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Revised re-entry transition plan and options can be found [here](#).

A list of Frequently Asked Questions concerning COVID-19 precautions can be found [here](#).

Parent support tools for iPads and Schoology can be found [here](#).

Wood County Schools COVID-19 Dashboard can be found [here](#).

"Our vision is to work as a community to inspire a passion for learning, pursue excellence and empower students to reach their potential."

- Wood County Schools

Congratulations!

Wood County Schools celebrated some of its top educators this week by recognizing new and newly-renewed National Board Certified Teacher and naming the 2022 Teacher of the Year.

Parkersburg South High School mathematics teacher Sara Klesel was named Teacher of the Year for the 2021-22 school year. Klesel will represent Wood County Schools in the West Virginia Teacher of the Year competition.

Klesel was one of six finalists interviewed by the Teacher of the Year committee. The other finalists were: Whitney Anne Dobson (Blennerhassett Elementary School), Jessica Farmer Linville (Jackson Middle School), Tana Stanley (Williamstown High/Middle School), Marley Jolly (Neale Elementary School) and Linda Hindman (Parkersburg High School).

Six Wood County Schools teachers were recognized for achieving or renewing their National Board Certification, the highest level of certification for school educators.

Marley Jolly, Jennifer Tennant and Christine Walker were recognized as newly certified National Board Certified Teachers, and Mary Blaker, Corinne Full and Jimmy Stewart were recognized as renewal NBCTs.



"Who dares to teach must never cease to learn."

John Cotton Dana



Four!

Madison Elementary School students practiced their short game this week with an indoor golf course in the school gymnasium!

The "Seven Pines Golf Club" is the creation of physical education teacher Chris Wilson and features 7 holes, sand traps, water hazards and a host of tricky tunnels and ramps.

Wilson first started the course in 2017 when he taught at McKinley Elementary School.

"This started as a Hula Hoop for a hole and a plunger for a flag," he said. "I just kept adding on."

Students learn the rules and techniques of the game, including how to hold a golf club and how to keep score. The students were placed in pairs and tracked their scores on each hole, with the scores being compared later as part of a grade-wide tournament.

The 7 Pines Golf Club also features a club store with personalized gear for students, including hats and golf balls.

Important Dates

May 4 – Star Wars Day.

May 9 – Mother's Day.

May 15 – Armed Forces Day.

May 31 – Memorial Day.

June 7 – Last Day of School.

Feedback?

Questions or suggestions can be emailed to the Wood County Schools Communications Department at merb@woodcountyschools.wv.net and everyone encouraged to download the WCS app for news and announcements.

