July 2026

the West Carroll 3-2-1 Update

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Summer is moving quickly, and June brought some good news worth passing along. Here is a look at what has been happening across the district.

3 Highlights from Across the District

- **Erin Lewis Selected for WestTeach Class of 2026:** Ms. Erin Lewis, a teacher at West Carroll Junior Senior High School, has been selected for the WestTeach Class of 2026 through the University of Tennessee at Martin's WestStar Leadership Program. WestTeach supports the development of K-12 teachers across the 21 counties of West Tennessee, connecting educators with regional leaders and real-world learning that carries back into the classroom. Each class is selected by an advisory council with approval from the teacher's director of schools. Ms. Lewis is one of 16 teachers chosen this year. The cohort meets throughout the fall semester and graduates in December at UT Martin. Congratulations, Ms. Lewis!

- **Beta District of Distinction:** West Carroll Special School District has been named a 2026 National Beta District of Distinction. Nationally, only 96 districts earned this distinction in 2026 — out of thousands across the country. Our Beta students are known for their academics, their character, and the way they give back to this community year after year. Physical awards will be on display at each school soon.

- **$750,000 Renovation Underway at West Carroll Elementary:** New windows, doors, and an updated entry vestibule are being installed at West Carroll Elementary School as part of a $750,000 district-funded project. The work is expected to be finished during the first semester of the 2026-27 school year. When complete, the building will be safer, more secure, and ready to welcome students and families for years to come. We will share updates as the project moves forward.

2 Quotes from Our Leaders

"When one of our teachers is selected for a program like WestTeach, the whole district benefits. Ms. Lewis is an outstanding educator, and I could not be more proud to have her representing West Carroll Junior Senior High School on that stage." — **Dr. Adam Douglas,** West Carroll High School Principal

"Our schools are the heart of this community, and they deserve facilities that reflect that. The improvements at West Carroll Elementary are about more than construction. They are about making sure every child arrives at a school that is safe and ready for the future."
- William Robinson, West Carroll Special School District Board of Education Chairman

1 Challenge for Our Community

Fall arrives faster than it feels like it will. If you or someone you know is still weighing school options for this school year, now is a good time to take a closer look at West Carroll. Small classes. Personal attention. A wide range of programs. Newly renovated facilities. Summer enrollment is open, and our team is happy to answer questions. Call 731-662-4200 to learn more.

At WCSSD, we believe every child deserves to be known, supported, and prepared for life after graduation. Thank you for your continued partnership.

Our next board meeting is August 4th. I hope to see you there.
As always, you can reach me at preston.caldwell@wcssd.org.

For the students who make this work so important,

Preston Caldwell

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