

Our Path to First Choice No.5  
2019/20

Here's Our Path note. Thank you for all you do for our students!

Our Path Topic

Since WASD has adopted a strong approach to early childhood education by developing over seven Pre-K classes, this year the parenting aspect is now being pursued. This pursuit is through the P3 Initiative.

Erica Nemzek, WASD's Early Childhood Coordinator, is leading the P3 Initiative (Pre-Natal to Third Grade) this year. She is developing a large group of early childhood professionals, county agency coordinators, board members and so many others.

This year, with a grant award of \$10,000, WASD is pursuing this parent initiative. A WASD team attended the Governor's Institute for Early Childhood this summer. Through that institute, WASD was eligible for the money. The team had to develop a specific objective to address parenting and preparing children for school.

Out of that grant, an initiative titled "*Be the Village*" has arisen. Below you will find the logo. When you see the logo, you will know that it is *Be the Village*.

*Be the Village* is a project that will put parenting tips, reading materials, and other activities and information in the hands of parents to use with their child. The plan is to place these *Be the Village* signs and boxes throughout the school district in our different communities. This is only the start. We hope it will continue to grow and be more and more effective with helping parents help their children be more successful in life and school.

*Be the Village* and the P3 Initiative Team will be at the October 5<sup>th</sup> Market Day 9AM to 4PM downtown Waynesboro. The group will be in front of the Alexander Hamilton Free Public Library. The group and the library have been working in partnership to promote literacy and parenting skills. As we know, kids learn to read up to third grade, and read to learn after third grade. It is critical to help students be more prepared and ready for school in order to meet that literacy objective.

If you want to be part of this important and successful group that is making progress, please contact Erica Nemzek.



## Board Information and Policy Updates

- Next School Board Meetings.
  - September 24<sup>th</sup> is the next Regular School Board Meeting

You may check out District policies by going to this site: <https://www.boarddocs.com/pa/wayn/Board.nsf/Public>

## Partnership Notice

Our partnership with WellSpan is continuing. They are beginning to set up their clinic in the Early Learning Center (formerly D Wing) at the high school. WellSpan wants to share with our employees that there will be a free Colorectal Cancer Screening Education workshop on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30AM to 10:00AM. If interested, register at [summithealth.org/ColorectalScreening](http://summithealth.org/ColorectalScreening) or call 717-262-4472.

## A Challenge for You

What is Mass Customized Education?

## Piece of the Puzzle

Tom Hummer is always willing to help in whatever is needed. He is always working to ensure our buildings are clean and never afraid to ask if anything is needed. Always, he is seen working and helping. He is always positive, always working and never stops. When Tom is assigned a task you can depend on him to complete the task as requested and in a timely manner. As someone who is always willing to help he was typically assigned tasks to help the District Technology Department over this past summer and that assistance was very much appreciated. He is a huge asset to our district and a piece of the WASD community that ensures we are achieving First Choice for all our Stakeholders.

With all that said, and for the aforementioned reasons, Tom Hummer is this week's Piece of the Puzzle. Congratulate Tom when you see him!

## \*Challenge Answer (Important to Know)

Mass Customized Learning is instruction tailored to each student's needs and interests. Technology helps make this mass customization possible through personalized digital learning. Any place, any time learning (Julie Mathiesen, Technology & Innovation in Education).

## Final Thoughts

- *Our uniqueness, our individuality, and our life experience molds us into fascinating beings. I hope we can embrace that. I pray we may all challenge ourselves to delve into the deepest resources of our hearts to cultivate an atmosphere of understanding, acceptance, tolerance, and compassion. We are all in this life together.*—Linda Thompson.
- *Our fingerprint represents our unique identity and individuality.*—Lailah Fifty Akita.
- *Everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labor in freedom.*—Albert Einstein.

- *Remember always that you not only have the right to be an individual, you have an obligation to be one.*—Eleanor Roosevelt.
- *What sets you apart can sometimes feel like a burden and it's not. And a lot of the time, it's what makes you great.*—Emma Stone.
- *Don't compare yourself with anyone in this world...if you do so, you are insulting yourself.*—Bill Gates.

Enjoy the rest of your week!

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