February 2026

the West Carroll 3-2-1 Update

Three Highlights • Two Quotes • One Challenge

January was a month brought West Carroll's best qualities into focus. From students showing gratitude to our community, to young leaders stepping into civic life, to classrooms full of celebration and purpose, our schools continue to be a place where great things happen every day. Here is a look at what stood out this month across WCSSD.

3 Highlights from Across the District

- **Pizza with the Principal at WCES:** West Carroll Elementary celebrated students who earned zero Dojos down in Class Dojo throughout the entire fall semester. Dr. Jessica Williams, WCES Principal, honored these students with a "Pizza with the Principal" lunch. Students from third through sixth grade were recognized for their consistent effort and positive choices each and every day. A special thank you to Ms. Misty, Manager of Little General, for partnering with our school to make this celebration possible.

- **West Carroll Leadership Students Attend Capitol Talk Series:** Students participating in the Carroll County Youth Leadership program attended the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce's Capitol Talk Series on January 16, featuring Representative Brock Martin at the Carroll County Civic Center. Students had the chance to engage with elected officials and hear about legislative priorities. The event also included a special moment. Colonel James Harding received the Distinguished Career and Leadership Award from the Chamber Board. Our students represented West Carroll well and came away with a deeper understanding of how community and government work together. Students participating are Kahli Baum, Chandler Rimmer, Arlexis Perry, Hayden Weaver, and Kalee Coleman. WC Leadership sponsor is Ms. Erin Lewis.

- **BETA Students Deliver Care Bags to Carroll County Electric Department:** As part of the National Beta Club's February service theme, Care Bags for a Cause, West Carroll Beta members Anastin McAlpin and William McAlpin visited the Carroll County Electric Department to deliver care packages and personally thank the team for their work restoring power during recent outages. The gesture reflects something we believe deeply at WCSSD. Strong schools grow through strong community partnerships. We are proud of our students for taking time to recognize the people who serve our community.

2 Quotes from Our Leaders

"Their accomplishment was not an easy one: it required excellent behavior every day. Their excellent behavior and positive attitudes make our school a great place to be."
— **Dr. Jessica Williams,** West Carroll Elementary School Principal

"We are proud of our students for noticing the people who serve our community and for taking time to show gratitude in a meaningful way." - **Jennifer Kemp,** WCES Beta Sponsor

1 Challenge for Our Community

Read with Us!

March 2 through 6 is Read Across America Week, and we want our whole community involved. This week, pick up a book with your child. Read a chapter together at the dinner table, in the car, or before bed. Ask them what they are reading at school. Let them read to you. Our students are building a love of reading every day at West Carroll, and nothing reinforces that more than seeing the adults in their lives join in.

At WCSSD, we believe every child deserves to be known, supported, and prepared for life after graduation. We are grateful for your partnership as we grow together this winter.

Our next board meeting will be held on March 5th. I hope to see you there can reach me at preston.caldwell@wcssd.org

For the students who make this work so important,

Preston Caldwell

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