



WESTERN SALISBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Western Families,

The cold weather and snow has certainly kept us guessing these past two weeks. However, I am sure the children enjoyed the opportunity to sleep in and enjoy playing outside on our days off. Please be sure to consult the district website now and going forward through the remainder of the winter for updates on when we will be making up the snow days.

This month is a busy one at WSE. Our Student Lighthouse brainstormed some Fun Days for the second trimester. The first one is coming up on February 2nd; it is Twin Day. The children would like to dress like someone else at WSE. That could mean a peer or a staff member. They are very excited about this.

Many of the benefits that come to our children, our families, and our staff are the result of the hard work of our School Board. As you know, being a School Board member is a volunteer post that demands many hours of time and energy, a commitment to the community and to education. The month of January is School Board Recognition Month. Our staff has created a Thank You video to let our Board know how much we appreciate their dedication. Our School Board members are: Frank Frankenfield (President), Sam DeFrank (Vice-President) George Gatanis, Mary Ziegler, Susan Lea, Joe Gnall, Audrey Frick, Robert Kulp, and Carol Klinger. As you see these folks in the community, please extend your thanks for their caring and commitment to our children and our schools.

Generosity and compassion are hallmarks of the Salisbury community. Those qualities are being clearly demonstrated as our students and families participate in two worthwhile community events over the next month. On January 31st, the Miller Blood Bank will present a program to our 5th graders who are studying the circulatory system. And, our 5th graders, in thinking how they can contribute to our community, are partnering with the Miller Blood Bank to promote a blood drive at WSE. Our 5th graders have created public service announcements and poster advertisements to promote the drive. The drive is being held on February 8th at WSE between 1pm and 7pm. Beyond the Miller Blood Bank, all of our students are also participating in the national Pennies for Patients drive to support the Leukemia Association. The drive includes a healthy competition between the classes, with the class that raises the most money earning a pasta lunch sponsored by Olive Garden on behalf of the Leukemia Association.

On Tuesday, January 9th, our 4th grade parents or important adult were invited to WSE to eat lunch with their student. The children were so happy to eat with family. On February 6th our 3rd grade parents will be invited to lunch with their third grader.

Our *Leader in Me* initiative continues to be a success with our students. We emphasize the 7 Habits of Happy Kids (see last page of this newsletter) and recognize positive behavior. When you visit Western next, please take a moment to notice our “Caught Being a Leader Wall of Honor” in the main hallway. In addition to picture placards for the wall, we recognize positive behavior with Be-A-Leader coupons. Be-A-Leader coupon redemption day was held on December 11th. Two popular Be-A-Leader coupon redemption rewards are to have breakfast with a teacher or cookies with the principal. In the cafeteria, two popular Be-A-Leader rewards are having lunch in the office with a friend and assistant lunch helper. A group of WSE students will be presenting more information about the Leader in Me at the PTA general membership meeting on Tuesday, February 6th. We encourage you to join us.

Mrs. Stokes’ lunch bunch groups are enjoying their time together and learning wonderful social skills. Chorus rehearsals have resumed for the second trimester and we look forward to their performances in the Spring.

As we move into the second half of the school year, sometimes our children forget important rules that keep them safe, particularly on the bus. Your assistance in reminding students of these rules would be very helpful:

1. Remain seated when the bus is in motion.
2. Do not eat or drink on the bus
3. Talk in a quiet, respectful voice to seatmates.
4. Keep hands, feet, clothing and book bags to yourself in your own seat.
5. Use electronic tools only as per STSD’s acceptable use policy (ex. Children may not take pictures or video of one another).

Western’s teachers continually hone their teaching skills. On the January 15th school holiday, teachers received professional development on a variety of topics including: reading instruction, behavior management, and digital resources.

We continue to emphasize the dispositions as outlined in Salisbury’s Profile of a Graduate document. This month students are focusing on perseverance. Research continues to reveal the critical importance of this quality in school and in life. Contemporary synonyms include “grit” and “growth mindset.” Both terms refer to a child’s determination to keep trying in the face of adversity. Dr. Carol Dweck, professor of psychology and researcher at Stanford University makes this suggestion for helping children grow in this area. When your child is discouraged and says, “I can’t....” or “I’m not good at”, simply add the word “**yet**” to the end of that sentence. For example, Child: “I can’t do fractions” You: “**yet**.” Dr. Dweck explains how that small word changes the framework of the conversation from negativity and frustration to encouragement and positivity. For more insight into this topic, you may want to visit this webpage at the parent friendly website *Bright Horizons*: <https://www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/e-family-news/encouraging-grit-and-teaching-perseverance-to-children>

As we look forward to the coming weeks and months, Western’s Kindergarten Registration event is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21st from 9:30-11:00 AM. If you know of someone who intends to send their child to Western in the fall, or someone who is thinking about it, please let them know about this event.

Finally, as you look forward to Spring and make family plans, please remember that the state assessments for grades three, four and five will occur on:

Week of April 9th - Gr. 3, 4 and 5 reading and language arts testing

Week of April 16th - Gr. 3, 4 and 5 mathematics testing

Week of April 23rd - Gr. 4 science testing

These past months have been very rewarding for students, staff and me. We are so fortunate to enjoy a supportive community, caring parents, students who are enthusiastic learners and a dedicated staff. Each of us doing our part is what makes WSE a wonderful place to grow and learn.

Sincerely,

Grace McCausland-Hartman

Grace H. Hartman, Ed.D., Principal

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

~ Aesop

HAPPENINGS AROUND WSE

SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS, DELAYS, & EARLY



DISMISSALS

Now that winter is in full swing, please make sure your School Messenger account is up to date. The district will contact families regarding school delays, cancellations, and early dismissals due to inclement weather or other issues that warrant a closing, via School Messenger.

If you need to change/update your contact information and are having difficulty accessing School Messenger please contact Chris Smith at csmith@salisburyisd.org.

Please note, due to our first snow day on January 4th, school make up day will be on Friday, February 16th.

WSE 5TH GRADE IS SPONSORING A BLOOD DRIVE



Western Salisbury Elem. School
3201 Devonshire Road
Allentown, PA

Thurs., Feb. 8th 1-7pm
Weather permitting!

Sponsored by the 5th grade class
Call 610-730-5809 to book an
appointment!

LOST and FOUND

Is your child missing a jacket, hat, water bottle, or maybe even a lunch box? There's a very good chance it is in the school's lost and found closet located outside the health room in the lobby. Our closet is overflowing with many nice clothing items and accessories. Please have your son and/or daughter check the lost and found even if they don't think they have anything in there, they may just be surprised!



UPCOMING EVENTS

1/15 School Closed

1/17 Operations Cmte @
Mtg. 7pm

1/17 School Board Mtg. @
7:30pm

1/26 Early Dismissal
11:15am Lunch WILL NOT
be served

1/29 Curriculum &
Technology Cmte. Mtg. @
7pm at HST

2/2 2nd Grade Penguins On
Parade @ 2:40pm, Parents
are invited to attend

FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

As we enter into cold and flu season, it's important to remind our students about the basics to keeping healthy:



- Frequent hand washing
- Sneeze into sleeve/elbow
- Return to school ONLY when fever free for 24 hours without Tylenol or Motrin
- Eat a healthy diet
- Get adequate rest

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

January is Pennies for Patients month, sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. WSE students each brought home a coin collection box and a flyer explaining how to set up an online fundraising account. To put the "fun" in fundraising, we had a kickoff assembly to help students understand why this is an important cause, and we are also sponsoring special activities and competitions throughout the month, including a class traveling trophy and a Wall of Heroes. All donations will be due by Feb 2, and the winning class will have a pasta party sponsored by Olive Garden.

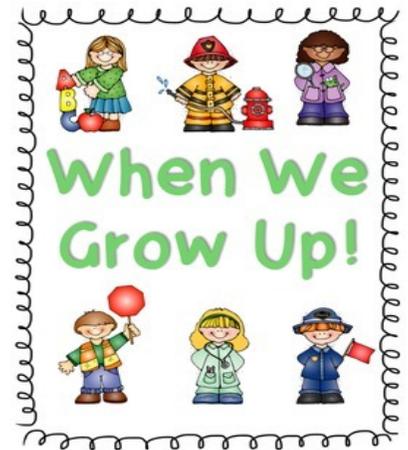
FACULTY SPECIAL FEATURES

When I Grow Up..

By Shannon Stokes, School Counselor

This month in classroom guidance lessons, our focus is CAREERS. We will discuss how most adults have had many jobs before the one they are in now. Your kids often know what your current job is, and may have even visited your workplace, but have

you shared your past jobs? Doing so will help your child to understand that we all learn more about ourselves and work preferences through the variety of positions we have held over a lifetime. Story-telling with your child about your past jobs can be a fun way to share your values and perspective about why we work and what the rewards are of various jobs.



Often adults ask children "What do you want to be when you grow up?" as a way of making a connection or small talk. Here are some other ideas for connecting with your child's interests and helping them to focus and reflect on their interests, abilities, and values:

- What do you love to do?
- What do you love about _____?
- When do you feel happiest?
- What problems do you want to solve?
- What are you curious about?



Kindergarten Registration

At

WESTERN SALISBURY ELEMENTARY

On Wednesday, February 21st at 9:30 AM, Western Salisbury Elementary School in Salisbury Township School District will hold registration for students enrolling in Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year. Kindergarten is a full day program. Registration will be held in the gymnasium at Western Salisbury Elementary, 3201 Devonshire Road, Allentown, PA. The registration process will take approximately 1-1 ½ hours and children are not required to attend. There will be a presentation by the principal, meet & greet with the school nurse, CST & Reading specialist, Guidance Counselor, WSE PTA, Lehigh Valley Childcare and a tour of the school.

Eligible candidates must be 5 years of age before September 1, 2018. Please bring a copy of the child's current immunizations, 2 proofs of Salisbury residency and original birth certificate. Our school website has a list of which proofs of residency are accepted. Please visit www.salisburysd.org for our complete list, which is found under WSE's quick links – enrollment info.

If you have questions or to request an alternate registration date, please contact our school secretary, Mrs. Danielle Rothrock at 610-797-1688 ext: 5500 or drothrock@salisburysd.org



WSE PTA Pride

Every Child; One Voice



Western Salisbury Elementary School Parent Teacher Association:
A strong advocate and valuable resource for the education and well-being of our students.

Happy New Year WSE families! We hope you had a wonderful, restful, and healthy holiday! 2018 is here, and the WSE PTA has many fun, engaging, and delicious events to look forward to in the new year. As always, we thank you for your continued support and help to make all of these events successful!

Upcoming Events

*Thanks to all who helped at the Holiday Shoppe! We hope you enjoyed the special gifts under your tree this year!

*Our next restaurant night starts on Sunday, January 21st at Louie's Italian Restaurant, and runs through Thursday, January 25th. Show the flyer you received in your child's communication folder or from the WSE PTA Facebook page, and the PTA receives 20% of your purchase!

*Our Joe Corbi fundraiser has started, and everyone is anxiously hoping there will be Pajama Day at school! If students sell 300 or more items, this will become a reality! There are individual prizes to be won too, and most importantly, all of the proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the students at WSE!

*Mark your calendar, and join us at our next *General Membership Meeting* on Tuesday, February 6th, starting at 6:00 with a Chili, Chowder, Stew & Soup Pot Luck Dinner. Following dinner, the PTA board will present pertinent information, and then, all WSE parents & guardians are invited to attend special presentations given by expert guests in our district. We hope to see you there!

Save the Dates

*January 21st-25th ~ WSE Week at Louie's Restaurant

*January 31st ~ Joe Corbi orders due

*February 6th ~ PTA General Membership Meeting & Chili, Chowder, Stew & Soup Pot Luck Dinner, 6pm

*February 13th ~ PTA General Membership Meeting snow date

*February 22nd ~ Restaurant Night at Jack's Slice Pizza, 5-9 pm

*February 28th ~ Joe Corbi order pick up, 3:30-5:30 pm

*March 11th ~ Purse Bingo, 12-4 pm, Salisbury Middle School

*April 14th ~ We Sell Everything event at WSE

Our 2017-2018 PTA Board

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Western Salisbury Elementary PTA's new free online portal!

<https://westernsalisburyppta.membershiptoolkit.com>

- ⇒ RSVP and order/pay for event tickets
- ⇒ Sign up to volunteer
- ⇒ Paperless family directory & class lists



LIKE us on Facebook at "Western Salisbury Elementary PTA" for details on all PTA events and activities, fun photos and messages.



Western Salisbury Elementary School PTA Fundraiser

Try a new dinner option? Joe Corbi's pizza is not just any pizza. It's gourmet pizza. Sell pizza and earn money for our school. That sounds like a win-win! Don't like pizza, try a delicious dessert. Many options and all proceeds benefit our students.

Sale Starts: Today!

Sale Ends: Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Order Pick Up: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 from 3:30PM-5:30PM

(Pick up is only available during these two hours. Please make arrangements for that timeframe.)

Any questions regarding this sale please contact: Katie Wells at katielee.wells@gmail.com

How It Works

1. Use the order form to keep track of your orders. Collect money while selling. Checks should be made payable to WSE PTA.
2. Fill out your envelope completely with name, teacher, grade and phone number. Highlight the items on the envelope you are ordering. Make sure the money collected matches your orders.
3. Turn in your envelope with money by Wednesday, January 31st. Filled out completely with money enclosed. Keep the order form for your records.
4. Pick up your orders on Wednesday, February 28th from 3:30PM - 5:30PM.

EARN Great PRIZES too!

Team Prize

300 items or more our students will be rewarded with Pajama Day at school!

Individual Prizes

See the insert in your packet and check out all the great Mad Science prizes available to our individual sellers. Many options are available.



Miller-Keystone Blood Center

GIVEaPINT.org/1-800-B-A-DONOR



BLOOD DRIVE



Thursday, February 8

Date/Time

1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

3201 Devonshire Rd., Allentown, PA

Location

Call Kathy DeBona at 610-730-5809

Contact for more information

Western Salisbury Elementary

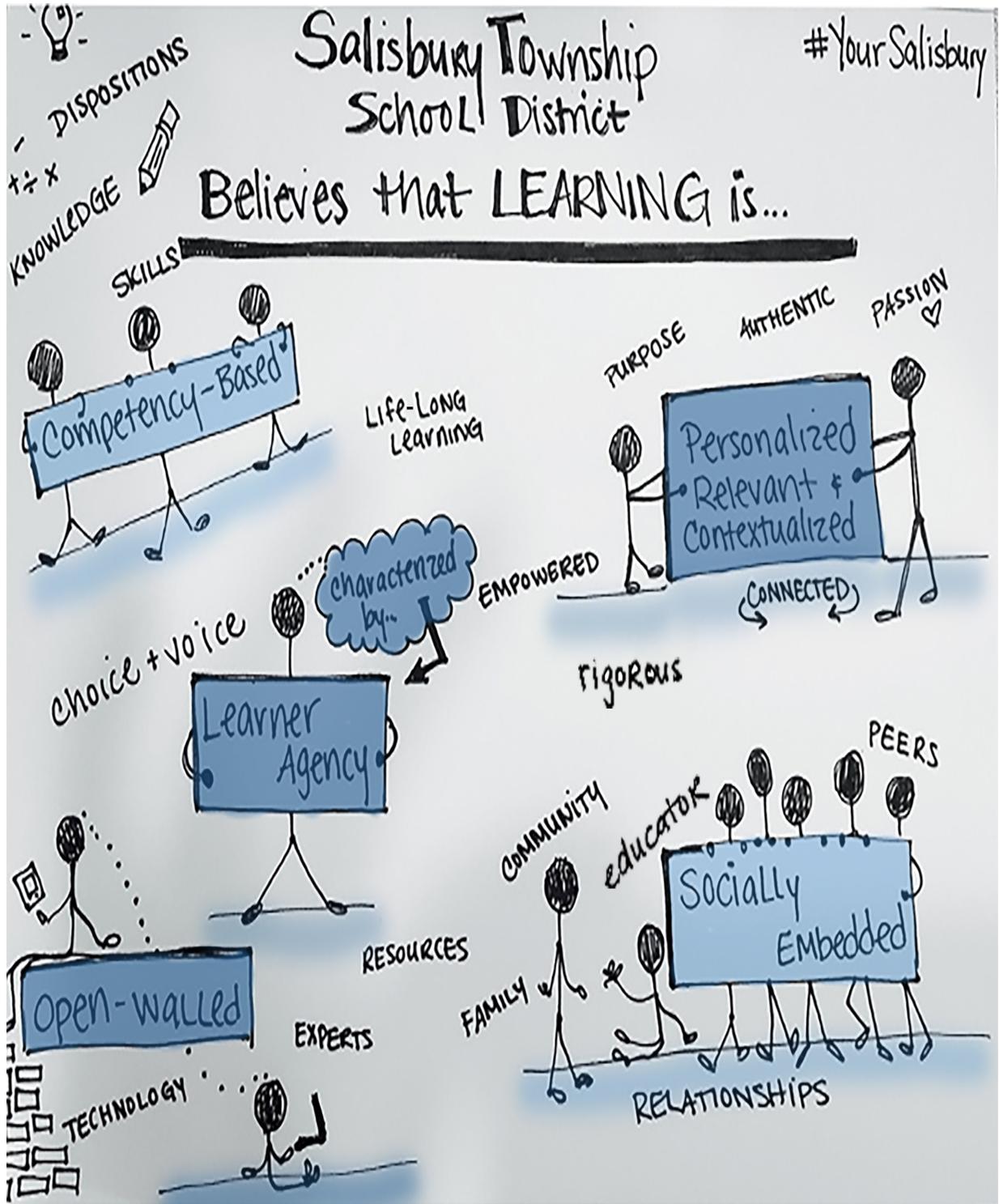
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SALISBURY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROFILE OF A GRADUATE



Profile of a Graduate

#YourSalisbury

Salisbury
Township
School District



Profile of a GRADUATE

Knowledge + Literacies



Global
Competence

CORE
Curriculum 



Digital
Literacy

Financial
Literacy 



Health
Literacy

Dispositions

- persistent
- curious
- risk-taker
- caring
- compassionate
- entrepreneurial
- resilient
- tolerant
- accepting

Skills

Think
critically

Communicate
effectively

create bravely

COLLABORATE
WITH
OTHERS

Christy Brennan

Growing Tomorrow's Leaders TODAY!

"THE LEADER IN ME" INITIATIVE

Western Salisbury Elementary School is proud to be a Leader in Me school, but what does that mean? Perhaps you have heard of "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen Covey? The *Leader in Me* is the process of taking those habits, making them developmentally appropriate for children, and integrating them into the school environment. We use the "Seven Habits of Happy Kids" as our guide.

The Leadership concept is not about creating future CEO's of companies. It is about "personal leadership" with a fundamental belief that every child can be a "leader of their own world." We teach children the 7 Habits of Happy Kids!

Imagine what would be possible if our school and community was filled with students who were responsible, who showed initiative, who were creative, who knew how to set goals and meet them, who got along with people of various backgrounds and cultures, and who could work effectively as a member of a team, resolve conflicts and solve problems?

Following this page you will find a chart of the 7 Habits explained in the "kids friendly" language we use with our youngsters. Please see the WSE website for more information about this exciting approach and resources you may wish to use at home.

The *Leader in Me* is not a curriculum; it is a way of thinking and talking about growing and learning and is an integrated part of our daily life at school. Whether the staff is coaching children to plan ahead for tests or projects or to make positive choices when possible conflicts arise, the *Leader in Me* informs our language and goals for our children. As you review the 7 Habits, you will see that they align nicely, in child friendly language, to our district's *Profile of a Graduate*.

Thank you for partnering with us on this exciting journey!



Habit 1: Be Proactive

I am a responsible person. I take initiative. I choose my actions, attitudes and moods. I do not blame others for my wrong actions. I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.

Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind

I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my classroom and contribute to my school's mission and vision.



Habit 3: Put First Things First

I spend my time on things that are most important. This means I say no to things I know I should not do. I set priorities, make a schedule, and achieve my goals. I am disciplined and organized.

Habit 4: Think Win-Win

I balance courage for getting what I want with consideration for what others want. I make deposits in others' Emotional Bank Accounts. When conflicts arise, I look for third alternatives. I look for ways to be a good citizen.



Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood

I listen to other people's ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. I am confident in voicing my ideas. I look people in the eyes when talking.

Habit 6: Synergize

I value other people's strengths and learn from them. I work well in groups, even with people who are different than me. I seek out other people's ideas to solve problems because I know that by teaming with others we can create better solutions than can anyone of us alone. I am humble.



Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

I take care of my body by eating right, exercising, and getting sleep. I spend time with family and friends. I learn in lots of ways and lots of places, not just at school. I take time to find meaningful ways to help others.