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Hilltop Elementary Earns Green Ribbon

The U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, White House council on Environmental Quality Chair Nancy Sutley, and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator, Lisa Jackson, joined to announce the first-ever U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools, a list of 78 that spans 29 states and D.C. The U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools is a federal recognition program that honors schools exercising a comprehensive approach to creating a “green” environment. The award winning schools were chosen for reducing environmental impact, promoting health, and ensuring a high-quality environmental and outdoor education. Hilltop Elementary is the only West Virginia school to receive the Green Ribbon.



Sounds of Africa



The music of Africa recently resounded throughout Marshall County, as students and teachers greeted the arrival of Sowah Mensah, an accomplished composer, ethnomusicologist, performer and Master Drummer, from Ghana, West Africa. Students at Center McMechen Elementary School, Glen Dale Elementary School, and John Marshall High School hosted Mr. Mensah for a week-long residency. Sowah has taught music in both Ghana and Nigeria and is currently a music professor at both Macalester College and the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota.



General music teacher Kathleen Fox and John Marshall High School band director Tracey Filben coordinated to bring Sowah to Marshall County. “Educators must engage students in opportunities that allow them to think creatively. Exposure to diverse sights, sounds, experiences, thoughts, and cultural differences will provide new perspectives that enhance creative thinking” explained Fox. Sowah’s residency was made possible by the generosity of the Niekamp Foundation and PPG Industries.



Marshall County Schools continues to seek ways to provide open communication for parents and community members. Email us at: marshallcountyschools@

Board of Education policies may be viewed at <http://boe.mars.k12.wv.us/policies>.

Therapeutic Services Program



Beginning the Fall of 2012, Marshall County Schools will be offering training in Therapeutic Services for Marshall County students seeking certification as a Certified Nursing Assistant or ECG Technician. This program continues the effort of the Marshall County School System to meet the career goals of all students while also working with employers to meet the growing demand for employees in the health care field.

Currently, this program is being developed by the office of Career and Technical Education of Marshall County Schools in cooperation with the West Virginia Department of Education's office of Career and Technical Education. Instruction will be provided by a registered nurse with experience in long term care employed by Marshall County Schools. Classes will meet at John Marshall High School for approximately two periods per day for juniors. Seniors will meet three periods per day which will include a significant number of work based hours. Upon graduation, the student will be eligible for employment as a Certified Nursing Assistant or ECG Technician. Students may also wish to continue their education to receive their degree as a registered nurse or in another health related field. Further information can be obtained by contacting Bob Wilson at rjwilson@access.k12.wv.us, or by seeing their school counselor or principal.

Miner Training

Marshall County Schools will be offering apprentice miner training for graduating high school seniors in cooperation with the West Virginia University Mining Extension Program. This eighty hour course will provide training to allow the student to receive their apprentice mining card and be eligible to apply for positions in local underground mines. Instruction will be provided by John Tuba and Steve Perkins of the WVU Mine Extension Training Program. Both instructors have been teaching for several years following more than thirty years working in underground mines. Marshall County Schools will continue to work to meet the career goals of all of their students while also working with employers to meet their needs for quality, trained employees.



Classes will meet Monday through Friday, June 11 to June 25, from 8 am to 4 pm in Room 210 at John Marshall High School. Students must be 2012 high school graduates and will be required to provide their own transportation and lunch. To apply, students must complete a brief application. The application deadline is Friday, June 1, and the class is limited to the first twenty-five applicants. Students can obtain an application and further information by contacting Dave Gaudino at dgaudino@access.k12.wv.us, by calling the Marshall County School's Adult Education Office at (304) 845-7890 or by seeing their school counselor or principal.

Rhonda Rine Honored



Rhonda Rine, Cook at Central Elementary School, was awarded the prestigious Kathy Loretta Award at the West Virginia School Nutrition Association's annual state conference. Rhonda designed and implemented a project called "Eat the Rainbow". She wanted to improve the students' acceptance and consumption of a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables. As a result of her project, students toured Jebbias Market, were enlightened by the culinary arts program of WVNCC, and participated in various tasting events. Her efforts in nutritional education are helping the students and their families to make healthy when shopping and preparing meals at home.

Montgomery Named Distinguished West Virginian

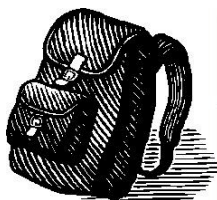
The Distinguished West Virginian Award is the highest civilian honor the Governor of West Virginia can bestow. It was created to honor those who have contributed significantly to West Virginia or West Virginians and have brought positive attention to our state.

Coach Bob Montgomery has been a dedicated public servant, contributing to his community and state with compassion for his fellowman and lifelong commitment to integrity and honesty. Montgomery 65, is in his 38th season as the Monarchs' head coach, has officiated basketball for over 40 years and taught English and Sports Journalism during his 33 year career at John Marshall.

On the diamond, Montgomery has sent countless players into college, and is approaching 800 career wins. He's won 28 sectional, and six regional championships, along with a state championship in 1985. He's been the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Coach of the Year three times, and West Virginia Coach of the Year on five occasions. Montgomery was also named the Upper Ohio Valley Dapper Dan Man of the Year in 2008.



Adopt-A-Backpack Campaign

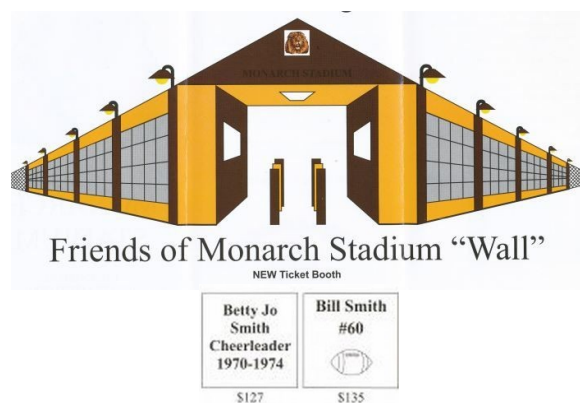


Every summer for the past 10 years, students from Marshall County Schools have had the opportunity to attend a "Back-To-School Fun Fair" designed to help them prepare for the upcoming school year. Students are offered a backpack and many free school supplies, as well as personal care items. Families are provided a wealth of information and resources from local agencies and businesses. Health, dental, and vision screenings are offered and information about required immunizations will be provided. These screenings can uncover and correct an issue that might otherwise prevent a student from being able to attend the first day of school. Families can sign up for free and reduced lunch and register children for Kindergarten. In addition to the many practical activities happening on this day, many fun activities are also planned for students. Free haircuts are also available. Many of the funding sources that have been used in past years are no longer available. We are asking for your support to provide this service to the families in our county. **Please "Adopt-A-Backpack" for a donation of \$20.** You can make checks payable to PERC (Parent Educator Resource Center) or Back-To-School Fun Fair and return them to the attention of Susie Baker at McNinch Primary School. **This year, the event is scheduled for July 6, 2012 at the Mollohan Center (inside the old Penitentiary).** Please join us in our mission to help students begin a new school year feeling prepared, confident, and enthusiastic.

To download the donation form, please visit: <http://boe.mars.k12.wv.us/funfair/funfair.htm>

Monarch Wall

The John Marshall High School Field Renovation Committee's newest endeavor is to replace the ticket booth at the northwest corner of the field. A decorative wall filled with 8 x 8 engraved tiles will be showcased. These tiles may be purchased for your favorite team, player, cheerleader, alumnus, or in memory or honor of a loved one. The price for each tile is \$127.00. This includes up to six lines of engraving. A logo may be added for an additional \$8.00. For more information contact Donnie Gilbert at 304-281-0648 or Bob Hanket at 304-845-0078.



Civics Challenge Winners



Six members of the John Marshall High School Academic Team competed in the second annual West Liberty University Civics Challenge, which began February 24 and concluded April 27th. After defeating River High School with a score of 474 to 150, the JMHS team had a bye for the second round and went on to defeat Wheeling Park High School in the semifinals and Toronto High School in the finals. As champions, each member was awarded a \$1000 scholarship to West Liberty University. The team consisted of Tyler Petrone, Bret Nadolski, Chris Cawthon, (back row) Austin Poe, Jaise Patrick, and Mike Forrester (front row). A graduate of John Marshall, Danielle Zacherl, hosts the locally televised competition which consists of rapid-fire questions on topics ranging from geography, politics, government, history and culture.

Media and Technology Grant

Marshall County Reading Council has been awarded a \$300.00 Media and Technology Grant from the West Virginia Reading Association. With this grant Jennifer Lipinski will purchase a GigaPan Epic robotic camera mount that makes it easy to capture high resolution panoramic images with a simple point and shoot digital camera. Teachers can show images to students via the website.



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Health Day

Sand Hill Elementary School students recently enjoyed a school-wide health fair. School nurses, Mrs. Riding and Mrs. Cunningham planned and facilitated the extensive program which was sponsored by partners-in-education and community organizations, including Panhandle Insurance, Panhandle Cleaning, the Lion's Club, McDonald's, Jebbia's Market, and Pepsi Cola. Sand Hill School incorporated the health fair into its regular teaching of healthy habits which includes a weekly after-school fitness program for students. In addition to exercise activities, the Health Plan conducted a session on tobacco and one on bullying. Other topics included all-terrain vehicle safety, fire safety, poison control, and sugar content in foods and beverages. Children were also treated to special visits from Louie the Lightning Bug, Clifford the Big Red Dog, and Smokey the Bear. Animal safety presenters included pups from the Marshall County Animal Shelter and a demonstration by the canine police units! The students finished the day with a special fun fitness activity, a healthy snack, and many educational gifts from the day's sponsors.

