

Westfall



MONTHLY eNEWSLETTER #RISEABOVE

NOVEMBER 2022

DISTRICT EVENTS

NOVEMBER 1-11

WMS Community Project Food Drive

NOVEMBER 2

Financial Aid/FAFSA Information Night 6:00 PM
WES Tri-C Fundraiser Pickup 5:00-7:00 PM

NOVEMBER 5

Westfall CARES Alumni Volleyball Tournament

NOVEMBER 6

Daylight Saving Time Ends

NOVEMBER 7

Teacher In-Service - No School for Students

NOVEMBER 8

Election Day
PRCTC Sophomore Visit

NOVEMBER 9 & 10

WHS Musical "Beauty & the Beast" Auditions

NOVEMBER 10

WES Parent-Teacher Conferences

NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day Breakfast - WES 8:00 AM
Veterans Day Assembly - WMS/WHS 8:30 AM

NOVEMBER 15

WES Parent-Teacher Conferences

NOVEMBER 18

Interim Ends

NOVEMBER 21

Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM

NOVEMBER 23-25

NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

NOVEMBER 24

Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER 29

WES Picture Retake Day

Message from the SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Mustangs,

Besides the need to rake leaves, November has always been one of my favorite months. The month usually offers a mixture of those perfect fall weather days and a few seasonal warnings of what will come next.

November culminates with the Thanksgiving season. It's an excellent time to reflect on all we have to be thankful for. But sometimes, I get in a rut. Perhaps you do too. I let the few problems that I am dealing with consume my mind. Do you ever do the same?

Like everyone else, I have experienced some bad events in my life. Like everyone else, I sometimes focus on the problems I face, and sometimes I forget to follow my slogan, "what you focus on is what you see."

Sometimes, I take for granted all the blessings I experience. Perhaps you can relate. Yet, it's helpful to remind ourselves more often that we are blessed with family, friends, and community.

November is the month during which we celebrate Thanksgiving. On Thanksgiving, I hope all of us can recognize our blessings and continue to be thankful throughout the year.

Happy Thanksgiving, Mustangs!

Jeff Sheets



The Pickaway County Educational Service Center (ESC), in partnership with parentguidance.org, is hosting Zoom-based educational series led by licensed therapists, which will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month. November's meeting focuses on Establishing Healthy Boundaries, where families can gain resources to help set healthy boundaries with their children, helping them thrive. All meetings are geared toward parents and caregivers to identify, understand, and positively impact their child's mental health needs. To register, please scan the QR code or visit <https://cookcenter.info/PickawayNov22>



NOVEMBER 2022

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR STAFF

NOVEMBER

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| 1 | Brian Constable | DISTRICT |
| 2 | Alissa Streitenberger | WES |
| 5 | Callen Logan | WHS |
| 6 | Lesley Wolfe | WES |
| 8 | Jodi Butcher | WES |
| 9 | T | WMS |
| 16 | Joy Hovermale | DISTRICT |
| 16 | Terri Wynkoop | DISTRICT |
| 18 | Marlene Haddox | DISTRICT |
| 19 | Todd Rhymer | WHS |
| 20 | Clark McFarland | DISTRICT |
| 21 | Kathryn Wells | WMS |
| 23 | Brandy Mullins | WHS |
| 26 | Lisa Kelley | DISTRICT |
| 29 | Amy Johnson | WES |
| 30 | Tammi Doyle | DISTRICT |

VETERANS DAY EVENTS ON CAMPUS

Westfall Elementary will be honoring our Veterans with a breakfast on Friday, November 11th at 8:00 am. Sponsored by WES Student Council, there will be coffee and donuts available, the Musical Mustangs will be performing, and a video slideshow with pictures and names of our veterans will be displayed.

At 8:30 am, Westfall Middle and High Schools will host a Veterans Day Assembly in the WHS Gymnasium. Veterans in the community will be recognized and honored for their service.

We are so grateful to all veterans for their service and dedication!



Welcome to the family, tiny Mustang!

Griffin Case Zombek
 Son of WES First-Grade Teacher
 Allie Zombek and her husband, Mathew



BIRTHDATE
10/20/2022

WEIGHT
7lbs 1oz

HEIGHT
18.5 in long

CONGRATULATIONS!

EDUCATOR NIGHT WITH THE COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

The Columbus Blue Jackets have partnered with The Ohio Education Association again this year to celebrate all Ohio Educators on Saturday, November 19th at Nationwide Arena when the Blue Jackets host the Detroit Red Wings. The game includes specially priced tickets, food, and beverage credit, an exclusive Educator Appreciation water bottle, and also feature a post-game slapshot!



While the main event will take place on November 19th, CBJ extended the ticket offer for two additional game dates that week:

Tuesday, November 15th vs. the Philadelphia Flyers
 Thursday, November 17th vs. the Montreal Canadiens

Scan the QR code and use promo code EDUCATOR at checkout to unlock your buy one, get one offer today!



ENJOYING THE SEASON AT WESTFALL ELEMENTARY

TRUNK OR TREAT FUN

Trunk or Treat was a success! Even though the weather was a little chilly, the community had a wonderful time trick-or-treating, decorating trunks and showing off their imaginative costumes.



TRANSFORMING PUMPKINS INTO BOOK CHARACTERS



Getting into the spirit of reading! We love the creativity that Mrs. Whitt and Ms. Wolfe's third-grade students used to transform pumpkins into their favorite book characters.

ROCKIN' ORANGE FOR UNITY DAY



United in Kindness, Acceptance, and Inclusion

IT'S COOL TO BE KIND!



Staff Members of the Month!



HARVEST PARTIES

We had a wonderful time celebrating the fall season with our annual Harvest Parties! Games were played, snacks were devoured, and festive fall crafts were created. Thank you to our families, volunteers, and those who donated to make it a very special day for our students!



Christian Payne, Intervention Specialist
Dawn Miller, Educational Aide
Holly Huff, First-Grade Teacher
Stephanie Grigsby, Kindergarten Teacher
Lesley Wolfe, Kindergarten Teacher (not pictured)



PLANTING THE PROMISE AT WESTFALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2022

CELEBRATING A DRUG-FREE LIFE

Plant the Promise is a beautiful way to celebrate Red Ribbon Week, which is celebrated every October. The purpose of Red Ribbon Week is to present a visible commitment to living a safe, healthy, and drug-free life. During Red Ribbon Week, WMS Guidance Office has provided enough bulbs for each student to plant a red tulip around campus. When they bloom in the spring, they will serve as a reminder of the importance and the beauty of living a drug-free life.



RED RIBBON WEEK ART CONTEST



WMS held a Red Ribbon Week Art Contest, graciously sponsored by the Pickaway Area Recovery Services and the National Family Partnership, centered around the theme "Celebrate Life. Live Drug-Free." Students created art projects representing a life without drugs versus a life with drugs. We're proud to announce the winners of the contest (standing center from left to right): Michelle Pickett (third place), Lydia Burns (first place), Kylie Evans (second place), Searrah Johnson (fourth place), posing with Art Teacher Kathy Fuller, and Guidance Counselor Cameron Pavey.



Congratulations to Ms. Wells' homeroom for collecting the most items for our food drive! With the help of Student Council and Westfall High School students, WMS participated in a food drive for Action Against Hunger. This campaign helps Community Cupboards in the surrounding area. The food will be used to stock the cupboards in the coming months.

WESTFALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Harvest Dance

NOVEMBER 4
2:30PM-4:30PM

\$5 ENTRY | TICKETS GO ON SALE OCTOBER 31
FOOD & DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

WESTFALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

FALL SPORTS AWARD CEREMONY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 | 6:00 PM
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

GREAT JOB!

Staff Member of the Month!

WESTFALL MIDDLE SCHOOL
Our Mission: We Model Success
Our Vision: Westfall Middle School, Steady State, Inspiring Every Student to Discover, Develop, and Succeed.

Jerry Mathewson, Social Studies Teacher



CONTINUING TRADITIONS AT WESTFALL HIGH SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2022

Westfall girls golf finished 7th overall at the Division II state tournament. They scored 363 Friday and 364 Saturday, for a total of 727 overall, which is the 2nd highest finish at the state tournament in Westfall golf history. As they prepared to start their journey to the state tournament, Westfall High School students filled halls and sent them off with a traditional clap-out parade and concert.



2022 HOMECOMING ROYALTY



Westfall High School's 2022-2023 Homecoming King and Queen are... Casey Cline and Summer Hanson! Congrats to the newly crowned Homecoming royalty and all members of the court!

Pictured (L-R): Aiden Lemaster, Sophia Henson, Casey Cline, Summer Hanson, Makayla Cook, Blaec Bugher, Avery Roese, Caleb Cline, Mackenzie Drone, and Matthew Mathes.

WHS CHEERLEADERS VISIT WES



Our high school student-athletes are such great role models to our younger Mustangs. Earlier this month, our WHS cheerleaders became "cheer-readers," sharing their love of learning with students from several grades throughout elementary school. We're so thankful to have such amazing role models for our youth!

ART FOR A CAUSE

Artistic students in Ms. Newman's Art II class designed and painted a picnic table, which was recently auctioned off for charity benefiting adults with developmental disabilities at Chillicothe's First Capital Enterprises.



Raelynn Hastings, Math Teacher (not pictured)
 Danny English, English Teacher
 Brad Smith, Social Studies Teacher

COLLEGE & CAREER NEWS

Emily Smith
**PICKAWAY WORKS
 COLLEGE & CAREER COUNSELOR**



REAL MONEY, REAL WORLD

WMS 8th-graders recently participated in a financial literacy simulation developed by Ohio State University Extension, "Real Monday, Real World." The students began the unit in the classroom



with lessons focused on income, budgeting for expenses, and the fluctuating economy. The students then had the opportunity to enter a real-world simulation to "learn by doing" as they connected what they've learned in the classroom to real-life scenarios with various occupations, corresponding salaries, and the difference that family sizes can make to monthly budgets.

On Friday, the students visited several Real Money, Real World stations conducted by local business partners and community members. Each stop along the road of life allowed students to make decisions that would result in a financial impact, such as childcare, student loans, insurance, and housing expenses. Students concluded the exercise with a better understanding of monthly expense categories for families, the difference between needs and wants, and the factors to consider when making spending choices.

PICKAWAY WORKS JOB SHADOW

Sophomore, Abigail Brettthauer was interested in both the arts but also marketing. To help with her future decisions, Abigail had a chance to experience a wide range of options from marketing, costuming, light walking, and stage management at the Columbus Opera.

She worked directly with the marketing manager, lighting designer, directing fellow, stage manager, and creative arts director. Abigail's host said, "I love the opportunity that your program affords students, because it really helps to identify good fit vs. bad fit within the realm of future careers."

Job shadowing is an excellent way to learn valuable skills and tricks from those with more experience. It's a highly effective form of training that allows the trainee the opportunity to ask questions and get real-time answers.

| NOVEMBER 2 | NOVEMBER 4 | NOVEMBER 10 | NOVEMBER 15 | NOVEMBER 16 |
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| Financial Aid/FAFSA 6:00 PM Mr. Pullins Classroom | Rio Grande College Visit @ WHS | College Visit Field Trip to Shawnee State | Driving Tour of Columbus Colleges | Ohio Dominican College Visit @ WHS |



Seniors— IS COLLEGE IN YOUR FUTURE PLANS?

