

Westfall



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER #RISEABOVE

APRIL 2022



DISTRICT EVENTS

April 1

Open Enrollment starts
WMS Future Problem Solvers Virtual Bowl
WHS Battle Over Books

April 2

WHS Prom

April 3

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Ties & Tiaras Father Daughter Dance
3:30 PM - 6:00 PM WES

April 4

School Librarian Appreciation Day
District Four-Way Speech Contest

April 4-8

National Assistant Principal Week

April 6

Paraprofessional Appreciation Day

April 8

WMS 8th-graders visit Pickaway Ross

April 9

"Help Rhett Dodge Leukemia"
Dodgeball Tournament Fundraiser
9:00 AM

April 14

P/T Exchange Day - No School

April 15-18

Spring Break - No School

April 17

Easter

April 19

Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM

April 20

WES Egg Hunt

April 22

Earth Day

8th-grade Lip Sync Battle

4th Nine Weeks Interim Ends

April 27

Administrative Professionals Day

4th Nine Weeks Interim Grades Due

April 29

4th Nine Weeks Interim Reports Available

Message from the SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Mustangs,

In March of 1987, the State Board of Education requested that state legislators pass legislation requiring Ohio students to pass proficiency tests in order to graduate. The General Assembly did just that in July of 1987.

At that time, I was a skinny red-headed high school math teacher. I remember telling my co-workers not to worry because this would all go away in a few years. Obviously, I was wrong.

We are entering a time of the year when our students are being tested according to state guidelines. Everyone has an opinion on the value of state testing. While I can see some value, I do believe that state testing is misused in many instances. For instance, state testing is often used to compare school districts, the success of teachers, and the potential of students. The state testing programs do offer "a" measure of success but they do not offer "the" measure of success.

I appreciate what you do to get our students ready to take the state tests. I believe that our performance on those tests will be a positive reflection of your efforts and dedication to your jobs. But it is even more important that, after our students graduate, they are prepared to function in our world. While our graduates take diverse paths, many of our students stay within our community, and addressing the needs of this specific community is important as we prepare our students for life after high school. The recognition of the difference in various communities in our world is not always addressed on the state tests.

I appreciate your efforts in preparing our students for the state tests and for teaching skills that will make them successful in their adult lives. It is a huge job! I am proud of you for what you do.

Sincerely,

Jeff Sheets



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
To our staff

MILITARY & ATHLETIC SIGNING DAY

March 4, Westfall High School recognized seven seniors who have committed to enlisting in the United States military or continuing their athletic and academic careers in college this fall. We congratulate these young men and women and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.



TYLER SHIPLEY

Tyler has chosen to enlist with the Air National Guard. Upon graduation, Tyler will leave for basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. then he will attend Technical School at Keesler Air Force Base to train for Cyber Systems Ops.



CONNOR VAN DINE

Connor has chosen to enlist with the United States Navy. Upon graduation, Connor will leave for basic training at Great Lakes in Chicago, then he will continue to be trained as a Master-at-Arms at Lackland Air Force Base.



ABBIE BICKENHEUSER

Abbie signed with the University of Rio Grande to continue her softball and academic career this coming fall, majoring in the sonography program.



MARISSA MULLINS

Marissa signed with the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut to play volleyball and study Dental Hygiene.



MADDI SHOULTS

Maddi signed with Ottawa University in Arizona, where she will be continuing her golf career while studying Sports Studies.



PEYTON WEISS

Peyton signed with Findlay University, where he will continue his baseball career as well as study Business Management.



HAILEY YOUNG

Hailey signed with Ohio Christian University to play volleyball and study Psychology.

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- 4 Denise Arledge, WMS
- 5 Ashley Kelley, WMS/WHS
- 6 Mindy Stonerock, WES
- 15 Amy Urban, District
- 17 Matt Corder, District
- 17 Morgan Persinger, WES
- 18 Mark Justus, WMS
- 24 Brandon Speakman, District
- 27 Liz Durlinger, WHS
- 27 Paula Dumm, District
- 29 J.D. Williamson, District
- 30 Caryn Dinneen, WMS

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Staff Members of the Month!



Congrats!

From L-R
Marci Wippel - Second-Grade Teacher
Holly Huff - First-Grade Teacher
Amanda Patterson - Art Teacher
Renee Ingram - School Nurse (not pictured)

BE THE BEST VERSION OF YOU.



DODGE LEUKEMIA

Westfall 4th Graders are hosting a dodgeball tournament fundraiser to help Baby Rhett Karr defeat Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia!

When: April 9 at 9:00 AM (until we have our Champions!)

Where: Westfall High School Gymnasium

Who: The event is open to the public!

Our fourth-grade students have been working passionately on their project, "Help Rhett Dodge Leukemia" and they are excited to invite the Westfall community to their dodgeball tournament fundraising event! We hope you can attend on April 9!

REFRESHING THE ROCK GARDEN

Our rock garden is growing! Mrs. Patterson's art students painted rocks to extend the rock garden on campus! It was created a few years ago in memory of beloved Westfall teacher Emily Nelson. Our outdoor area is going to be so colorful and pretty, just in time for SPRING! Thank you to the Westfall Education Foundation for helping to fund this project.



HIGH SCHOOL COLLABORATES WITH ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

WORKING TOGETHER TO LEARN TOGETHER!

Trail Mix

Ingredients:

- 1 cup of Cheerios cereal
- 1 cup of bite-sized squares cereal (any variety)
- 1 cup of crispy corn puffs cereal
- 1/2 cup of raisins
- 1/2 cup of candy-coated chocolate, (if desired)

Directions:

In a large bowl or resealable food-storage plastic bags, mix all ingredients.

(If serving children under 4 years of age, omit the raisins and peanuts)



Students from Mrs. Yeager's WHS Food Science class visited Miss Crabill's fifth-graders to help them use fractions in a real-world setting by incorporating them into a recipe for delicious trail mix!





Staff Member of the Month!



Cindy Daniels
7th-Grade Language Arts

Congrats!

WMS SHARK TANK INVENTIONS



Mrs. Cline's Pathway to Success students completed a Shark Tank project and presentation. Her eighth-grade students transformed into entrepreneurs who introduced new inventions and innovations along with branded logos, slogans, and taglines to market their product!

FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS COMPETE



Future Problem Solving is a type of mental Olympics in which participants use a six-step problem-solving process to solve real-life issues impacting the world around us now and in the future. Most recently, our Future Problem Solvers explored the world of Entomophagy or the practice of eating INSECTS! As they worked toward a solution to make Entomophagy more acceptable, they had the opportunity to try some roasted crickets, discovering they were packed with health benefits such as prebiotics, protein, and fiber! Then local apiarists Isaac and Jayne Barnes from Honeyrun Farm visited to help them develop an action plan to solve the diminishing insect population dilemma. Five WMS Future Problem Solver (FPS) Teams who received the top scores on their "Insect" booklet are invited to compete with the top teams in Ohio at the Ohio Future Problem Solvers State Bowl!

- | Riley Rigsby, Kaylynn Arthurs, Maizy Barnes, and Eliza Barnes
- | Abby Eitel, Addie Williams, Logan Ruth, Izzy Pringle
- | Destiny Lowe, Megan Wolfe, Braia Vogel, Aubree Richards
- | River Rogers, Alex Patton, Kendall Moehl, Rylei Wihl
- | Jack Eiden, Kaiden Adams, Kane Carpenter, Jacob Elkins

LEARNING ABOUT COLONIAL LIFE



Mrs. Evans' students have been learning about Colonial America in Social Studies. To visualize how different times were, they hand-"churned" their own butter from heavy whipping cream! After enjoying the reward from their hard work, they learned about the games and toys young children played in colonial times and made whirligigs!





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From L-R
Zane Miller - Math Teacher
Karla Bartholomew - Educational Aide
Will Breyer - Intervention Specialist

SHREK WAS A SUCCESS!



Westfall High School performed Shrek The Musical this past month. Coming off from having a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the musical department rocked the show with incredible performances by Ashtin Stafford as Shrek, Kirsten Metzger as Princess Fiona, Connor Van Dine as Lord Farquaad, Cameron England as Donkey, and Allie Copeland as the Dragon. The musical set was constructed by the Westfall Ag Department as a singular structure on wheels that rotated through four different scenes and was painted by the school art department to bring the show to life.

KISS A PIG RALLY

Westfall FFA conducted their annual "Kiss a Pig" fundraiser and pep rally which raised over \$300 dollars for Nationwide Children's Hospital



FOUR-WAY SPEECH

Thirty-two of Mrs. Hook's Speech II students participated in the Rotary Four-Way Speech Competition. Congratulations to the students who placed in the top five:
1st place: Lauren Barnes
2nd place: Audrey Pancake
2nd place: Haden Rigsby
3rd place: Karma Fate
4th place: Marianna Packer
5th place: Mitchell Ruff



PI (π) DAY OR PIZZA DAY?

March 14 is the annual celebration of the mathematical constant "π" or 3.14159.. when math enthusiasts proudly recite the infinite digits of Pi and when Mrs. Yeager's Food Science classes BAKE PIE!



Our math enthusiasts approve!



JUNIOR PROM COURT

Front Row: Mackenzie Drone, Morgan Reisinger, Avery Roesse, Sophia Henson, and Summer Hanson
Back Row: James Green, Casey Cline, Aiden Lemaster, Blaec Bugher, and Brandon Bingham



SENIOR PROM COURT

Front Row: Madi Brown, Ashli Allen, Cloe Gardner, Grace Wolfe, and Marissa Mullins
Back Row: Tyler Shipley, Dominick Bush, Mitchell Gibson, Trevor Wolfe, and Owen Barnes

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Westfall CARES would like to thank Kate Schoonover and the WHS Honor Society for their amazing assistance on our March Pack for Westfall CARES. The students had a wonderful attitude and assisted in packing 240 bags of food for our students. Westfall CARES is so blessed to have such a supportive community and wonderful volunteers! If you would like to volunteer, Westfall CARES will be packing again on the first Wednesday in April between 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM.



Welcome to the family, tiny Mustangs!



JORDAN ANN DOWNING

Granddaughter of District Nurse Nancy Downing & husband Keith
BORN: Tuesday, March 22 | 1:38 PM
WEIGHT: 4 lbs 5 oz
HEIGHT: 18 inches long



TRACE HORCH CANTOR

Son of WES Guidance Counselor Kala Cantor & husband, Robbie.
BORN: Wednesday, March 2 | 9:52 PM
WEIGHT: 7 lbs 13 oz
HEIGHT: 20 inches long



OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open enrollment applications and guidelines for the 2022-2023 school year are available on our district website:



Applications must be returned to the district office by May 15, 2022, and must include two forms of proof of residency. A separate application must be filled out for each student applying for open enrollment.

At this time, please mail your application(s) with your proofs of residency to:
Westfall Local Schools
Attn: Open Enrollment
19463 Pherson Pike
Williamsport, OH 43164

Decisions on open enrollment acceptance will be made as quickly as possible after May 15, 2022, and families will be notified in a timely manner of their status for the 2022-2023 school year. If you have any questions, please email Paula Dumm at paula.dumm@westfallschools.com