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Please double check your calendars and adjust them to make up for the snow days we have had so far.



Marshall County Schools continues to seek

ways in which open communication can be provided for parents and community members. Visit boe.mars.k12.wv.us to contact county administrators or school principals.

Board of Education policies may be viewed at boe.mars.k12.wv.us/policies.

Mobile Agriculture Lab Visits Glen Dale Elem.

For one week in November, students at Glen Dale and Sand Hill Elementary schools had the chance to tour the West Virginia Farm Bureau Mobile Agriculture Education Science Trailer. Mr. Fred Hazlett, a Marshall County Farm Bureau member, provided the financial support for the trailer which let students in grades K-5 do experiments such as making glue from milk, making plastic from corn, and examining natural and man-made superabsorbent products. Students also learned to read nutritional labels and discovered which snacks are healthier for their growing needs. An open house was held with many people from the community touring the trailer.



Cameron Clubs Helping the Community

The Cameron High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) have expanded their outreach to include a food pantry to help students and residents. The food pantry was established in 2014 to expand on the hygiene and school supply pantry created eight years ago. Both organizations work together to make sure the outreach programs are run effectively and are funded throughout the year by local organizations, student led canned food drives, and clothing donations. For more information about either of these organizations, contact Mrs. Price or Mrs. Williams at CHS.



Roster Verification Comes to WV Schools

Beginning in March, many teachers will take part in the roster verification process mandated by the WVDE. The goal of the process is to more accurately track the instruction given to a student instead of just assuming the teacher in the master schedule did 100% of the instruction. BFK-Link is the software that will be used and according to battelleforkids.org, nearly 1 in 4 teachers have incomplete or incorrect content area association and 1 in 3 rosters are inaccurate. Last year, BFK-Link helped verify over 500,000 rosters.

In WV's new teacher evaluation system, school wide growth contributes 5% to the summative evaluation of all teachers. For math and ELA teachers, the individual student growth of their students will contribute 15% to their summative evaluation. These scores will be based on the 2015 statewide assessment. One goal of the roster verification process is to have an accurate *record of teaching* and not just a *teacher of record*.

A team of trainers has already attended BFK-Link training and will soon be training others in the county to complete the roster verification process. More information about the process can be found online at wvde.state.wv.us/evalwv/trainings.html.

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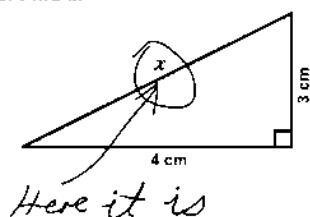
If you have direct deposit and have noticed you don't receive paystubs anymore, that is because Marshall County Schools moved to the County Employee Online system at wveis.k12.wv.us/countempol. Once you login you will have access to payroll history, W-4 verification, W-2 history, and be able to change your employee information online. Shelly Och said, "This has been a smooth, positive transition and we are excited to have this information at the employees' fingertips." If you have any questions about the program, email Shelly Och at soch@k12.wv.us or call 304-843-4400, ext. 341.

Marshall County Math Field Day

On January 10th, students from Marshall County Schools competed in Math Field Day—a competition that consists of different challenges for students, depending on their grade level. Competitions include written math problems, mental math, and quantity estimation. At the regional Math Field Day, physical estimation and short answer challenges are added. The Marshall County winners who qualified to compete at the regional competition (to be held March 7th) are listed below in order of their finish.

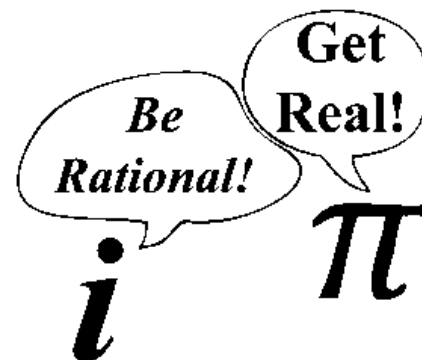
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 7th: Cole Swartz, Malicky Schrupf, Zach Bishop, Cole Saseen
 8th: Ryan Campbell, Caitlyn Robinson, Elaina Herback, Hayden Thomas
 9th: Cole Quigley, Isabel Reilly, Alyssa Ehni, Robert Chesonis
 10th—12th: Heather Shook, Hannah Thomas, Luke Bonar, Andrea Garrison, Alison Duke, Alyssa Wallace, Dominic Campetti, Jon Montesano, Thad Herback, Jacob Masters

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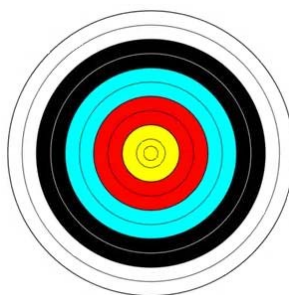


Marshall County Archery Clubs Hit the Bullseye

Tuesday and Wednesday nights, students from John Marshall, Moundsville, and Sherrard fill the archery range at the Moundsville Rifle and Pistol Club. Those archery teams are considered a club sport by the WVSSAC and are coached by Russ Howard, Todd Morris, and Kallie Kastrevic (pictured below). Cameron also has middle and high school teams that are coached by Harold Rush and Dan Gouldsberry and they practice Tuesdays and Thursdays. The club sport follows the rules of the National Archery in the School Program (NASP) and all schools teach archery in their school schedules as part of their physical education program. The NASP is very strict about how the program must be run with all students using identical bows and arrows to ensure fair competition among the students and schools.

The Marshall County teams have existed since 2005 (when the NASP came to WV) and are normally open to students in grades 6-12. Both high schools' teams have historically had success. Last year was the first year JM didn't make the state tournament since only the top six teams were invited (Cameron's team placed seventh, JM's placed eighth.) Last year two students from John Marshall qualified for the national tournament in Louisville, Kentucky. Shelby Howard and Sierra Morris (pictured below) finished in 641st and 152nd place (out of 1,466 shooters) at the national level.

John Marshall will have a tournament February 21st and the WV State Tournament will be held March 28th.



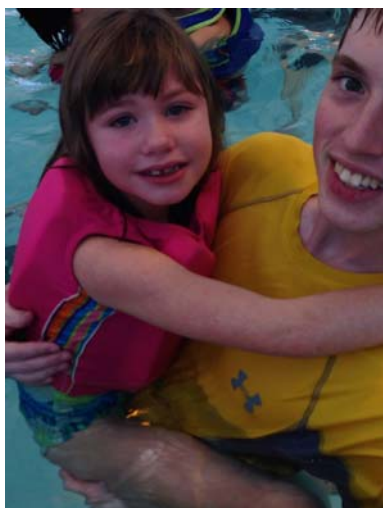
Parent Education Resource Center Gives a “Hand Up” to Local Families

Susie Baker of the PERC has been busy lately. Mrs. Baker worked to help coordinate charitable contributions from the Fraternal Order of Police, the Wheeling Elks, and local contributors to assist local families with needs during the holiday season. The PERC helped 282 students with “Caring Trees” among eight different schools, distributed 15 Christmas baskets, helped 70 students with the “Shop with a Cop” program, and 48 families were “adopted” at Christmas. In addition to those programs, families were provided blankets, winter clothing, shoes, 35 Thanksgiving food baskets, pillows, and other items. Like any charity, there are applications to fill out and procedures that need followed when trying to qualify. As a result, Mrs. Baker made 114 home visits to help applicants with paperwork that enabled them to receive the items.

Mrs. Baker also coordinates the “Back to School Fun Fair” for Marshall County students. For almost 15 years, the fair has helped to prepare students for the upcoming school year. Students are traditionally offered a backpack and many free school supplies, as well as personal care items. Parents can receive a wealth of information and resources from local agencies. Students can receive immunizations and health, dental, and vision screenings. Students can also participate in fun events all day and receive a free haircut to prepare them for the first day of school.

Mrs. Baker is currently working with Susie Cubick and the John Marshall Pro Start classes for a recently started program at McNinch where some students receive care packages of food to take home with them on weekends. Megan Pintus and the FBLA club also help with letters and coupons for the Friday Feed program and grant money also contributes. Mrs. Baker feels it is important for students to know our school system cares about them, even on the weekends and is thankful for support she has received from Marshall County Schools.

Special Olympics Swim Meet



On January 20th, approximately 100 students from across the county competed in the Special Olympics swim meet. This event is run by the Special Programs departments and students always have fun. However, in order for these students to compete and have fun a lot of volunteers contribute to make it possible. Lori Prascik wanted to thank Four Seasons for donating the use of the pool, the Knights of Pythias for serving lunch, the teachers who worked the event, and the JMHS swim team and students from both high schools who volunteered as peer tutors.



Center McMechen Fifth Grade Service Projects

The fifth grade students of Center McMechen Elementary have begun their service projects. The class formed four individual groups, each with a different goal. With guidance from Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Pell, and staff volunteers, Karen Yoders and Diana Baker, each group decided what type of service project they would like to do and how to accomplish their goal. The first group decided to make “Care Bags” for the area’s homeless that will be given to a local warming shelter for distribution. The collection was school wide with classes bringing in hats and gloves for the bags. Individual grade levels donated specific items and they were able to fill over 50 bags to help the less fortunate in the community. Future service projects include collecting books for children in the hospital, collecting items for a local animal shelter, and cards and letters for Veterans. Principal Holt called the projects successful and a great learning experience for her students.



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Around the County

- The Center for Green Schools at the USGBC named Mark Swiger as a 2014 “Best of Green Schools” recipient. He is one of ten individuals, institutions, projects, or events representing the best environmental efforts in schools nationwide.
- Washington Lands students helped raise money in December for classmates’ families battling cancer.
- The Marshall County Science Fair will be held February 12th at Sherrard Middle.
- John Marshall has a new club called “Paws for a Cause” which raises money to help JMHS students with needs. They donated well over \$1,000 worth of gifts.
- Cameron High School was one of two “Success” high schools named in RESA 6.
- Arica Holt was named one of 12 Principals’ Leadership Academy Distinguished Scholars out of last year’s class of 150 new principals across the state.
- The Marshall County Social Studies Fair will be held March 14th.
- MMS will present “The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley” on Thursday, April 2nd. JMHS will present “Calamity Jane” on March 27, 28, and 29.
- With the five snow days (so far), April 1st and 2nd and June 2nd, 3rd, and 4th are now instructional days.
- Jessica Bramer earned her Certified Journalism Educator certification through the Journalism Education Association national program. The certification process requires the demonstration of knowledge of a wide range of topics related to newspaper, yearbook, and video/radio broadcasting. Congratulations!
- Please email your interesting school/staff news to dsoltesz@k12.wv.us.