WCSD
Positive Happenings
Learning in Action
February

BWMS:



Congratulations to Bo, Patrick and Grayson, for winning the Minecraft Education Build Challenge at the regional level! Their team designed an impressive Minecraft Farm featuring futuristic farming techniques, perfectly meeting the challenge requirements and standing out among the competition. They are invited to compete at the State competition on February 6.



We are incredibly proud of our students' success at the Warren County District Spelling Bee this afternoon! Congratulations Ashton (1st), Monica (2nd), and Savea (3rd) on their amazing accomplishments!



We are proud to recognize our January Students of the Month- each selected for consistently meeting our F.I.R.E. expectations: Fierceness, Integrity, Responsibility, and Excellence. Congratulations to Maximus, Samuel, Anastasia, and Juliette

EES:

Wellness Day – January 15, 2026

Students recently participated in a special Wellness Day as part of our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program. As a reward for demonstrating positive choices and NOBLE behavior, students had the opportunity to redeem their NOBLE points for a variety of engaging activities.

This mid-year “Brain Break” provided students with a chance to relax, recharge, and celebrate their continued commitment to being respectful, responsible, and safe members of our school community. Events like Wellness Day help reinforce positive behavior while supporting students’ social-emotional well-being.

Force and Motion in 3rd Grade Science



Mrs. Thompson’s third grade class has been exploring the exciting world of force and motion through hands-on learning and real-world connections. Students began by studying how forces such as pushes, pulls, and gravity work together in systems like a pinball machine. They also learned to distinguish between balanced and unbalanced forces.



To deepen their understanding, students conducted several experiments. Using dominoes, they observed how balance and force affect motion. They also investigated how ramp height influences how far an object travels. By testing toy cars on ramps of different heights — short, medium, and tall — students formed hypotheses and carried out controlled experiments.



Along the way, students practiced important measurement skills, learning how to accurately use a measuring tape to record the distance their cars traveled. After collecting and analyzing their data, the class discussed why increased ramp height led to greater travel distance, connecting their findings back to the scientific principles they had studied.

These hands-on experiences allowed students to apply critical thinking, collaboration, and scientific reasoning in meaningful and engaging ways.

EMHS:



EMHS celebrated Kindness Week, February 9–13, led by our Student Council. The week featured spirit days, kindness challenges, and activities that promoted positivity, connection, and respect throughout the school. As part of our PBIS framework and our “K is for Kindness” motto, staff recognized students demonstrating kindness by awarding PBIS points and offering shoutouts for positive behavior. EMHS was proud to build on last year’s recognition as a Kindness Certified School through the National Random Acts of Kindness Foundation and has reapplied for certification this year. A special Kindness Cart also visited staff during the week as a thank-you for all they do. Kindness Week reinforced our ongoing commitment to fostering a supportive and caring school culture.





Sixth Grade Special Breakfast – Cinnamon Rolls and Hot Cocoa

Our sixth graders enjoyed a special reward breakfast hosted by Mrs. Rouse and Mrs. Elms. Students were treated to hot cocoa and cinnamon rolls for staying on task and making positive choices. The celebration lasted an entire class period and ended with lots of laughter—and a fun tango dance line with their sixth-grade teachers!











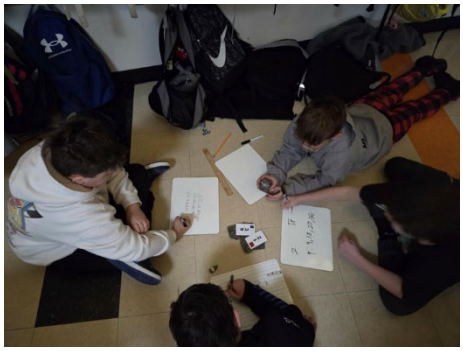




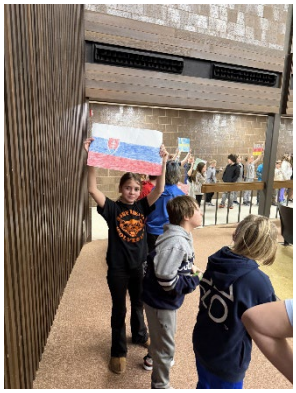
SAEMS:

Fifth graders are learning the engineering design process and how to use Earth's resources wisely by construction their own windmills! Each group had a successful windmill able to lift a weighted bucket.





4th Grade Reading Olympics Opening Ceremony



VIRTUAL:

February has been a month filled with collaboration, connection, and meaningful engagement for Virtual Academy Services. Our team has taken full advantage of opportunities to expand our reach, strengthen existing partnerships, and build community with students and districts alike.

We were proud to represent Virtual Academy Services at the 2026 PETE&C Conference, where we connected with leaders in educational technology and virtual learning from across the state. The conference provided an excellent platform to share the impact of our virtual programming and engage in collaborative conversations with both current and prospective partners. It was particularly rewarding to reconnect in person with several of our strong district partners who are located outside our immediate region. These conversations were energizing and reaffirmed the value of our work.



In addition to the conference, we took time to visit one of our long-standing partner districts, Ephrata School District, where we met with some of our full-time virtual students. The visit was held at the Hands-on House, a child-focused educational museum, where students engaged in interactive learning activities alongside their virtual teachers. These types of in-person meetups help foster connection and community between students and staff in a virtual environment and serve as a powerful reminder of the relationships that drive our success.



Between building statewide awareness at PETE&C and spending quality time with students in the field, this month has reinforced our commitment to growing Virtual Academy Services in a thoughtful, relationship-centered way. We're optimistic that these outreach efforts will lead to new district partnerships in the future and are proud to support the innovative work happening across the 15 districts we currently serve.

WAEC:

This past month, WAEC families and staff came together for our annual Winterfest, a joyful annual partnership with the PTO that brought much-needed fun and connection during the winter months. The event offered students, parents, and extended family members a wonderful opportunity to shake off cabin fever through engaging activities in the gym, cafeteria, library, art room, and the LGI.

Highlights included:

- Creative crafts and hands-on stations
- Festive face painting
- Interactive centers led by our dedicated teachers and enthusiastic 21st Century program students

These centers were a standout feature, showcasing practical ways for families to support learning at home. Families explored examples of:

- Reading fluency monitoring techniques
- Phonics-based activities
- Fun math games and skill-building exercises

Winterfest was a well-attended success, strengthening the home-school connection and empowering parents to continue reinforcing classroom instruction in literacy and math.

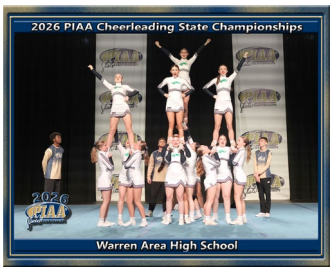


A huge thank you to our amazing PTO partners, teachers, 21st Century students, as events like Winterfest remind us how powerful community collaboration can be in creating positive, memorable experiences for our students and families.

WAHS:

"Striving for Academic and Personal Excellence in Career, Character, and Community."

WAHS Cheerleading Participates at the PIAA State Cheer Competition



Members of the WAHS Competition Cheerleading Team competed at the PIAA State Championships after receiving a bid following the District Competition and winning the District 10 Competitive Spirit AAA Small Varsity Championship. Congratulations to the members of the team and coaches Melissa Feaster, Holly Weisinger, and Kendall Arnold on a fantastic Fall and Winter cheer season.

WAHS Senior Recognized for Eagle Scout, PGE/YDL Student of the Month



WAHS Senior Isaac Hammerbeck was recently recognized through the Boy Scouts of America for achieving his Eagle Scout ranking. Isaac was formally recognized by Senator Scott Hutchinson and Representative Kathy Rapp and was featured in Senator Hutchinson's February Newsletter. Isaac was also chosen by Your Daily Local as the PGE/YDL February Student of the Month.

Warren Freshman Recognized by Times Observer



WAHS Freshman Dru Abbey was recently recognized by the Times Observer following the Warren Boys' Wrestling team's match against Harborcreek. Dru's selfless act during the wrestling match for the benefit of another wrestler and program exemplified the importance of sportsmanship, community, and character that our building and teachers work to instill into our students. A link to the article is included. https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2026/02/freshman-wrestler-turns-match-into-moment-of-sportsmanship/

Warren Unified Bocce 2025.2026 Winter Season

The Warren Unified Bocce Team has been competing in their second season since the program's inception in 2024.2025, finishing the regular season. With an increase in participants Warren was able to field two teams this year. Warren Team 1 finished their season 5-3 and qualified for playoffs to be held on February 23rd. Warren Team 2 finished with a 4-4 record and finished third in Section 3. Congratulations and best of luck in the playoffs!





WCCC:

Pre-Engineering:

Allegheny Valley Veterans Center

WAHS junior, Reed Wilson, was recently asked by the Allegheny Valley Veterans Center to develop rendering drawings for an 8-apartment housing project for veterans in our area.

Avery Dalrymple Fund Raising

Under the leadership of Nicole Doverspike, the WCCC recently participated in a fund-raising event held for Health/Medical Assisting student Avery Dalrymple. Ms. Dalrymple was involved in a serious car accident and was taken to Pittsburgh Children's Hospital. The students in Pre-Engineering, Machine Technology and Welding created numerous sculptures and cut-outs used for the raffle held at Bent Run. Other programs provided additional basket items based on their programs.







Early Childhood Development



Year-ONE students have been helping with the PBIS Winter Wonderland program. Students worked with kindergarten students painting their hands and helping them turn their handprints into birds and trees. WCCC students also participated in Christmas read-alouds and Valentine lessons.



Students have also been working with students participating in the All-County Musical by creating fun mini-lessons and projects.

YEMS:

On 1/15, YEMS celebrated positive behavior with our 2nd marking period SOAR assembly. Our students have earned 46,329 SOAR points so far this year for their positive behavior and set a goal for 100,000 for the year. Interested students used their SOAR points to enter a drawing to participate in a life-sized Hungry, Hungry Hippos game. Some of our staff showed off their skills with the "viral" Whitney Houston challenge too!



YEMS held a Pajama Day on Friday, January 30 as a fundraiser for the Dalrymple family. Students gave a donation to wear school-appropriate PJs to school. Everyone came together and showed their support for this local family. The amount raised totaled: $1,043.00. We are proud to be an Eagle and to support this family during their time of need!



GIFTED:

See the attached article in Your Daily Local. Three Gifted Support Beaty Warren Middle School students performed well at a recent Minecraft Education Build Challenge Competition. Through gifted support funding, these students will be attending a state competition on February 6th in Lancaster, PA! Good Luck at the state competition!

Beaty-Warren Middle School Students Advance to State Level in Minecraft Competition - yourdailylocal.com

The Gifted Support Program has updated their Gifted Support brochure which will be given to buildings to place in a prominent location in the office for parents/public to take. Copies will be made available to our school board members as well to help you keep current on Gifted Support Programming for our school district!