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The cast and crew of the Western Reserve Spring musical, *Freaky Friday*, gather for a photo following dress rehearsal.

Freaky Friday on Stage at WR

The choral department of Western Reserve Middle/High School performed *Freaky Friday* the weekend of March 24, 25 and 26. A take from the popular movie, the story is of Ellie (played by freshman Katelyn Libertowski), a typical teenager who is struggling with the dynamics of her teenage life. One of the struggles is her mother’s impending marriage to Mike (played by 6th grader Kenneth Evans).

Ellie and Katherine (her mother, played by junior Reagan Roland) do not see eye to eye on much and wish they could understand what it is like to walk a day in each other’s shoes. A magical hourglass given to Ellie by her late father allows them to switch bodies. This show follows their journey to get back to their own bodies and learn about each other in the process.

The remaining cast members included: senior, Kendra Jackson; juniors Mayleen Sell and Clara Hunt; sophomore Lyndsey Sprowls; freshman Gracie Thomas; 8th graders, Emily Torres, Shiloh Davis and Braiden Hicks; 7th graders Lia Libertowski and Gracie Holzmiller; and 6th graders Guy Hartman, Josette Spragg, Eiva Cooley, Arianna Torres, Carsyn Sullen, Harleigh Hubbard and Mira Bailey. The crew included: stage manager, Aries Weisenberger; assistant stage manager/props, Imani Bizzell; stage crew Luke Currence and Elizabeth Sexton; light crew Jasper Burns and Virgil Baker; and sound crew, Skylin Swanner and Braxtyn Wachholz. The performance was under the direction of Mrs. MaryAna Hicks and choreographed by Ms. Deb Henry. A special shout-out to Mr. Steven Evans, Mr. Matt Hicks and Mr. James Houtchings for helping build the stage sets.

Students Rock Theirs Socks

In honor of World Down Syndrome Day, the students at Western Reserve Middle School/High School gathered around one-year old Charlotte Goetze who was born with Down syndrome. Charlotte is the granddaughter of Brenda Boose, school secretary and the niece of teachers Sarah and Kevin Boose. The students participated in the Rock Your Socks Day to show support and spread awareness for Down syndrome. Charlotte, along with her parents Lindsay and Neil Goetze, posed with the students who came to support her.

The 21st of March was picked to signify the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome; this is what causes Down syndrome. The United Nations (UN) General Assembly declared March 21st as World Down Syndrome Day in 2011 and every year since, people have been coming together to learn about Down syndrome, raise awareness, and celebrate the lives and achievements of people with Down syndrome.



Staff and students ‘Rock Your Socks’ to show their support on World Down Syndrome Day.

Students Earn Academic Distinction

High School Distinguished Honor Roll. Aidan Miller, Dominic Edwards, Katelyn Libertowski, Ben Woodrum, Gracie Thomas, Sandra Methajittikornkun, Kaitlin Risner, Liz Sorensen, Mayleen Sell, Clara Hunt, Alexis Wheeler, Kaylee Kegley, Kelsey Lasch, Kira Steele, Jake Elkin, Kennedy Latteman, Sydnie Prince, Kayleen Cleavenger, John Holbrook, Lillian White and Julia Yaworsky.

High School All As. Lilliana Jarrett, Nolan Ryan, Ma’leya Humphrey, Amelia Brubaker and Reagan Roland.

High School Honor Roll. Adrienne Rogers, Chloe Chappellear, Brexton Fraelich, Emma Hammond, Braylon Witherspoon, Grant Fannin, Maylee Wetzel, Hayden Keith, Charlotte Houtchings, Parker Friend, Ella Grose, Caleb Pausch, Lexi Mullins, Alaina Holland, Layken Barnhart, Caleb Kuenzel, Grace Osborne, Lincon Munroe, Connor Dawson, Jasper Burns, Gracyn Neuburger, Gaven Green, Payton Friend, Nate Lowe, Anastin Hoover, Jon Kerby, Storm Gregor, Austin Harmeling, Summer Thomas, Jennifer Sheller, Brooklyn Prince, Allyson Benesh, Kennedy Drennen, Ryan Edwards, Mason Kinney, Chloe Priddy, Thatcher Stevens, Adele Heck, Weston Hickey, Mikaylah Buckley, Kenna Fields, Grace French, Rhett Grose, Brodey Suhr and Sadina Munroe.

High School Merit Roll. Bailee Burke, Alivia Bukovac, Stephanie Schaffer, Kendall Warthling, Brianna Edwards, Frankie Hoover, Reed Meggitt, Sean Saunders, Trinity Lovell, Jamie Muenz, Xzavian Meagrow, Jenavieve Charville, Caleb Vaccaro, Drew Clemons, Anthony Lierenz, Lucius Hunt, Gavin MacKeigan, Joe Holbrook, Ava Wolfe, McKinley Fannin, Haley West, Braxton Balog, Alexis Absher, Tommy Dendinger, Chad White, Grant Bethard, Abby Hamisfar, Avery Kinney, Tim Gregory, Muck Grandy, Ashlynn Kerby, Gillian Hertrick and Sean Murdock.

Middle School Distinguished Honor Roll. Hunter Myers, Tenley Malson, Andrew Garner, Mira Bailey, McKenna Malson, Alexia Grec, Gavin Trzil, Hunter Miller, Emma Altomare, Josette Spragg, Guy Hartman, Jaxon Dalton, Jocelyn Ryan, Mary Stang, Walker Stevens, Leah Libertowski, Ava Gardner, Maya Ommert, Kara Woodruff and Imani Bizzell.

Middle School Honor Roll. Greyson Anderson, Lilli Blystone, Addie French, Graycee Jackson, Piper Murray, Kelsey Sprowls, Braylin Allread, Aubree Davis, Brooklyn Blanton, Aunalee Kelley, Aaliza Shaffer, Camryn Olcott, Alivia Graham, Peyton Kerby, Gage Wurm, Giana Cartmill, Stella Blake, Jayden Perkins, Cohen Dawson, Harleigh Hubbard, Jillian Charville, Eiva Cooley, Jakoby Auerhamer, Kevin Wilson, Chance Warthling, Arianna Torres, Aliyah Boldman, Weston Tite, Gavin Hale, Carsyn Sullen, Ashlynn Gomez, Elisabeth Sexton, James Weisenberger, Bryce Buderer, Steffenni Hadaway, Lacie Wiley, Averee Johnson, Leah Carpenter, Leigha Osborne, Aliyah Hernandez, Stephanie Findley, Lyla Stewart, Landen Oates, Zoey Rhodes, Garrett Baker, Harper Clemons, Austin Wolfe, Mackenzy Cook, Adalynn Lutz, Dominick Edwards, Kaleb Tite, Colson Lutz, Kellen Balog, Connor Allsopp, Brayden Roser, Aria Lykins, Fletcher Radcliffe, Logan Blystone, Ava-Grace Thornburg, Addison Gibson, Hailey Brammer, Luke Currence, Wesley Wilson, Violet Burns, Titus Steele and Ally Goebbel.

Middle School Merit Roll. Corynne Kinney, Ryleigh Skiver, Makenzie Puckett, Braxtyn Wachholz, Peyton Watson, Ethan Linder, Chase Mullins, Isabelle Seville, Lilly Skorvanik, Tori Carder, Kenneth Evans, Cam Partington, Connor Duensing, Ramsey Koebel, Tristin Maxwell, Wyatt Blystone, Lexi Randolph, Jamie Buckler, Riley Grose, Evan Schenk, Olivia Whitt, Lilly Clark, Skielur Young, Natalie Sexton, Kodi Perkins, Lake Berger, Aubree Zunis, Cooper Roe, Grant Wolfe, Korissa Fraelich, Jocelyn Hartman, Katelynn Graham, Tyler Cooper, Eli Ommert, Landyn Wiegel, Maddie Buchanan, Parker Lewis, Braiden Hicks, Renee Canfield and Owen Bernaciak.



INCOMING KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT

**Thursday,
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ANY QUESTIONS
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Kindergarten Registration will be available at this event.
If you plan to register, please bring the following items for your child

- Birth certificate
- Shot record
- Social security card
- Two proofs of residency
- Custody papers (if applicable)

**In the Western Reserve Elementary
Audeteria**

No commitment needed, just let us know if you think you will try to make it! RSVP to the google form link!

<https://tinyurl.com/yc35wb9m>

Western Reserve District Calendar --- April 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>9</div> <div></div>	<div>10</div> <div>Spring Break - No School 5P VBB vs Crestview 5P JVBB @ Crestview 5P VSB vs Crestview</div>	<div>11</div> <div>5P VBB @ Crestview 5P JVBB vs Crestview 5P VSB @ Crestview 4:30P VTR @ New London 4:30 MSTR@New London</div>	<div>12</div> <div>5P JVSB vs. Crestview</div>	<div>13</div> <div>4:30P MSTR @ Col Crawford</div>	<div>14</div> <div>5P VBB vs. Columbia</div>	<div>15</div> <div>10A JVBB vs St. Mary 10A VSB vs St. Mary(DH) 12P VBB vs St. Mary 9:30A VTR @ Edison Solo and Ensemble - MS Band and Choir</div>
<div>16</div> <div></div>	<div>17</div> <div>6th ELA; 10th ELA State Testing 5P VBB @ St. Paul 5P VSB @ St. Paul 5P JVBB vs St. Paul</div>	<div>18</div> <div>6th ELA; 10th ELA testing 5P VBB vs St. Paul 5P VSB vs. St. Paul 5P JVBB @ St. Paul 5P JVSB @ St Paul 4:30P VTR@Plymouth</div>	<div>19</div> <div>7th ELA; 8th ELA State Testing 6pm Board of Education Meeting</div>	<div>20</div> <div>7th ELA; 8th ELA State Testing 5P VBB @ South Central 5P VSB @ South Central 5P JVBB vs South Central 4:30P MSTR @N London</div>	<div>21</div> <div>5P VBB vs. South Central 5P VSB vs. South Central 5P JVBB @ South Central 3:30P VTR @ Brookside</div>	<div>22</div> <div>10A VSB @ Willard (DH) 11A JVBB @ Norwalk 1P VBB @ Norwalk</div>
<div>23</div> <div></div>	<div>24</div> <div>7th Math; 8th Math; 8th Algebra; American History State Tests 4:30P MSTR @ New London</div>	<div>25</div> <div>7th; 8th Math; 8th Algebra; Am. History State Tests 5P VBB vs Monroeville 5P VSB vs. Monroeville 5P JVBB @ Monroeville 5P JVSB @ Monroeville</div>	<div>26</div> <div>6th Math; HS Algebra; Geometry State Tests 5P VBB @ Monroeville 5P VSB @ Monroeville 5P JVBB vs Monroeville 5P JVSB vs Monroeville</div>	<div>27</div> <div>6th Math; HS Algebra; Geometry State Tests 4:30P MSTR @ New London</div>	<div>28</div> <div>No School Staff Professional Day 4P VTR @ Col Crawford</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Prom 10A VBB vs. Wellington (DH)</div>
<div>30</div> <div></div>					<div>PLEASE VIEW SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR A MORE UP TO DATE AND COMPLETE SCHEDULE</div>	

Western Reserve District Calendar -- May 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div></div> <div></div>	<div>1</div> <div>5P VSB @ New London 5P VBB @ New London</div>	<div>2</div> <div>5P VSB vs New Lonodn 5P VBB vs. New London 5P JVBB @ New London</div>	<div>3</div> <div>5P JVSB @ New London</div>	<div>4</div> <div></div>	<div>5</div> <div></div>	<div>6</div> <div>9A VTR @ New London 10A VBB @Port Clinton 11A JVSB @ Norwalk 1P VSB @ Norwalk 1P JVBB @ Port Clinton</div>
<div>7</div> <div></div>	<div>8</div> <div>5P VBB vs Mapleton 5P VSB vs. Mapleton 5P JVBB @ Mapleton</div>	<div>9</div> <div>4:30P MSTR @ Crestview 5P VBB @ Mapleton 5P VSB @ Mapleont 5P JVBB vs Mapleton 5P JVSB vs. Mapleton</div>	<div>10</div> <div>7am Red Cross Blood Drive 5P VTR @ St. Paul 5:30P JVSB @ Mapleton</div>	<div>11</div> <div></div>	<div>12</div> <div>5P VTR @ St. Paul 5P JVBB vs New London</div>	<div>13</div> <div></div>
<div>14</div> <div></div>	<div>15</div> <div>PLEASE VIEW SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR A MORE UP TO DATE AND COMPLETE SCHEDULE</div>	<div>16</div> <div></div>	<div>17</div> <div>6pm Board of Education Meeting</div>	<div>18</div> <div></div>	<div>19</div> <div></div>	<div>20</div> <div></div>
<div>21</div> <div></div>	<div>22</div> <div></div>	<div>23</div> <div>6:30PM Senior Awards - HS Gym</div>	<div>24</div> <div></div>	<div>25</div> <div>9A Graduation Practice in HS Gym/Clap Out in Elementary following</div>	<div>26</div> <div>EHOVE Senior Recognition</div>	<div>27</div> <div></div>
<div>28</div> <div>2:00PM Graduation HS Gym</div>	<div>29</div> <div>No School - Memorial Day</div>	<div>30</div> <div></div>	<div>31</div> <div></div>	<div></div> <div>PLEASE VIEW SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR A MORE UP TO DATE AND COMPLETE SCHEDULE</div>	<div></div> <div></div>	<div></div> <div></div>

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Teacher Appreciation Breakfast Provided

The Western Reserve FFA members woke up bright and early on Friday, February 3, to bake, cook, and serve breakfast for the staff and administrators assigned to the elementary, middle school, and high school. This particular Friday was scheduled as a professional development day and teachers were grateful to start off their workday with a delicious breakfast. FFA members took time to prepare bacon, hash browns, french toast casserole, muffins, and fruit. The staff was also provided with their choice of orange juice, milk, coffee, or water. The WR FFA members had a great time showing their appreciation for the WR teachers.

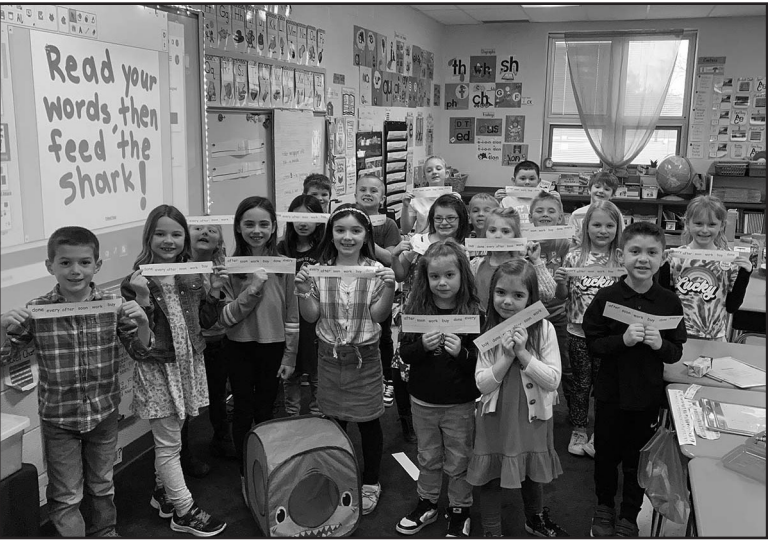


Western Reserve FFA members serve breakfast to faculty and staff.

Spring Means Testing is in the Air

Ohio's Learning Standards, available for viewing at education.ohio.gov, identify what students should know and be able to do. State testing assesses students' mastery of those standards and, when paired with our own local classroom assessments, gives our teachers a much more complete picture for tailoring instruction to each student. Here is the middle/high school's spring testing calendar for Spring 2023:

- April 17-18: English grades 6 & 10
- April 19-20: English grades 7 & 8
- April 24-25: Math grades 7 & 8, Algebra grade 8, American History
- April 26-27: Math grade 6, high school Algebra, Geometry
- May 2-3: Biology
- May 4-5: Science grade 8



Mrs. Stang's first graders continue to practice their sight word fluency skills, this time after they read their word strips, they take a chance at feeding the shark!

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Senior Brenna Suhr hits the long jump pit. Team-mate Liberty Weisenberger placed first in the event, while Suhr placed 1st in the high jump.

(left) Freshman Hayden Keith hands off to senior Brodey Suhr during a relay race at a recent track meet at Mapleton.



With the reach, junior Gracie Hartman makes the catch in center field in a home game against Smithville.



Sliding in safe at home, senior Logan Wiegel scores to help the Riders defeat Plymouth 11-2 in the Firelands Conference opener. Wiegel also went 3-3 on the day with a double and 3 RBIs.

(right) In the 4x100 relay race at New London, junior Joslin Cain hands off the baton to senior Kennedy Latteman.



In Firelands Conference play, senior Chris Buchanan fires a pitch. He had eight strikeouts in the Riders' win over Plymouth.

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Local scholarship applications are due to the guidance office by April 15. Print and turn in or email to Mrs. Todd at atodd@western-reserve.org. Applications for the Endowment Fund scholarships are submitted electronically and are also due April 15.

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(top left) VARSITY BASEBALL. In Front: Jacoby Good. Front Row: Tim Gregory, Tyler Wood, Cooper Zunis, Austin Harmeling, Connor Harmeling and Caleb Pausch. Middle Row: Nolan Ryan, Grant Bethard, Gavin Smith, Luke Cunningham, Logan Wiegel, Mason Kinney and Jonathon Kerby. Back Row: Rhett Grose, Head Coach Josh Good, Coach Rob Good, Coach Steve Pausch, Coach Peyton Studd and Chris Buchanan.



(middle left) JV BASEBALL. Front Row: Ethan Baker, Connor Harmeling, Riley Lutz, Anthony Lierenz and Braylon Witherspoon. Back Row: Coach Steve Pausch, Reed Meggitt, Dominic Reuting, Christian Reinhart and Nolan Ryan.



VARSITY SOFTBALL. Front Row: Lilliana Jarrett, Parker Corbin, Storm Gregor, Grace Hartman, Brianna Reep and Claire Kinney. Middle Row: Abby Hamisfar, Coach Kristie Jarrett, Coach Brent Johnson, Coach Chris Harper, J.V. Coach Savannah Hitlan, Head Coach Stephanie Wetzels and Maylee Wetzels. Back Row: Ryann Roland, Eliza Stewart, Sarah Handke, Layken Barnhart, Kylie Edwards, Paula Sanchez-Ferro, Brooklyn Prince and Sydnie Prince.



(left) MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK. Front Row: Jaxon Dalton, Maddie Buchanan, Lake Berger, Lucas Summerfield, Austin Ciarrone and Korissa Fraelich. Middle Row: Owen Bernaciak, Kara Woodruff, Ally Goebbel, Hailey Brammer, Carsin Graham and Austin Kolb. Back Row: James Weisenberger, Imani Bizzell, Connor Allsopp, Walker Stevens, Kellen Balog, Ava-Grace Thornburg and Emily Taylor. In back: Coach Brook Ommert, Coach Austin Spitler and Coach Bailey Ruppert.

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BOYS VARSITY TRACK. Front Row: Robert Murdock, Landen Barnhart, Caleb Hardwick, Brice Caudill, Blake Caudill and Gavin MacKeigan. Middle Row: Kaden Wetzel, Brexton Fraelich, Nate Lowe, Austin Rosemark, Parker Friend, Connor Dawson and Brodey Suhr. Back Row: Sean Murdock, Weston Hickey, Travis French, Hayden Keith, Jake Elkin and Clayton Meagrow. In back: Coach Cameron Spivey, Head Coach Guy Schuler and Coach Jake Bruder.



GIRLS VARSITY TRACK. Front Row: Summer Taylor, Frankie Hoover, Adele Heck, Sadina Munroe, Anastin Hoover and Cailee Horvath. Middle Row: Summer Thomas, Savannah Grosswiler, Mya Patchin-Boardman, Kennedy Latteman, Joslin Cain, Lillian White and Rylee Weiser. Back Row: Avery Kinney, Madison Pfanner, Grace French, Sydney Walter, Brenna Suhr, and Kelsey Lasch. In back: Liberty Weisenberger, Coach Cameron Spivey, Head Coach Guy Schuller, Coach Jake Bruder and Katie Woodruff.


Wrestlers Qualify for State Tournament

Middle School Wrestlers finished their season at the OAC JH State Tournament on March 18th and 19th at the Covelli Centre in Youngstown. Three students represented Western Reserve: Lucas Summerfield at 96 pounds, Tristin Maxwell at 138 pounds and Jaxson Davidson at 164 pounds. They competed extremely well with the States' best talent and to qualify for the State Tournament at the JH level is an accomplishment in its own. Summerfield and Maxwell went 0-2 and Davidson went 1-2. Tristin and Jaxson will have the chance to return next year as 8th graders, while Lucas will be moving to high school with the goal to make it to the OHSAA High School State Wrestling Tournament.



(bottom right) JH State wrestling qualifiers: Jaxson Davidson, Tristin Maxwell and Lucas Summerfield.

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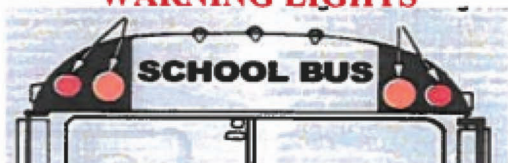
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## WARNING LIGHTS

- ♦ Alternating flashing amber (yellow) lights are to be used to warn motorist that the bus is stopping to take on or to discharge passengers.
- ♦ Alternating flashing red lights are to be used to inform motorist that the bus is stopped on the roadway to take on or discharge passengers.
- ♦ Stop arm shall be operated simultaneously with flashing red signal lights. A white flashing strobe light, individually switched, may be used, when unfavorable atmospheric conditions or time of day limit visibility (i.e., fog, rain, snow, darkness).
- ♦ Four-way hazard lights shall be activated at railroad crossings and turn-arounds unless prohibited by local ordinance.
- ♦ Headlights should be actuated during operation of the school bus.




## CAUTION

Sometimes a school bus driver must do a turn-around.

- The bus will have its four-way hazard lights and backup lights on as it prepares to back into a side street to turn around.
- Motorists must use caution when they approach a bus in the process of completing a turn-around.

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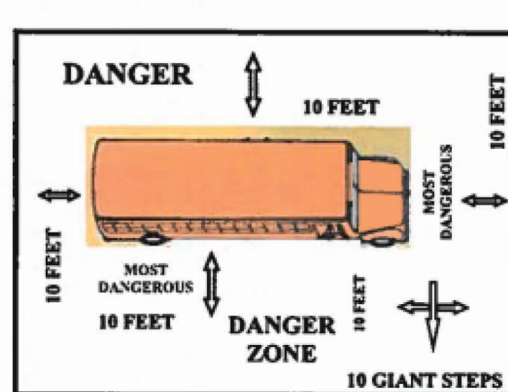


## WHERE IS THE DANGER ZONE?

The **danger zone** for a school bus is the area 10 feet around the bus.

The two most dangerous places are:

- ♦ Front of the bus
- ♦ Right rear tire area



**WARNING:**

Please take the time to check your children's clothing and book bags to make sure they are safe.

Drawstrings and key chains may catch on objects on the bus and increase danger!

Please talk to your child about the following safety rules:

- ♦ Avoid the danger zone around the bus.
- ♦ Don't try to pick up something dropped near the bus - the bus driver might not see you.
- ♦ Remember that some motorists don't always stop for a stopped school bus.
- ♦ **Be careful!** whenever getting on or off the bus.

## WHY IT TAKES SO LONG AT BUS STOPS



## SAFETY PROCEDURES ARE REQUIRED BY STATE LAW


### THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN, AS THEY ARE TRANSPORTED TO AND FROM SCHOOL AND SCHOOL-RELATED EVENTS, IS OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY.

At bus stops state law requires drivers to follow these procedures:


- ♦ Check mirrors for traffic conditions and apply brakes well in advance to warn traffic from the rear.
- ♦ Actuate warning lights 300 feet prior to stop.
- ♦ Stop bus at designated stop.
- ♦ Set parking brake.
- ♦ Place the gear shift lever into neutral gear for both manual and automatic transmissions to prevent the bus from lunging forward.
- ♦ Open service door to actuate the warning lights and place hand over horn to warn students of potential hazards.
- ♦ Give students directions to go to their **Designated Place of Safety** and stay there until the bus leaves or signal students to board the bus from their **Designated Place of Safety**.
- ♦ Shift the gear lever into the starting gear, only after counting and confirming the students are in their **Designated Place of Safety or safely in their seat**.
- ♦ Look to identify students and potential hazards in the danger zone, counting and checking the mirrors, before closing the door and canceling the warning lights.
- ♦ Close the door when all areas are clear. Door must be closed before the bus moves.
- ♦ Release the parking brake after closing the door.
- ♦ Recheck traffic in the right and left side mirrors prior to pulling away.

Modification of these procedures may be necessary for preschool, kindergarten, and special needs students.






Mrs. Conklin's first graders looked for 100 Hershey kisses, showed off collections of 100 items and watched the girls and boys basketball teams shoot 100 baskets in celebration of 100s day.



In the spirit of 100 days of school, many students dress up as if they are 100 years old. These first graders in Mrs. Conklin's class show off their 'old age.'





**SIGNAL  
FOR SAFETY**

*Motorists around school buses need to know the signals and the laws that concern school buses to help keep children safe:*

- Do not pass a school bus that has red alternating flashing lights on. This is the signal that the bus is stopped to load or unload children. Traffic should not move until the bus resumes motion or the driver signals traffic to proceed.
- When a bus has alternating flashing amber (yellow) lights on, it is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Be ready to stop and watch for children in the roadway.

*Parents ... are very important in helping keep children safe on the school bus. Here are some ways in which parents can help:*

- Review the safety rules with children. Help them to understand why each rule is important.
- Dress children in light colored clothing or jackets on dark mornings.
- Help children to be ready at the stop before their bus arrives.
- Take turns supervising bus stops for smaller children.

*Bus drivers...help to keep children safe in a number of ways:*


- Drivers watch surrounding traffic closely to keep school children safe.
- Drivers will signal to children that need to cross the street only when traffic has stopped.
- In case an emergency vehicle approaches while loading or unloading, the driver will get the children to a place of safety until the emergency vehicle passes.

**Ohio Law:  
3301-83-13 School bus stops**

**(B) School bus stop location**

- Pupils in grades kindergarten through eight may be required to walk up to one-half mile to a designated bus stop.
- School bus stop locations shall provide for the maximum safety of pupils giving consideration to distance from residence, traffic volume, physical characteristics, visibility and weather conditions.
- School bus stops shall be established on the residence side of all four-lane highways and on the residence side of other roadways posing potential hazards to students as determined by school bus owners.
- School bus stops shall be located at a distance from the crest of a hill or curve to allow motorists traveling at the posted speed to stop within the sight distance. If the line of sight is less than five hundred feet in either direction, an approved "school bus stop ahead" sign shall be installed at least five hundred feet in advance of the school bus stop.
- Each pupil shall be assigned and required to use a specific school bus stop except in unusual circumstances as approved by the school bus owner or designee.
- Each pupil shall be assigned a residence side designated place of safety. Driver must account for each pupil at designated place of safety before leaving. Pupils are not to proceed to their residence until the school bus has departed.

*Pupil Transportation Operation and Safety Rules – August 2007*



**WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WHEN  
APPROACHING ANY SCHOOL BUS THAT IS  
STOPPED FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING  
OR DISCHARGING  
SCHOOL CHILDREN?**

- If a bus is stopped on a street or road that has fewer than four lanes, all traffic proceeding in either direction must stop.
- If a bus is stopped on a street or road that has four or more lanes, only traffic proceeding in the same direction as the bus must stop.
- You must not proceed until the school bus resumes motion, or until signaled by the school bus driver to proceed.

*If you fail to stop for a school bus, your error will not go unnoticed. Bus drivers will report the license plate number of any vehicle that fails to comply with the law to a law enforcement agency, and an investigation will be conducted to identify the driver for enforcement purposes.*

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*The Western Reserve Clay Target team had their first 25 straight breaks from sophomore Wyatt Krisha. As customary, the hat you are wearing gets thrown on the range and everyone in your squad shoots it.*

### Alumnus Reads to First Graders

First graders were visited by Western Reserve alumnus, Sergeant Matthew Johnson, who just returned from his deployment in Iraq. The students had previously sent over cards and pictures for him and the other soldiers who were deployed. Sergeant Johnson read the students a story about heroes, talked with them about his job in the army and his deployment, then he finished up with questions from the students. We are so thankful for his service and kindness to our students.



*Sergeant Matthew Johnson answers questions during a visit to WR first graders.*



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*Muskingum commit Sean Murdock makes a move to take the lead in the 1600 meter race at a recent meet at New London.*



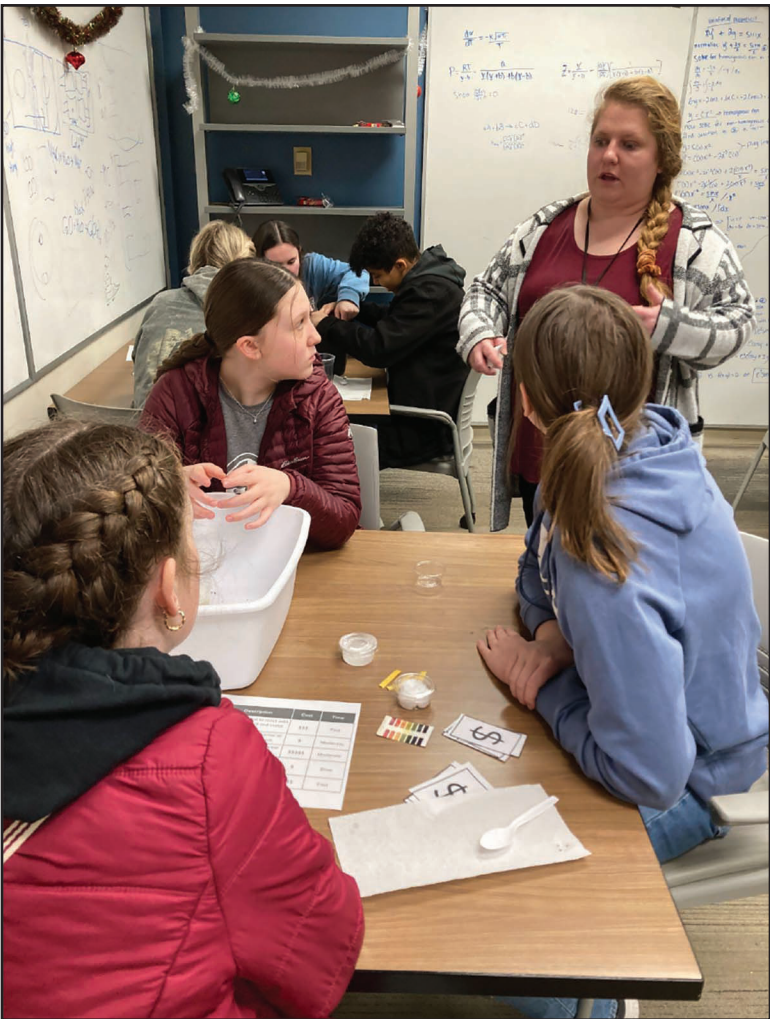
## Girls Inspired by Women Engineers

Twenty-four Western Reserve 8th grade girls visited the University of Toledo on Friday, February 24 as part of the College of Engineering’s award-winning Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day. Over 750 middle school girls were on campus for the event. In conjunction with National Engineers Week, organizers have seen growth in the program with the goal of inspiring the next generation of women in engineering.

Throughout the day, girls worked with women engineers from local companies and engineering students on a variety of hands-on activities to better understand water treatment, transportation, chemical reaction and structural design principles. The females, represented by Dana Corporation, Industrial Power Systems, SSOE Group of Toledo and Cleveland Cliffs, have diverse work backgrounds and shared the path they have taken to get to their current occupation.



Using various sizes and shapes of pipe, Ava-Grace Thornburg, Alliyah Brown, Maddie Buchanan, Shiloh Davis and Audrey Jackson work to create a water system to allow marbles to travel freely through the pipeline.



Gabrielle Michel, a process engineer in the chemical division of SSOE Group talks about the importance of balancing correct chemicals to provide safe drinking water. Participants had to ‘purchase’ various tools to help understand the cost aspect associated with the entire process.

## One of Eighty-Eight, Impressive!

Many may have heard about a program sponsored by country music legend, Dolly Parton called Imagination Library. This program, incepted in 1995, provides one book a month to enrolled children from birth until age five, regardless of financial status. In Ohio, First Lady Fran DeWine has joined forces with Dolly’s program to improve childhood literacy across the state. According to the Ohio Imagination Library website, more Ohio children are receiving books from the program than in any other state!



Dolly Parton is pictured with the quilt given to her as a gift from Ohio First Lady Fran DeWine. WR Elementary student Jack Blair’s picture representing Huron County is toward the bottom right.

On August 9, 2022, Ohio First Lady Fran DeWine welcomed Dolly Parton to the Buckeye State to celebrate the success of the Imagination Library program in Ohio. A gift was provided to each woman: a quilt created with a picture representing the 88 counties in Ohio. Jack Blair, a third grader at Western Reserve Elementary, created a picture of a tractor that was chosen to represent Huron County on the quilt.

If you have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews under the age of five, enroll them in the program. Simply go to [www.imaginationlibrary.com](http://www.imaginationlibrary.com) and click on “can I register my child.”



## LifeWise at WR Expands to MS in Fall

LifeWise Academy - Western Reserve plans expansion of their program to add grades six through eight in the fall of 2023. LifeWise is a non-denominational, bible-based, released time religious instruction (RTRI) program with emphasis on character education, that takes place during school hours, off site, with parental permission, and is funded privately by donations. The program originally launched in the fall of 2022 and currently has served 80 students in grades K through five. Students are bused off site to the Collins United Methodist Church for class on Monday, Wednesday, or Fridays.

Peggy Hintz, the current program director, served within the Western Reserve Schools as a health educator for many years and recognizes many of her former students are now the parents of today’s students. She states she has always had a heart for Western Reserve students and enjoys the opportunity to return in this role.

Serving as LifeWise teachers this year are Sandra Wetzel for grades K-2, Becke Hoyt for grades 3-5, and current substitute teacher Rebecca Parcher, who will take on the middle school teaching role this fall. Parcher is a retired educator and coach, as well as a Western Reserve graduate.

Current bus drivers are Rita Daniels, Lacie Green, and Ron Slate. Advisory Board Members are Ashley Kinney, John Liles, Pastor Matthew Van Gorden and Kathy McClendon. Many local volunteers also serve the program and all adults involved have had background checks.

For more information go to [lifewise.org](http://lifewise.org) or email the Director at [peggyhintz@lifewiseacademy.org](mailto:peggyhintz@lifewiseacademy.org) for questions. Enrollment can be done online and paper enrollment forms will also be available in the school offices.





These students in Mrs. Wilson’s Language Arts 8 class were characters in the play “The Still Alarm” by George S. Kaufman: Peyton Anderson, Wyatt Ogilvy, Caden Kimball, Lucas Summerfield and Max Plas.



Fifth grade teacher, Ms. Rachel Scott, brought a special visitor to help kindergarteners learn living vs. nonliving. They experienced a real bunny encounter with “River” and un-real bunnies in the form of chocolate!

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**Western Reserve Volleyball**  
Head Coach Lisa Muenz  
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The Western Reserve Volleyball Team will be holding our annual Little Lady Riders Volleyball Camp. The camp will emphasize fundamentals, team play and individual improvement. The camp is \$45 for one camper and \$25 for any additional child from the same family. Each camper will receive a camp T-shirt, volleyball, an afternoon snack and the opportunity to walk away with team and individual awards. The camp will be fun, and you will be able to meet some of the Junior Varsity and Varsity Lady Rough Riders.

WHO: Current 2nd - 5th grade (2023 school year).  
WHEN: Elementary Gym 3:30-5:30pm May 9-11 (Tuesday - Thursday)

- Checks should be made to Western Reserve Girls Volleyball and can be dropped off at the Elementary office % Autumn Thomas or the High School Office % Lisa Muenz.
- If you want to have your daughter bring her registration to the first day of camp - please email T-shirt size and name and grade to [lmuenz@western-reserve.org](mailto:lmuenz@western-reserve.org) by May 1.
- If there are any issues with finances - please contact me - assistance can be provided.

Please Return this Portion to Coach Muenz

Student’s Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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Proceeds to benefit the students and faculty of Western Reserve School District. The Western Reserve Endowment Fund has awarded over \$15,000 for scholarships and grants in the past year.



## Postseason Accolades for Lady Hoopsters

At the annual banquet, the Western Reserve Lady Riders celebrated many postseason accolades. Team award winners included Joslin Cain, Breakthrough Player of the Year; Lillian White, Offensive Player of the Year; and Madison Pfanner, Defensive Player of the Year.

Seven seniors were recognized as key components of earning the Firelands Conference Championship. The seniors included: Ashlynn Kerby, Bella Thornburg, Grace French, Kathleen Woodruff, Anna Woodrum, Madison Pfanner and Lillian White.

In Firelands Conference voting, Lillian White was named First Team, Anna Woodrum and Madison Pfanner were named Second Team and Grace French earned Honorable Mention.

Three athletes received honorable mention honors from the Northwest District: Anna Woodrum, Madison Pfanner and Lillian White.

Head Coach Carli Ashley also received postseason recognition being named Firelands Conference, District Six AND Northwest District Coach of the Year.



Anna Woodrum, Grace French, Madison Pfanner and Lilli White were all named All Firelands Conference.



The Class of 2025 hosted a father-daughter dance at the elementary. Girls in grades K-5 and their dads, grandpas, or uncles, enjoyed an evening in the Enchanted Garden.



Eighth grade students, Lucas Summerfield and Madison Buchanan were crowned the prince and princess of the middle school formal, An Evening in Paris, sponsored by the MS Student Council.

## WR Endowment Grants in Action!

Heather Fallon’s Kindergarten classroom is one of the six educational grants awarded this school year. The Western Reserve Endowment Board provides additional funding to enhance classroom instruction as well as fund multiple innovative projects aimed at having a lasting impact on our students, classrooms and school. The Kindergarteners are enjoying the new variety of sensory tools (whole class brain break box) allowing all students to take a “Brain Break”. These breaks provide an opportunity to relax, release energy and move around enhancing brain/academic performance!



A small group of kindergarten students in Mrs. Fallon’s class use the stretchy bands and necklaces during their “Brain Break”.

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