WCSD Positive Happenings
Learning in Action
May

BWMS:

We are incredibly proud of all our Beaty students who participated in the Regional K'nex STEM Design Competition this week! Congratulations to two Beaty K'NEX STEM Design teams for their outstanding performance!





Congratulations to all our students who participated in the BWMS Challenge 24 Tournament! The top four from each grade level band will now advance to the District Challenge 24 Tournament.





We are proud to recognize our April Students of the Month- each selected for consistently meeting our F.I.R.E. expectations: Fierceness, Integrity, Responsibility, and Excellence. Congratulations to Mallory, Coleman, Kaylynn, and Monica.

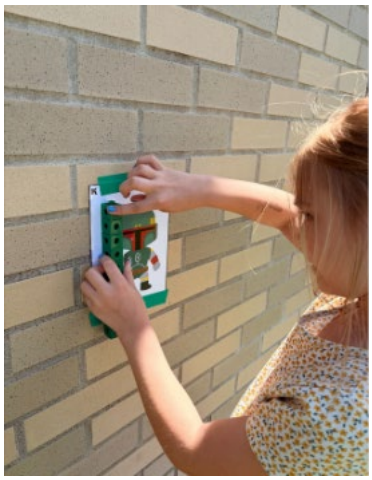


EES:

May the 4th Be with You.

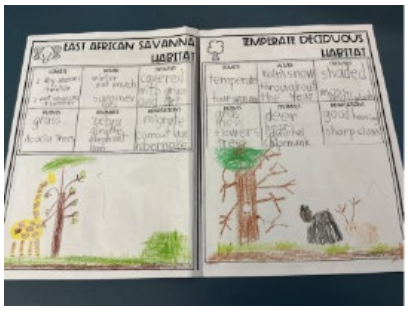
First graders used May 4th as a day to practice measurement. Images of Star Wars characters were hung up outside, and First grade students used their unifix cubes to measure the images. It was a great way to practice correct measurement skills.

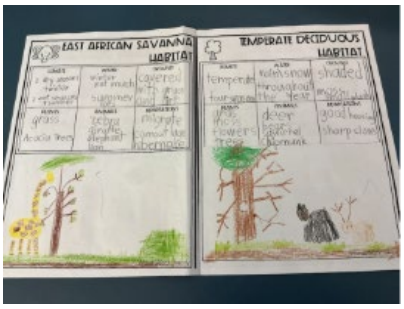


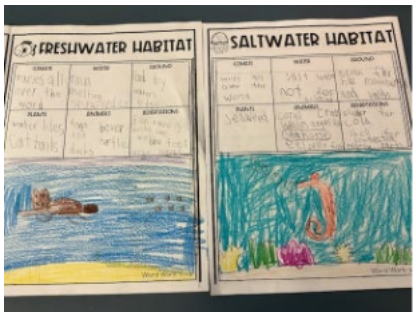


First Grade Habitat Journals

First Grade students completed a CKLA Knowledge Unit on habitats. Students documented their learning about different habitats in a Habitat Journal. After each lesson, students were able to respond to the reading and show what they learned by completing a page in their journal.







EES 5th graders visit the career center.

Our 5th graders toured WCCC on May 5th. The tour included a stop to each classroom in the center. Students were given an opportunity to ask questions and explore. It was a wonderful experience in furthering career readiness.

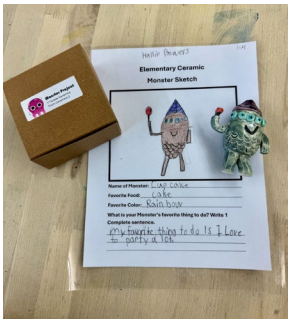
EMHS:

Ceramic Monsters

Ceramic 2 students at EMHS partnered with EES first graders in a creative collaboration where high school students transformed original monster drawings into ceramic sculptures. Mrs. McElhaney introduced the project to the first graders, teaching them about the clay process and encouraging them to design unique monsters with detailed features and written descriptions. Using these ideas, Ceramic 2 students carefully crafted and glazed 50 individualized pieces, paying close attention to each child's vision. The project culminated in a gallery event where first graders met with the high school artists, asked questions, and saw their creations come to life—creating a meaningful centered on creativity, communication, and cross-grade collaboration.









Record-Breaking Performances Highlight Eisenhower Track and Field Season

Eisenhower Middle Senior High School track and field is celebrating a strong season as three athletes broke school records. Chase Myers set a new record in the 110-meter hurdles, Ethan Beers in the high jump, and Alex VanGelder in the discus. Their achievements highlight the dedication and hard work of our students and coaching staff.






SAEMS:

Students in 4th grade recently competed in a classroom Challenge 24 competition. The top 4 finishers will compete against other 4th and 5th graders at the district level competition on May 5th at Warren Area High School.





Kindergarteners at Sheffield had an incredible start to the week! They welcomed the PA Mobile Agriculture Lab for a hands-on lesson on where our favorite foods come from. Through the story of Little Red Hen, students followed the journey of a pizza from the farm all the way to the oven. They learned that every single topping—from the crust to the cheese—starts with the hard work of a farmer. Our 4th graders took advantage of the Ag Mobile and churned milk into butter.









VIRTUAL:

This month, we have taken a proactive approach to better understand and address the needs of Warren County School District students who have transitioned to cyber charter schools. Our team conducted outreach through cold calls to families to learn more about their reasons for leaving and to share the opportunities available through WCSD Virtual Academy Services. These conversations provided valuable insight into family decision-making and highlighted areas where we can continue to improve and better communicate our offerings. The information gathered will be shared with central office administration to help guide future planning and decision-making.

As part of this effort, we updated our informational materials and shared them directly with families, emphasizing the benefits of remaining connected to WCSD while accessing flexible virtual learning options. We also distributed next year's course listings so families could see the breadth of opportunities available within our program. Emails and mailings were sent to families prior to hosting an Open House, allowing us to build awareness and encourage participation. The Open House then provided an opportunity for interested families to learn more about the program, ask questions, and connect with staff.

Another positive outcome of this work is the continued expansion of our virtual course offerings for next school year. The addition of Advanced Placement courses and an expanded selection of world language options reflect our commitment to providing rigorous and diverse academic opportunities. These enhancements position WCSD Virtual Academy Services as a strong, competitive option for families seeking high-quality virtual education while maintaining their connection to the district.

WAEC:

K’nex Design Challenge Competition

Students from across Warren County in Grades 4-8 participated in the K'nex Design Challenge Competition at the IU5 in Edinboro on April 13 and 14. There were three 4th grade teams from WAEC who participated, coached by Mrs. Downey. The students were tasked with creating a K'nex project of a factory that produced a product using sustainable practices and environmentally responsible practices. Although we did not have any WAEC winners this year at the regional competition, we are proud of their hard work. The following WAEC students participated.

Team 1: The Blue Boragers
Symphony Weber and Abigail Szymczyk
Team 2: The Garbage Truck Kids
Caleb Hellman, Frank Cordray, and Kai Whitmire
Team 3: The Green Tree Planters
Jemma VanOrd and Adelaide Anthony







WAHS:

A group of WAHS students from Mr. Campbell's Entomology class recently visited the Head Start Program and Ms. O'Donnell's classroom to teach younger students about insects. Students shared their collections from the school year, talked with students about characteristics of insects and common insects in the area, and went outside to help students find insects on their own. Thank you to the Head Start program for partnering with Mr. Campbell and his students to form connections and create interest in science for the pre-school students. Pictured from WAHS are Mr. Campbell, Zane Carlson, Evelyn Egner, Alex Gulnac, Jacob Retterer, Bella Slocum, and Grace Wilkins.



Presentations from the Highway Safety Network took place on April 23rd at WAHS for 11th and 12th grade students and included multiple local municipalities (Pennsylvania State Police, Conewango Township Police, Warren City Police Department, Warren County Sheriff's Office) on Teen Highway Safety as a Prom Awareness event. Students heard about the choices they can make on the road, how to prevent dangerous situations from occurring while driving, and had the opportunity to participate in impaired driving simulators.



Warren Area High School held its Spring Prom event on Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 - "A Night in Greece". Thank you to all the adults that helped to make Prom a memorable night for our students, and congratulations to the 2026 Prom King and Queen Wyatt Stearns and Zoe Rodgers!



WCCC:

FBLA

The WCCC sent 8 students to the PA state FBLA competition in Hershey. We had three (3) students qualify for the National FBLA competition to be held in Texas in late June. Alex Gulnac and Connor Mix took 2nd place for Network Design and Michael Haight took 4th place for Network Design. Reagan Eckstrom made it to the finals for Technology Support and Services but unfortunately did not qualify for Nationals.

Warren/Forest Higher Education Summer Camps

The WCCC will be running summer camps through Hi-Ed again this summer. It appears we will be offering Automotive Technology, Power Equipment, Pre-Engineering and Welding. The camp will run from June 8-12.

First Responders Camp

Mr. Noe (Protective Services) will be operating the First Responders Camp again this summer. The event will take place June 15-17. Students from the Fire Explores assist the event as counselors.

YEMS:

The Mobile Ag Lab was set up at YEMS during the week of May 4-8! Pictured are first grade students in Mrs. Nyquist's class participating in a hands-on activity- Bee-utiful Relationship. The students are shown investigations on the parts of the flower and then wrote down their hypothesis tied to how plants grow.





On April 17th, the schools all met at Chapman Dam to compete in the annual Envirothon. The high school teams had a chance to go to states and beyond, and the middle level teams competed for the experience and preparation leading up to high school. There were stations set up to test Forestry, Aquatics, Wildlife, Soils, and this year's topic- Nonpoint pollution. It was a beautiful day, and students got a taste of what the competition is and if they want to continue to train at the high school level.

In first place were The Hungry Hippos: Parker Cressley, Luke Baxter, Lillian Lair, Ella Lord, Rylynn Scott



In second place were: The Perfect Pandas: Mason Gentz, Ian Lewis, Wesley Hornstrom, and Camryn Branstrom



GIFTED: Gifted Programming - Positive Happenings

Noetic Math Competition: Thursday, April 9

- **WAEC** (47 students in grades 2nd-4th participated)
  WAEC Awards Ceremony will be on May 20

- **Beaty** (90 students in grades 5th-8th participated)
  Beaty Awards Ceremony will be on May 21

Honor Roll students (Top 10%)

Three students made the Honor Roll Leaderboard. This was the most we have ever had on the same contest, which was amazing!

- Grayson Zapel - 5th Grade
- Joel Banuelos - 5th Grade
- Jackson Warner - 7th Grade

Honorable Mention Students (Top 50%)

- Harriet Malczyk - 2nd Grade
- Cambria Johnson - 2nd Grade
- Kenzi Irons - 2nd Grade
- Alex Hanes - 2nd Grade
- Connor Zapel - 3rd Grade
- Eliza Hellman - 3rd Grade
- Kasen Winkels - 4th Grade
- Symphony Weber - 4th Grade
- Mack Letko - 4th Grade
- Dylan Anderson - 4th Grade
- Sophia Zickovich - 4th Grade
- Bo Winkels - 5th Grade
- Draedon Gnage - 5th Grade
- Lydia Malczyk - 5th Grade
- Adelyn Hamilton - 6th Grade
- Daxter Irons - 6th Grade
- Ridgley Blum - 6th Grade
- MaeLynn Roblee - 7th Grade
- Connor Campbell - 8th Grade

STEM Design Challenge - April 13 and 14

Several Warren County School Students recently competed in the STEM Design Challenge competition at the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit 5, in Edinboro, PA. 4th & 5th graders competed on Monday, April 13th, and 6th-8th graders competed on Tuesday, April 14th.

Warren County School District was well represented! We had teams from:
Beaty-Warren Middle School (Team Advisor: Meggi Brown)
Eisenhower Elementary and Middle/High School (Team Advisor: Jordan Sitler)
Sheffield Area Elementary (Team Advisor: Traci Vile)
Warren Area Elementary School (Team Advisor: Rebecca Downey)
Youngsville Elementary and Middle/High School (Team Advisor: Pam Brown)

Challenge

For this year's challenge, students had to research, plan and design a section of a factory that produces a product using sustainable practices by preparing a prototype constructed of K'nex and/or Engino, that showcases how their functioning machine works, and how it would support environmentally responsible production.

The machine prototype should clearly demonstrate sustainability principles by minimizing waste, maximizing efficiency, and/or simulating the use of recycled, reusable, or otherwise sustainable parts, materials, or resources.

Teams may choose to incorporate recycled or reused materials into other aspects of the model outside of the K'Nex/Engino prototype, such as background settings, factory signage or products, or visual representation of sustainable resources to highlight environmentally responsible thinking and enhance the model's commitment to sustainability.

At the Regional level, they gave out 4 awards: Most Creative Design, 3rd place, 2nd place, 1st place. Several schools from our region participated. The Regional Competition was held at IU5 in Edinboro, PA.

4th/5th Grade, April 13

2nd Place - Team Bamboo Basher from Eisenhower. Team members consisted of Kenzie Guiher, Elyzza Linkerhof, Lydia Carlstrom, and Autumn Waite.

3rd Place - Team Metal Melter from Sheffield. Team members consisted of Titus Goodwine, Toby Leichtenberger, Ava Robbins, and Avalee Seither.

Most Creative Concept - Team Gummy Bear from Youngsville. Team members consisted of Gabriella Rose, Sadie Watson, Claire Williams, and Caroline Everetts.

6th-8th Grade, April 14

State Competition- April 8 - Team Green Beans attended - Four 7th Grade Beaty students

1st Place - Team Green Beans from Beaty. Teammates were Kaylee Gray, Kaitlyn Salapek, Elsie Woldt and Ashlynn Zawacki. Team Green Beans wowed the judges with their detailed blueprint and creative project design! Team Green Beans advanced to States and participated on April 8. Although they did not place, they did very well and only missed 1 ½ points. Their overall project focused on addressing soil pollution, an environmental issue that is often overlooked compared to air and water pollution. Recognizing the importance of protecting soil health, Team Green Beans set out to design a soil sifter system that separates contaminants from soil. The device works by filtering the soil and directing it through a process involving fungi and water. During this process, pollutants such as oil are separated from the soil. The remaining soil is then naturally cleaned with the help of fungi, which can break down harmful substances and restore soil quality. Through this innovative approach, Team Green Beans aimed to raise awareness about soil pollution while demonstrating a sustainable method for environmental cleanup.

2nd Place – Team Emission Mission from Beaty. Teammates were Lillian Wellner, Nina Woldt, Carly Olsen, and Delaney Moore. All 8th graders at Beaty-Warren Middle School. The judges were impressed by their creativity and teamwork. It was a very close competition.

Most Creative Concept - Team ME from Eisenhower. Team members consisted of Amolia Jackson and Elizabeth Waite.

WPSU Poetry Contest - April Poetry Month
Adley Brown, 2nd grader at WAEC placed 1st for her Poem *Summer Forest*.

Adley had the opportunity to record herself reading her winning poem on the radio and the recording was featured on the WPSU-FM special radio program called "Poetry Moment" on April 27. Her poem is also published on the WPSU website at https://wpsu.org/2026-wpsu-poetry-contest-winners/.

The Summer Forest - 1st Place
By Adley Brown
Grade 2 - Warren Area Elementary Center

I hear birds chirping
It feels safe and cozy
I hear the rustling leaves and whispering
It smells fresh
The forest smiles just like you smile to me
The leaves run with the wind
A forest is like a book with beauty

WQLN Writing Contest winners - Notified of winners on April 9

WQLN PBS Kids Writers Contest is designed to promote the advancement of children's literacy skills through hands-on, active learning. The contest invites kids to experience the hands-on process of developing their own stories and illustrations, which builds language skills such as reading, grammar and syntax, and encourages creativity. The following students from the Warren County School District placed with their stories.

Kindergarten

- 1st Place-Abel Richards (WAEC)
- 2nd Pace-Letti Cameron (WAEC)
- 3rd Place-Joseph Sheats (WAEC)

1st Grade

- 3rd Place-Joseph Trubic (WAEC)

2nd Grade

- 2nd Place-Kenzi Irons (WAEC)
- 3rd Place-Phoebe Raffaele (WAEC)

3rd Grade

- 1st Place-Evelyn Kramer (WAEC)

4th Grade

- 2nd Place-Everlee Ackley (WAEC)
- 3rd Place-Chloe Campbell (WAEC)

5th Grade

- 3rd Place-Aria Carlson (BWMS)

American Legion essay (Warren Area) - We were notified on April 29

3rd Grade

- 1st Place - Bea Miller
- 2nd Place - Blake Peterson
- 3rd Place – Magnus Ferrie

4th Grade

- 1st Place - Oliver Mohr
- 2nd Place - Caleb Hellman
- 3rd Place – Alanna Sharp

5th Grade

- 1st Place – Elizabeth Rockwell
- 2nd Place – Damian Bailey
- 3rd Place – Emily Campbell

7th Grade:

- 1st Place - Sophia Kenworthy
- 2nd Place – Kaylee Gray
- 3rd Place - Paightyn Lewis

The District Challenge 24:
The District Challenge 24 Tournament took place on **Tuesday, May 5** at WAHS. The Challenge 24 tournament went very well. It was held in the gymnasium at WAHS for the second year in a row.

4th/5th Grade Level Band

- 1st place-AJ Harris
- 2nd place-Toby Leichtenberger
- 3rd place-Elyzza Linkerhof

6th Grade Level Band

- 1st Place - Ceci Wallace
- 2nd Place – Avah Briggs
- 3rd Place – Tristan Lord

7th/8th Level Band

- 1st Place - Kaylee Gray
- 2nd Place - Ashton Carrington
- 3rd Place - Liliana Sandagata

The following students qualified for the Regional Challennge 24 Tournament happening on Monday, May 18 for the 4th/5th graders and Tuesday, May 19th for the 6th-8th grade students.

Monday, May 18th
4th and 5th graders
Amarah Probst - Sheffield Area Elementary School
AJ Harris - Beaty-Warren Middle School
Elyzza Linkerhof - Eisenhower Elementary School
Titus Hoak - Sheffield Area Elementary School
Toby Leichtenberger - Sheffield Area Elementary School
Avalee Seither - Sheffield Area Elementary School
Anna Nickerson - Beaty-Warren Middle School
Aria Carlson - Beaty-Warren Middle School

Tuesday, May 19th
6th Graders
Tristan Lord - Sheffield Elementary/Middle School
Ceci Wallace - Eisenhower Middle/High School
Avah Briggs - Eisenhower Middle/High School
Daxter Irons - Beaty-Warren Middle School
7th/8th Graders
Kaylee Gray - Beaty-Warren Middle School
Ashton Carrington - Beaty-Warren Middle School
Liliana Sandagata - Beaty-Warren Middle School
Bristol Fuller - Beaty-Warren Middle School
Ian Lewis - Youngsville Elementary/Middle School
Haylee Northrop - Youngsville Elementary/Middle School
Jayden Harrington - Youngsville Elementary/Middle School
Ethan Zimmerman - Eisenhower Middle/High School

WCSD Gifted Program – Cordially invites you to Family Night!

Wednesday, May 27, 2026
Open House: 5:00-5:45 PM
Student Presentations: 5:45-6:30 PM
YEMS Cafeteria
232 Second St
Youngsville, PA.

You are cordially invited to Family Night to explore the projects our students have been working on.

