

Westfall



MUSTANG MONTHLY eNEWSLETTER #RISEABOVE

APRIL 2023

DISTRICT EVENTS

APRIL 1

WHS Prom | Pinnacle Golf Course
Open Enrollment Applications Available

APRIL 4

FFA Community Breakfast | 6:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Pickaway County Fairgrounds Heritage Hall
WES 2nd-grade Music Program "Sun Wishes" | 7:00 PM

APRIL 7 - 10

NO SCHOOL

APRIL 11

WMS 8th-grade visits Pickaway Ross CTC

APRIL 12

WES Egg Hunt

APRIL 17

Board of Education Meeting | 6:30 PM
WLSD Community Room

APRIL 21

Interim Ends

APRIL 28

Interim Reports Available
FFA Banquet

happy birthday
TO OUR STAFF

APRIL

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| 4 | Denise Arledge | WMS |
| 5 | Ashley Kelley | WMS/WHS |
| 6 | Mindy Stonerock | WES |
| 13 | Eric Horvath | DISTRICT |
| 17 | Matt Corder | DISTRICT |
| 17 | Morgan Persinger | WES |
| 18 | Mark Justus | WMS |
| 24 | Brandon Speakman | DISTRICT |
| 27 | Paula Dumm | DISTRICT |
| 29 | J.D. Williamson | DISTRICT |
| 30 | Caryn Dinneen | WMS |

Message from the **BOARD PRESIDENT**

It is an exciting time to be a Mustang!

Recently, the Westfall Community had its first chance to walk through our beautiful facility during the open house on Saturday, March 18th. Although the new construction and renovations are not yet finished, it seemed like the perfect time to allow a first peek inside. Once visitors entered the connector doors, they were greeted by students who provided a tour to show off the new community room, science labs, media center, athletic facility, and Mustang café.

As many of you know, the idea of a connector building that would attach the middle school and high school has been a topic of conversation within our district for many years. Numerous Boards of Education have had this discussion, and it always sounded like a wonderful idea, but it never seemed to gain enough momentum to become a reality.

After the hire of Jeff Sheets, the board soon realized the Westfall community now had the missing piece needed in order to take the district's "dream" and make it a reality. Due to Mr. Sheets' leadership and the support of our community members, both our students and staff have a state-of-the-art facility where generations of students will be educated for years to come.

The Westfall Board of Education would like to thank each staff member for your dedication and passion to help shape each student into becoming the absolute best version of themselves.

Go Mustangs!

Sean Ruth
President, Westfall Board of Education



Thank you
**FOR JOINING US
 AT OUR OPEN HOUSE**

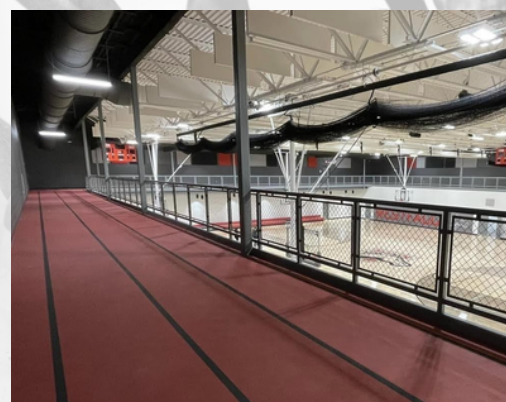


**NEW COMMUNITY
 FITNESS CLASSES**

Westfall Local School District is introducing Community Fitness Classes starting April 12 from 6:30 PM. Raise the Bar Fitness and Nutrition offers 30-minute Strength & Cardio classes on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Dance Fitness classes beginning Monday, April 24.

Monthly unlimited class participation is \$25; patrons can choose a \$5 drop-in rate for single sessions. For more information and to sign up, please text or call (614) 271-5593.

Thank you, Westfall Community, for joining us at our Open House on Saturday, March 18. With the completion of our new addition upon us, we were so excited to show it off to those who helped turn this vision into a reality for the students of this district. The new addition features science laboratories, media center, cafeteria, multi-court gymnasium, fitness/wellness areas, second-floor walking track, and meeting/presentation spaces. The design creates shared efficiencies and provides students with optimal learning environments and elective/athletic opportunities. Westfall Local School District is so thankful for the members of our community, along with our partners in the design and construction process, SHP Leading Design, Ruscilli Construction Co., LLC, and Forward Edge.



**NEW CLASSES START APRIL 12TH
 WED & THURS 6:00 PM**

**30 MIN CLASS CARDIO & STRENGTH
 UNLIMITED APRIL \$25
 \$5 DROP IN**

**DANCE FITNESS MONDAYS AT 6PM
 BEGINNING 4/25**

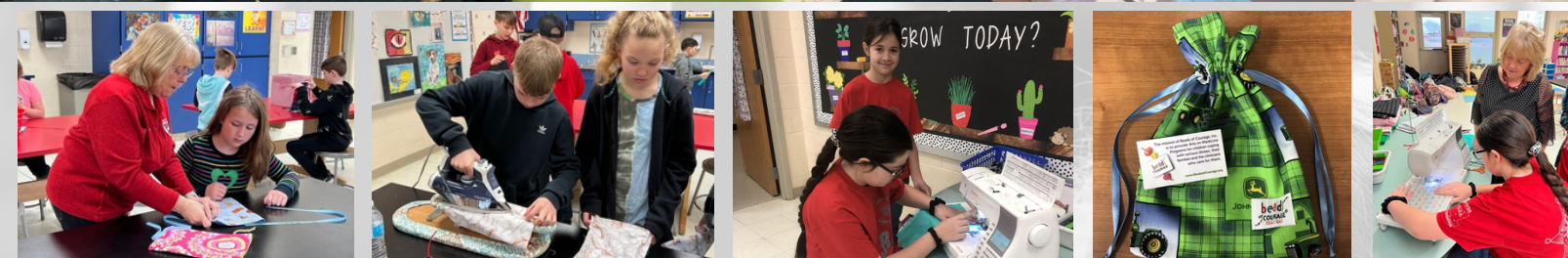
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 AHEAD OR DROP IN**

**WESTFALL COMMUNITY CLASSES
 APRIL 2023**

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 30 | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| | | | NO CLASSES | | | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| | | | STRENGTH & CARDIO 6-6:30 PM | STRENGTH & CARDIO 6-6:30 PM | | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| | | | STRENGTH & CARDIO 6-6:30 PM | STRENGTH & CARDIO 6-6:30 PM | | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| | DANCE FITNESS 6-6:30PM | | STRENGTH & CARDIO 6-6:30 PM | STRENGTH & CARDIO 6-6:30 PM | | |



BUILDING CHAMPIONS AT WESTFALL ELEMENTARY



STUDENT COUNCIL HELPS SEW BEAD BAGS FOR NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

WES Student Council has been working on a very special project! Thanks to a generous fabric donation and the sewing expertise of our own Tammy Cline, Student Council members have assembled 50 bead bags to send to children's hospitals! Through the company, Beads of Courage, beautiful bags are given to hold the beads received throughout a cancer patient's treatment. Each bead signifies a moment of strength and courage. Student Council members helped sew, iron, and assemble all these bags.



EXECUTIVE WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE TRAILBLAZER AWARD



Westfall Elementary's Reading Intervention Teacher Marcia Ruff was recently recognized nationwide as the 2023 Executive Women in Agriculture Trailblazer Award winner at Farm Journal's Top Producer Summit in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Executive Women in Agriculture Trailblazer Award honors female producers who are shining examples for their peers. Applications are received from producers nationwide and judged by industry experts. This prestigious award is presented to the candidate who advocates agriculture and represents an innovative farming operation—judged on agricultural advocacy, farm business innovation, and industry or community leadership.

Ruff considers herself blessed to live and work in agriculture. She grew up as a farm girl and loved it. Today, she runs Ruff Farms with her husband, Mark, and three children, Matt (19), Mitchell (16), and Mae (11). The operation includes nearly 4,000 acres of corn, soybean, and wheat; beef cattle; and various ag businesses.

In addition to agriculture, Marcia's extremely passionate about education. "My heart is with kids." As a 4-H advisor for 25 years and a teacher for 27 years, she uses that role to educate and advocate for agriculture and food production. As a female producer, she has broken the stereotype about farming with her students and shown that women can be farmers too.

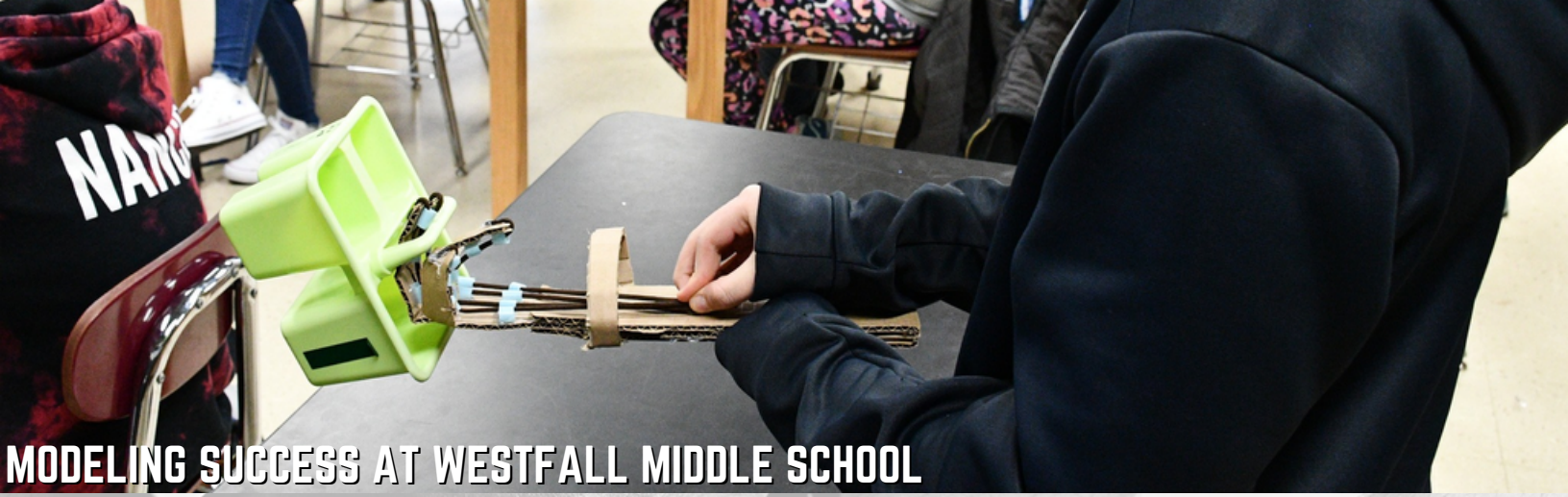
"You don't have to be the one driving the combine to be more than the farm wife," she says. "There are so many working roles on a farm."

To watch the full interview with Marcia, please visit <https://youtu.be/h84KF6Q8L4o>.

Staff Members of the Month!



- Jodi Butcher, Educational Aide
- Allison Zombek, First-Grade Teacher
- Erica Whitt, Third-Grade Teacher
- Morgan Persinger, Intervention Specialist
- Jackie Eitel, Fourth-Grade Gifted Teacher
- David Dollison, Fourth/Fifth-Grade Teacher



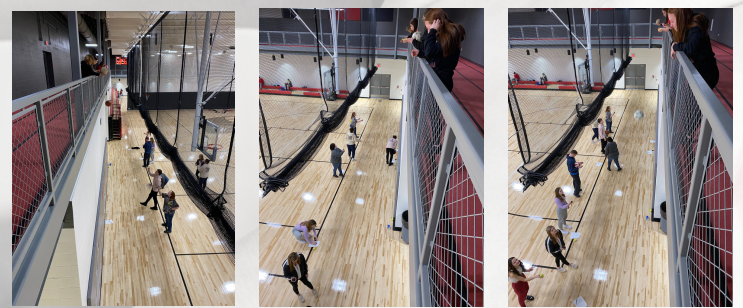
MODELING SUCCESS AT WESTFALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

STEM SUCCESS

Sixth-grader Gage Kemper has a bright future ahead! The skills he learned from Mrs. Henry's Flex Science class have led him to create his own inventions in his free time. With cardboard and shoelaces, Gage constructed a robot-like hand with enough strength to pick up small objects.



Through a STEM project he worked on in class with project partner Brooke Elster, Gage perfected the idea of a full-motion ferris wheel through trial and error to create a structure with egg cartons as vehicles for his Lego riders. We are passionate about encouraging young people to pursue a future in STEM and are proud to be making a difference and inspiring the next generation of scientists and engineers!



GRAVITY LAB

Mr. Bullock's eighth-grade science students have been studying gravity and recently conducted a lab by timing the drops of objects from a known height in order to predict and calculate gravity's acceleration for planet earth.

Welcome to the family, tiny Mustang!

LYDIA SCARLETT

Gr granddaughter of WMS Cafe Worker Betsy Keller and her husband Russell



BIRTHDATE
March 24, 2023
BIRTH TIME
10:29 AM
WEIGHT
6lbs 11.2 oz.
HEIGHT
20 inches

YOUTH *art* MONTH

Congratulations to eighth-grader Audra Anderson and sixth-grader Gage Kemper, who were recognized for their artistic submissions at the Young People's Art Exhibition at the Kings Arts Complex in Columbus, OH.



Staff Member of the Month!



Nancy Downing, District Nurse



RIISING ABOVE AT WESTFALL HIGH SCHOOL

BEAUTY & THE BEAST WAS A REMARKABLE SUCCESS!

Thank you for being our guest! WHS Drama Department performed the musical "Beauty and the Beast" for guests on March 17, 18, and 19. The production brought the show alive with unique creativity full of custom set designs, professional makeup, hair, and costumes. The talent of the high school performers made it a magical night, captivating the storyline and engaging the audience from start to finish.



2023 OHIO FFA GOLD RATED CHAPTER

Westfall FFA has been named a GOLD metal chapter in Ohio 2023! This designation is given to approximately the top 10% of chapters in Ohio. The National Chapter Award Program is designed to recognize FFA chapters implementing 15 or more activities that emphasize growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening agriculture within the local chapter and community.



ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST ESSAY WINNERS

Congratulations to Rotary's Four-Way Test Essay winners representing Westfall: Audrey Pancake, Noah Cohen, Jayden Patete, Sierra Chalk, and Corinne Crawford. These students were awarded more than \$1,000 in prize money. In addition, sophomore Audrey Pancake has advanced to the next level, competing in the Rotary district contest. Participants in the speech contest are asked to apply the principles of Rotary's Four-Way Test to a current ethical issue. Students are challenged to identify a topic they feel passionate about and to adopt a point of view from which they will seek to persuade others.

BLANKETS FOR NCH RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Westfall's Community Service Class and Mrs. Fuller's Sculpture Class worked together to make tied blankets for the children staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Columbus.



These blankets will serve as a keepsake and aid in their recovery.

Our students did a great job making these blankets from kits and some from scratch. When complete, these blankets, along with metal pop tabs, will be delivered to the patients at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.



If you are interested in making blankets for yourself or your classes, let Ms. T know, and she will provide you with the information. It is a wonderful project to complete as a family during downtime or over the summer!

Staff Members of the Month!



Cheryl Lorson, District Librarian
Christian Meister, Assistant Principal
Angie Jones, Intervention Specialist



COLLEGE & CAREER NEWS

Emily Smith
PICKAWAY WORKS
COLLEGE & CAREER COUNSELOR



SKILLED TRADES FAIR



Pickaway WORKS hosted its first annual Skilled Trades Fair at the Pickaway County Fairgrounds this past March. This new event allows middle and high school students from around the county firsthand knowledge about local, well-paying, in-demand career opportunities in building and construction trades.

UPCOMING JOB FAIR

Local employers are visiting the DOME on May 12 looking to hire high school students



Senior Haley Constable met with our SHP Interior Designer, Kinsey Kaufman. Haley is interested in pursuing a career in interior design after high school - who better to chat with than the designer of Westfall's new addition!

Job Shadow
WESTFALL HIGH SCHOOL
Haley Constable, WHS Senior
Career Interest: Interior Design
Shadow Host: SHP
Interested? Ask Mrs. Smith how to get involved in a job shadow with Pickaway WORKS!



Thank you to Morgan Taylor, Regional Recruitment Manager at Ohio University, for visiting our students and discussing the different opportunities available at OU!



SCHOLARSHIPS **APPLY NOW**

The Westfall Guidance Office has local scholarships due this month!
[Click Here for Local Scholarships](#)

APRIL 4
Field Trip to Ohio University-Chillicothe

APRIL 13
Field Trip to Hocking College

APRIL 14
Shawnee State University Rep Visit

APRIL 21
Columbus State Rep Visit during FLEX

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