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Shadow Day Success

On March 16, 2001 Marshall County Schools participated in their first Business Shadow Day. This was a joint effort of our school system, Ohio County Schools, local parochial schools, the Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce and the Marshall County Chamber of Commerce. From 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon ninth graders from Marshall County Schools visited their host sites, toured the facility and then shadowed one or more workers, sometimes even getting to do some "hands-on" activities.



**Student Audra Chambers
with Elena Icard of the
Marshall County Animal Shelter**

The response and cooperation of local businesses, industries and governmental agencies was overwhelming. One hundred-eleven shadow sites were available to our students. Approximately two hundred forty-one ninth graders from Union, Moundsville and Sherrard Junior Highs and Cameron High School participated. Responses from participating students have been universally positive. Evaluation forms returned by the participating businesses have also shown enthusiastic responses. Many indicated that they wished the event would last longer. We truly appreciate the participation of these business partners.

Thanks go out to C'Ann Reilly, of Our Lady of Peace School and Mike Ricci of Ohio County Schools for their expertise in coordinating this event. Mr. David Knuth, Marshall County Chamber of Commerce Director, led in the effort of rounding up business partners for Shadow Day. Participating school counselors coordinated student participation and several teachers helped in debriefing students, discussing outcomes, and writing thank you notes.



**Brian Dayton and Tim Gatts with
Joan Palmer of Marshall County Schools**

Clearly this was a gargantuan effort and could not have been done without the efforts and cooperation of many people. The payoff has been the positive and enthusiastic response of our students. We hope that Career Shadow Day opened their eyes to the World of Work and has helped them on their pathway toward career exploration.

Congratulations

To

Dr. Mary Lee Porter

EDD

Leadership Studies

Megan Burrough

Sherrard Jr. High
named

Prudential Spirit of
Community
state winner

Nora Shalloway

Cameron H.S.
Yeager Scholarship
Recipient

Charlotte Logston

MJHS Cook
Completed the ServSafe
Certification Exam

New Faces in the MCS Family



Robert Burton
Sand Hill



ROBERTS TRUST FUND ALLOCATIONS FY01

REPLACEMENT
ROOF MJHS
FIELDHOUSE
\$56,000

JM GIRLS
BASKETBALL
UNIFORMS
\$2,160

JM BOYS
BASKETBALL
UNIFORMS
\$4,961

MESSAGE AND
SCOREBOARD
CHS
\$7,940

UNIFORMS/
INSTRUMENTS/
BUS CHS
JR./SR. BAND
\$10,955

Christine Vargo Bayer-PPG mini-grant recipient.

Christine Vargo, a science teacher at Union Junior High, was awarded a \$500.00 mini-grant by the Bayer-PPG community Advisory Board. The purpose of the grant is to conduct a field trip to a local stream to survey the water, soil, flora, and fauna, of the area. The students will be assisted by three environmental scientists from NASA's classroom of the Future. This is in conjunction with the Lewis and Clark Grant that Marshall County Schools will be involved in over the next five years. The students will model the work of Lewis and Clark, in a high tech way, as they were journaling and surveying their way across the United States in the early 1800's. The students will be using Calculator Based laboratories, digital cameras, laptop computers, and other technology to conduct their studies. The student's findings will be posted on Union's GLOBE site, which is an international database for scientific data collected by students, and displayed on the Lewis and Clark project's homepage.

Centralized Food Service

Marshall County is operating its' second year in a centralized food service program. The program has been successful, and continues to make progress in meeting dietary guidelines, encouraging staff to improve their skills and child nutrition knowledge, and incorporating program information into the local school curriculum. All Child Nutrition staff will be receiving additional training on the implementation of the new food code and USDA Dietary Guidelines, and several will be attending the West Virginia School Food Service Association Annual Conference. The West Virginia State Department has mandated that all counties operate under a centralized food service program for the 2002 school year.

Marshall County Website Rated One of the Best

The Marshall County Schools website and Park View Elementary School have been selected as featured sites in Lightspan's StudyWeb® as some of the best educational resources on the Web by their researchers. Visitors to the Lightspan web site will be able to view the county sites in the State-Specific:States of the U.S. Index:West Virginia:State Education Index:High Schools/Elementary Schools section. StudyWeb® is one of the Internet's premier sites for educational resources for students and teachers. Since 1996, expert reviewers have scoured the Internet to select only the finest sites to be included in StudyWeb's listing of educational links. Each site in StudyWeb® includes a detailed review describing its editorial and visual merits.



Superintendent Does Not Seek Contract Renewal

In a letter written to the Marshall County Board of Education, dated February 27, 2001, Nick P. Zervos stated he would not be seeking renewal of his contract as Superintendent of Marshall County Schools. He stated that the renewal of his contract seemed to be one of the major issues polarizing the board, and with the problems facing the county with enrollment loss and unfunded State mandates, it is necessary that the board be able to focus and work together to reach goals.

Mr. Zervos praised the teachers, principals, service personnel and county administration for their commitment to excellence, as well as the community support via operating levies, parent booster organizations, and business partnerships. He extended best wishes to all and promised to do everything possible to assist in the transition of the Superintendent's office.

West Virginia Department of Education Web Site:

The West Virginia Department of Education has posted a web page full of valuable information for teachers, parents, students and citizens. Links to West Virginia Report Cards, Trend Data, Board of Education Policies, Certification Status, IGO's, and Lesson Plans are just a few examples of the information that can be found here. Turn your browser to <http://wvde.state.wv.us>.

West Virginia Reads

Central Elementary School is one of forty-one schools statewide to receive a WV Reads Grant. The funds will be used to support the Summer Energy Express Program. The \$10,000 grant written by Mrs. Wendy Clutter will help to provide small group and one-on-one tutoring instruction as well as funding for the purchase of instructional supplies.

The summer of 2001 will mark the third year the Energy Express Program has served Central Elementary. Cameron Elementary will be initiating the second summer with the Energy Express Program.



Instructional Material Selection

Elementary and Secondary personnel are in the process of reviewing instructional materials. The curricular areas of Reading/English Language Arts are under consideration for the elementary level, while English/Language Arts, Spelling and Drivers Education are being examined at the secondary level.

The Elementary committee have recommended the following materials from which the teachers will choose one text; Houghton Mifflin, Scott Foresman, and McGraw Hill.

Numerous series were examined at the secondary level, and after much discussion, the following textbooks will be recommended. Elements of Literature from Holt, Rinehart and Winston for grades seven through twelve, Everyday Spelling by Scott Foresman for grades seven and eight, and Drive Right by Prentice Hall. Publishing.



Free Breakfast



Marshall County Schools Child Nutrition Program recognizes the importance of a nutritious breakfast to enhance student scholastic performance. The program will be providing breakfast at no charge to students during state testing dates.



Jellybeans Have a Colorful History

They're as common as eggs at Easter, but no one really knows exactly where the colorful, flavorful jellybean came from. According to the National Confectioners Association, the jellied center of the sweet bean probably came from a Middle Eastern candy known as Turkish Delight, which was famous even in Biblical times. The shell coating is an offspring of a process called panning, first invented in 17th century France to make Jordan Almonds. The panning process, while done primarily by machine today, has remained essentially the same for the last 300 years. The French began by rocking almonds in a bowl filled with sugar and syrup until the almonds were coated with a candy shell. Today, large rotating pans do the heavy work while master confectioners apply their true art in adding the ingredients to create just the right shell. Somehow the two processes made their way to America. The earliest know appearance of a jellybean combining these two techniques was in 1861 when an advertisement for the candy appeared. William Schrafft of Boston promoted the jellybean and advocated sending the beans to soldiers in the Union army during the Civil War. Jellybeans quickly earned a place among the many glass jars of penny candy in general stores where they were sold by weight and taken home in paper bags. They have even graced the desk of President Ronald Reagan, who loved the treat. By the 1930's, the jellybean had become a part of the Easter celebration for people around the world. In fact, more than 13.5 billion beans were sold during Easter time in 1998, enough to circle the earth three times!



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Joan Y. Palmer, Editor

MJHS completion on Schedule

The construction of the new Moundsville Jr. High School is still on schedule for a completion date of July 15, 2001. All concrete block and face brick work has been completed and the interior walls are being painted. Many comments have been made concerning how spacious the building looks from the inside as opposed to the exterior view. There continues to be a very good transition of work schedules among all the sub-contractors on the project. New exterior work will be noticed as the face bricks are being cleaned and areas around the school are being prepared for sidewalks.

The new MJHS will feature the latest in hi-speed cabling infrastructure providing access to the building network as well as the Internet. Two wiring closets will house Bay Network electronics with switched to the desktop structured Category 5 cabling. The wiring closets will be connected via 12 strand fiber optics supporting the 346 data drops throughout the facility. Each classroom will be wired with a minimum of five Internet drops with two computer labs having 33 drops. Additionally, the Technology Education lab, Consumer Science, and Media Center will have fourteen, nine, and twelve drops respectively. Classrooms will also have connections for teacher workstations with some rooms having network printer drops. In addition, ten data drops will be available in the faculty planning area and network drops will be available in all administrative areas. The school is served by a Novell network with Robert Triveri serving as the system operator.

