WCSD
Positive Happenings
Learning in Action
March

BWMS:

STATE CHAMPIONS – FIRST PLACE! Congratulations to Bo, Patrick, and Grayson for earning 1st Place at the State Level in the Minecraft Education Build Challenge!

Huge congratulations to our UNDEFEATED Boys' Basketball Team on their championship victory against Rocky Grove! This team showed heart, hustle, and true Dragon pride all season long. The hard work paid off, and they finished on top just like champions do!

We are so proud of our Beaty-Warren Middle School wrestlers who competed in the PJW Qualifiers and punched their tickets to STATES! Congratulations to all these athletes on their hard work and dedication.

We are proud to recognize our February Students of the Month- each selected for consistently meeting our F.I.R.E. expectations: Fierceness, Integrity, Responsibility, and Excellence. Congratulations to Elliette, Evelyn, Hunter, and Paightyn!








EES:

Winter Dance

EES held its annual Winter Dance, which was well attended by approximately 200 students.

101st Day of School Celebration – First Grade

First grade students celebrated the 101st day of school by participating in a variety of math and writing activities inspired by '101 Dalmatians.' Students dressed the part in polka dot shirts, ears, and collars, and enjoyed a fun-filled day celebrating their learning and accomplishments.

Kindergarten Royal Tea Party

As a culmination of the CKLA Knowledge unit on Kings and Queens, kindergarten students participated in a royal tea party in the cafeteria. Students reviewed key vocabulary and stories from the unit while celebrating their learning.

Valentine's Day Donut Breakfast – First Grade

First grade students enjoyed a special donut breakfast on Valentine's Day. The day focused on kindness, highlighted by the story 'The Jelly Donut Difference,' and concluded with a classroom celebration of friendship.

Struthers Library Theatre Field Trip – Grades K–2

On February 23rd, students visited the historic Struthers Library Theatre to experience a performance of Aesop's Fables. Students represented EES proudly while learning about theatre and reflecting on the lessons from the stories.

Read Across America Week – First Grade

During Read Across America Week, first graders explored the works of Dr. Seuss through a variety of grade-level activities. Guest readers visited classrooms, and students completed projects focused on reading, writing, math, spelling, and rhyming.

All-County Musical – The Wizard of Oz (Grades K–5)

Kindergarten students enjoyed a field trip to see portions of the All-County musical, 'The Wizard of Oz.' They especially enjoyed the character Toto, as well as the costumes, lighting, and stage sets. Students were highly engaged and excited throughout the experience.

Fourth Grade – Eureka Student Inventor Project

Fourth grade students explored invention and innovation through the CKLA 'Eureka' unit. They identified real-world problems, brainstormed solutions, and created original inventions. The unit concluded with a pitch day, where students presented their ideas and practiced public speaking skills.

Light and Sound – Kaleidoscopes (3rd Grade)

Third grade students explored the properties of light and sound by creating their own kaleidoscopes using STEM skills. Students used various materials to observe reflection and refraction and enjoyed viewing the unique patterns created.

Special Visitor Lunch (Grades K–5)

Students had the opportunity to invite family members to join them for lunch and a schoolbook sale. This event supported strong family engagement and community connections.

EMHS:

Art Students Help with All County Musical Set

Art students in Mrs. McElhaney's classes recently showcased their creativity and collaboration by designing and crafting vibrant flowers for the set of The Wizard of Oz, WCSD's All-County Musical.







YDL Star Student & Big 30 All-Star

Congratulations to Clara Steinberg for being selected as the YDL Star Student of the Month. Clara has also been selected to play in the Big 30 All-Star Basketball Game later this month.



LUCKY DUCKS

Student Council, under the advisement of Mrs. Lobdell, organized a fun St. Patrick's Day activity by hiding small ducks throughout the building for students to find and redeem for prizes, bringing a bit of school spirit and excitement to the day.



SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Eisenhower defeated Corry to capture the District 10 title, marking the program's first district championship in more than 20 years. The Knights continued their strong postseason run by defeating District 9 champion Cranberry in the subregional seeding game. Their season came to a close in a tightly contested PIAA tournament matchup played in front of a sold-out crowd at Warren Area High School, where Eisenhower fell in a close game after an impressive playoff run.

SAEMS:

Mrs. Jones's First Grade class wrapped up their unit on Astronomy by trying some treats the astronauts enjoy. After talking about how the astronauts could not carry regular foods like fruits and vegetables to space because of the weight and no refrigeration, students tried freeze-dried strawberries, apples, and ice cream. They even tried a favorite, refreshing beverage of the Apollo astronauts—Tang! While the unit may be finished, students are encouraged to keep watching the stars as the weather gets nicer!



Sheffield Middle School 8th Grade Volleyball Team





Sheffield Middle School 7th Grade Volleyball Team





VIRTUAL:

The Warren County School District Virtual Academy continues to meet an important need for our students and families as enrollment continues to grow. The program currently serves 220 full-time virtual students, 68 part-time virtual students, and 337 students participating in enrichment course offerings. These numbers highlight the flexibility the program provides to families across the district. Some students utilize the program for a full virtual schedule, while others remain connected to their home school but take advantage of enrichment opportunities that expand their academic options. The continued growth of the program reflects the district's ability to provide students with flexible pathways that support a wide range of learning needs while keeping them connected to the Warren County School District.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, the Virtual Academy continues to expand its course offerings to better meet student interests and future career opportunities. In addition to a robust catalog of core and elective courses, the program will be adding four new agriculture courses next year, including Agriscience I Introduction, Principles of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, Agriscience IIA Exploring Horticulture, and Agriscience IIB Sustaining Human Life. These courses provide students with exposure to agriculture and natural resource fields that are highly relevant to our region. The addition of these courses also supports ongoing conversations about the possibility of developing an agriculture program at the Eisenhower Middle High School campus while continuing to grow opportunities for students through the Virtual Academy.

WAEC:

IU5 Chorus Fest

Under the direction of Mr. Parker Neal, eight talented WAEC students represented our school at the IU5 Elementary Chorus Fest, hosted through the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA). These students joined peers from across the region to rehearse, perform, and showcase their vocal skills in a district-wide celebration of choral music. Their participation highlighted the dedication and talent thriving in our music program - congratulations to Mr. Neal and our young singers for making WAEC proud!



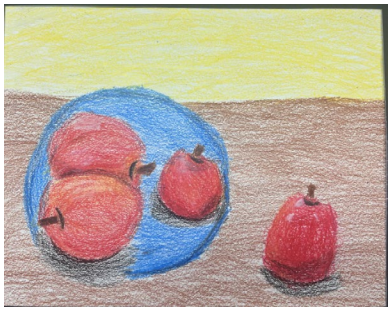


Student Artwork on Display at Warren Public Library

Ms. Fara Schumann curated and delivered a beautiful selection of WAEC student artwork for display at the Warren Public Library from March 5th through 27th. This exhibit gave our students the exciting opportunity to share their creativity with the wider community, celebrating Youth Art Month and inspiring visitors of all ages. Seeing our young artists' work proudly showcased downtown was a wonderful reminder of the talent and imagination at WAEC - thank you, Ms. Schumann, for facilitating this special opportunity!









All-County Musical Engagement and Performance

Our WAEC students had the chance to host All-County Musical performers for a special lunch right here at school! This visit allowed cast members to connect with our students, build excitement for theater, and encourage lifelong participation in the arts. Many WAEC students took the stage in the 18th All-County Musical production (which took place last week at Warren Area High School), contributing their energy and talent to this beloved community tradition.











WAHS:

WAHS Robotics Team Headed to Worlds

Warren Area High School's Robotics Team 52575C, "I Can't Pronounce That," made up of Donald Anderson, Rebecca Anderson, Abbi Cornman, Liam Ferry, Mason Moore, Philip Nickerson, and Lincoln Olsen, is having an outstanding VEX Push Back season. Across six regional events, they've earned six Tournament Champion awards, five Skills Champion awards, two Design awards, and four Excellence Awards.



The Excellence Award is the highest honor in VEX Robotics, recognizing the team that best represents the ideals of VEX and the REC Foundation—strong engineering documentation, interview performance, robot design, skills ranking, and professionalism. Earning this award four times in one season places WAHS among the region's top programs.

At the March 9th PA Western State Championships, the team qualified 4th out of 60 teams with a record of 8-0-0, and finished 2nd overall. The team finished 1st overall in the Skills competition, which tests driver skills and autonomous skills, and also won the Excellence award. All three of these achievements qualified the team for the VEX Robotics World Championships which will be held in St. Louis this year!

WAHS Recognizes Athletes Moving on to College Athletics



On Friday, March 13th, WAHS held it's Inaugural Spring Athletics Signing Day. The building held a Pep Assembly during 8th period to allow classmates and teammates to celebrate their accomplishments, followed by a parent/community ceremony after school. This year, 17 students were acknowledged for their commitment to participate in athletics at the post-secondary level in Baseball, Soccer, Track and Field, Football, Basketball, Cross Country, Trap Shooting and Sporting Clays, and Volleyball. Special thanks to Mr. Jon Sitler for organizing and putting on the event, Mr. Mark Evans for taking photos for the families, and Your Daily Local and the Times Observer for covering the event.

WCCC:

Early Childhood Development:

Jon Livengood recently provided a nice e-mail to the WCCC giving praise to Mrs. McClellan's students.

"Good Morning and happy Friday,

Mr. Evers,
I wanted to give kudos and let you know of the support provided by Mrs. McClellan and her students provided to the H.E.A.L. club this past Wednesday; me and Mrs. Bailey were very grateful.

The HEAL Club (WAHS and EMHS students) are going to go into the elementary schools and provide 'Kindness' lessons. THE ECD class came to our meeting and gave us good information on childhood development, developmentally appropriate information, and good ideas in class strategies.

Thank you again, Rachel.

Jon and Erica

Health-Medical Assisting:

Students from Health-Medical Assisting recently held a benefit breakfast for classmate, Avery Dalrymple at the Warren Eagles club. Programs at the WCCC provided numerous items that were used for the fundraiser – especially those from Welding. According to Ms. Cowan, the event raised over $5,000 for Avery. The highlight of the event was a surprise appearance from Avery and her family.

YEMS:

Students in Grades are having lots of fun and engagement in the morning with structured games after they eat their breakfast such as Connect Four, Uno, Yeti Spaghetti and most recently Twister and Giant Blocks. Pictured are Edlynn VanArsdale and Mei Hill in a friendly Twister game.



Middle Level Pencil Project: Two middle school sixth graders saw a need and created The Pencil Project at YEMS! They designed a pencil exchange program and are managing it independently. They have a pencil-collecting day around our building, finding lost pencils to add to the collection, ready for the exchange. They sharpen them and place them in the middle school counselor's room. There is a place for students who need a pencil to write their names and then erase when the pencil is returned. There have been several students who are already taking advantage of this program!

The students wrote a proposal for Mr. Kent to approve of this initiative. They designed "posters" to display and explain this to the student body. They hung papers explaining this throughout the building in populated areas. This is a student run and directed. These sixth graders saw a need and filled it with their project idea!

Read Across America Week: The first week of March marked Read Across America Week, and K-8 students celebrated with dress-up themes each day in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. The excitement continued Friday, March 6, when Ruby Wiles-Shaw from Free Books Town visited **Y**EMS.

Students in grades K–4 had the opportunity to select a free book to read and keep, making the school's "Drop Everything and Read" event even more special. This meaningful activity served as the perfect culminating celebration to wrap up a week filled with cultivating a love for reading and learning!

GIFTED: We're proud to recognize three Warren County School District fifth students, Patrick Ferrie, Bo Winkels and Grayson Zapel from Beaty-Warren Middle School gifted support students, who recently competed in the Pennsylvania Scholastic Esports League (PSEL) Minecraft State Finals. The three boys competed on Friday, February 6, 2026, and brought home a 1st place trophy! These students will be recognized at the March 9th school board meeting! Meggi Brown and Traci Vile, gifted support teachers, accompanied these students on this trip! Way to go!





Gifted Newsletter: Gifted Support Students during gifted enrichment days have been working to publish another gifted newsletter. Below is the link to the gifted newsletter!

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