

# WESTSIDE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

**MUSTANG MESSENGER**

**November 2018**

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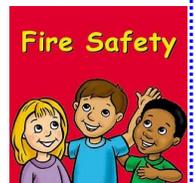
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## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

It is hard to imagine that we have come to the end of October and the close of the first marking term November 2<sup>nd</sup> with Report Cards going home on November 9<sup>th</sup>. I'm sure you have noticed how the days are getting shorter and we will be setting our clocks back to end Daylight Savings Time (DST) this weekend on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Even with all the changes taking place and the cooler season approaching, we have had a very busy month for the children and staff!

We began the month with **Fire Prevention Week**, focusing on this year's theme, "Look- Listen-Learn". During the week, we had officials from the Hebron Volunteer Department visit with our children to speak with them about fire safety issues. The children had an opportunity to learn about the equipment a firefighter uses when battling a blaze and then to see some of the various trucks used when confronting a fire. After the presentations, teachers reinforced safety issues with the children on what to do in the event of a fire. Please take some time to review fire safety procedures and the importance of having an escape plan just in case a situation ever arises.



**SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT** - Each year Westside Intermediate continues to implement a Safe Learning Environment as a component of the school's Action Plan. In this document, we have identified particular areas of need that if worked upon, will enhance the school's overall atmosphere. The goal of our school plan is to provide a safe and orderly environment that is conducive to learning for all students. One facet of the plan focuses on the need to be prepared in the event of an emergency. Westside Intermediate has developed a Crisis Intervention Plan which has been in place for the past few years. The goal of the plan is to establish an outline of procedures the school will follow if an emergency situation arises. Throughout this year, teachers and staff have been and will continue to work with the children on safety drills. These drills are designed to assist the staff and children in knowing which procedures they are to follow. Soon, we will be moving to school-wide drill simulations to help in coordinating our efforts to foster a safe school environment. We just want to assure all parents that the safety and well-being of our students is of the utmost importance to the faculty and staff at Westside Intermediate School.



## AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

This year, American Education Week will be observed the week of November 12<sup>th</sup>. During this week, as with every other time during the school year, **ALL** visitors will be processed through our Raptor visitor screening system.

The following guidelines will be in place during AEW:

- 1. ALL visitors must have a driver's license or state-issued ID. There will be NO exceptions.**
- 2. All visitors must be listed as the student's emergency contact. The office is not able to make phone calls to check for approval during this week.**
- 3. Visitors MUST be over the age of 21. This includes siblings.**
- 4. While you are here visiting, please place your cell phones on vibrate, so as not to disrupt the learning environment.**



## PTA NEWS

Join us on Wednesday, November 14th at Chipotle (1016A South Salisbury Blvd., near Salisbury University) from 4:00-8:00. A portion of the sales will be donated back to our PTA.



### **Looking Ahead...**



We will be holding a Flapjack Fundraiser on Saturday, December 8th at Applebee's (North Salisbury) from 8:00-10:00 a.m. Tickets will be \$7.00/— person, which will include unlimited pancakes, sausage links, and a beverage. We are hoping to have a special visit from Santa at breakfast for children to visit and take pictures with. We will be looking for volunteers to help at the event (greeters, seaters, pancake servers, beverage servers, and bussers). More information will be coming home soon with students.



## FROM THE NURSE

Have you or your child had your flu shot? If not, the Wicomico County Health Department will be having walk-in flu clinics on the following dates:

November 1st and 8th, 8:00-11:00 a.m.

November 13th, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

November 27th, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

No appointment is needed.



For more information, call 410-543-6943



## BOX TOPS

We would like to thank everyone that has sent in Box Tops. Please continue to send them in at your convenience. Over the holidays is a perfect time to clip and save them from all of your holiday baking and meals. Look for fun, winter themed sheets to come home with your student for easy collection.



## YEARBOOKS

*It is time again to order yearbooks!*

*Before March 1, 2019—\$23.00*

*Any orders received after March 2, 2019—\$28.00*

*All orders MUST be placed by April 22, 2019.*

*Forms are available in the school office.*

*Please make checks payable to Lifetouch or*

*Order online at [YBpay.lifetouch.com](http://YBpay.lifetouch.com) using yearbook*

*ID code 9197618*

**BUY YOUR**  
*Yearbook*

## IMPORTANT DATES

### **NOVEMBER**

1st—2nd Grade visits Pickering Creek

2nd— End of 1st Marking Term

2nd—5th Grade visits the Smithsonian Institute; 7:30-5:00

4th—Daylight Savings Time Ends

5th—Professional Day—

**Schools Closed** for Students

6th—Election Day—**Schools Closed**

8th—Fall Make Up Pictures

9th—Report Cards Go Home

12th-16th—American Education Week

12th—Honor Day Assemblies

2nd—9:30

4th—10:15

3rd—2:00

5th—2:45

14th—PTA Fundraiser at Chipotle (South Salisbury location)

21st-23rd—**Schools Closed** for Thanksgiving Break



### **DECEMBER**

5th-6th—InView Testing, Grade 2

8th—PTA Pancake Breakfast, Applebee's

12th—TAD Field Trip, 9:15—Noon

12th—Holiday Choral/Band Concert, 6:00

21st-31st—**Schools Closed** for Winter Holidays

**Schools will reopen for students on January 2nd.**



# INSTRUCTION AT A GLANCE

## 2nd Grade

Second grade is looking forward to our cross-curricular bat investigation for American Education week. Plenty of exciting activities and experiments are planned. We will also continue to explore animal habitats in Science and we are moving into Unit 3 in Math which focuses on subtraction so continue to work on your basic math facts at home.



## 3rd Grade

In reading, students will be reading fiction and non-fiction text about traditions and will continue utilizing ToolKit strategies to improve reading comprehension. In Language, students will continue to write personal narratives. In Math, students are practicing multiplication and division strategies along with learning how to solve multi-step number stories. In Science, we will explore life cycles the plants and animals along with the food chains. In Social Studies, we will begin our unit on Native Americans.



## 4th Grade

In Reading, we will be reading stories about different heroes and Greek Myths. In Math, students will be working on multiplicative comparisons, geometry, and fractions. During Social Studies, students will be discussing how the Native Americans were important to Maryland history. In Science, we will be studying light, properties of light, and the eye. During American Education Week, we will be dissecting cow eyes.



## 5th Grade

In Reading, we will be determining the theme of a story and assigning character traits based on text evidence. In Math, we will be calculating volume using a variety of formulas, using exponents and multiplying by powers of 10, and continuing to practice multiple representations of multiplication and division. In Science, we will learn about the Earth's place in the universe, the Earth's systems, and the Earth and human activity. In Social Studies, we will be locating the 50 States on a US map and discussing current events. Students will be presenting their states projects on Thursday, November 15th at 2:15.



## Art



In art classes, second grade students will be creating spiders. Third grade will be creating pinch pots using clay. Fourth grade students will be learning painting techniques. Fifth graders will be working with clay.

## Music



This month, second and third grade students will be learning Rockin' winter songs for the winter concert on December 12th at 6:00. Fourth grade students will be diving into instruments families, while fifth grade is beginning an extensive unit on guitar.

## P.E.



During November, Physical Education classes will be working on fitness activities and dribbling with the hands. We will also be learning some of the bones of the skeletal system. Fifth grade classes will be introduced to nutrition lessons during Health.

## Media Center



Congratulations to those students who met their AR goal for term one. Students have until November 2nd to meet their 25% goal. We are planning to have our first Maker-Fair on Nov. 7th for those students who have met this goal. If your child did not meet his/her goal for this term, her/she can still earn the incentive for the second marking term. Please encourage your child to read at least 20 minutes each night. In order to check your child's progress on Accelerated Reader, visit the Renaissance website and log in using your child's school username and password. <https://hosted207.renlearn.com/30983/homeconnect/>. This web address is also located on our school website.

## Guidance



During the month of November, Westside Students will be collecting un-used hats, scarves, gloves, and socks, for the upcoming holiday season. If a student donates one of these items, they will receive 7 coupons as a "Thank you" to use at our PBIS Store. We will be displaying the "Tree of Warmth" in our lobby. The items will be given to children who may need them during this winter season. Please feel free to add to our tree by donating any winter items that will help keep a child warm this time of year.