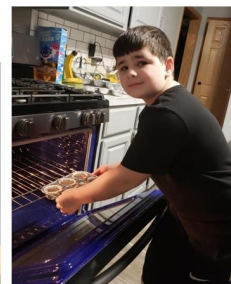
Kierston Mosley baked brownies for her grandma & grandpa



Brycen Bodmer baked yummy chocolate chip cookies for his grandma.



Colton Tackett delivers donuts and makes a Thank You sign for SOMC frontline healthcare professionals.



Myles Mitchell baked muffins for his grandma.



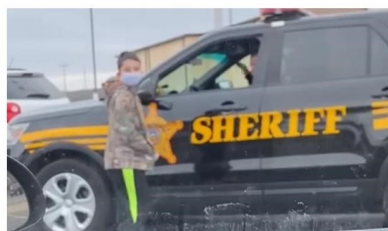
Faith Wolfe delivers food to her church food bank



Jace Lore gave a gift card treating this Portsmouth police officer to a hot cup of coffee.



A local deputy receives a gift card from Andrew Mershon.



Wyatt Terry 'Paid it Forward' at Arbys.



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#WeAreWest



PWHS Color Guard collected and packaged items for Blessing Bags for the Women's Domestic Violence Shelter this past fall. The service provided essential self-care items, packaged together for individuals and in bulk for the shelter.

We're so proud of these strong young women coming together to help others!



HPAC Students Make Mask Lanyards

HPAC (Health Professions Affinity Community) club members, Megan Rhoden and Laikyn Roberts made mask lanyards to donate to teachers. The purpose of the mask lanyards are to secure the mask when removed so that the mask isn't placed on an unclean surface. Thank you, ladies, for contributing to other's health! #WeAreWest

Visit our Facebook pages for more great photos and news about all the great things happening at Washington Nile LSD.

**Portsmouth West High School
Portsmouth West Middle School
Portsmouth West Elementary
School**

PWHS 2021 YEARBOOK NEWS
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YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM
ENTER CODE: 17721
PRICE \$60
ORDER DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2021

W-N SCHOOL CALENDAR

APRIL 1: PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES > EARLY DISMISSAL
APRIL 2-5: EASTER BREAK, NO SCHOOL
APRIL 6: CLASSES RESUME
MAY 31: MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY, NO SCHOOL
JUNE 6: GRADUATION
JUNE 8: LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
JUNE 9: LAST DAY FOR STAFF

SHARE YOUR 2021 PHOTOS
YOU CAN NOW SHARE YOUR PHOTOS FOR THE YEARBOOK.
GO TO: ESHARE.COM
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