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### MCS Policies

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

FY07 New/ and amended policies include:

- 3.37 Department Head
- 3.1.26 Safety
- 5.4 Progress and Promotion
- 3.38 School Technology Facilitator
- 3.1.10 Performance Evaluations
- 1.5 Operation and Procedures
- 5.20 Communicable Disease
- 3.1.2.8 Substitute Employee Assignment Procedure
- 3.1.4 Transfer of Personnel

## Leadership—A Key to Success

Marshall County Schools is committed to high levels of student learning and academic achievement. This commitment requires that the county provide support in terms of professional development in school leadership and management for current principals who have varying levels of experience. Looking to the future, the county also believes prospective administrators need to understand the responsibilities and requirements of school leadership. Strong leadership is vital to creating an environment that fosters high expectations and continually increasing levels of student academic achievement. Principals were identified by a 1977 U.S. Senate Committee Report on Equal Education Opportunity (U.S. Congress, 1970) to be the most influential person in a school. An effective principal may be a prerequisite in order to have an effective school.

In commitment to continually improving leadership skills, principals and county office administrators participate in monthly professional development workshops that emphasize instructional leadership. The workshop topics address issues related to teaching and learning, creating a positive school climate, planning for academic success, and using technology effectively for instructional and management purposes.

In addition, principals and administrators who have five years or less experience in Marshall County Schools also participate in a professional learning community that goes beyond the topics covered in the monthly principals leadership workshops. This group of school leaders discuss and learn about issues ranging from implementation of the research on school leadership to effective management practices. These workshops cover a myriad of topics that vary from data entry, retrieval and use to characteristics of effective school leadership and the two types of change. Topics are based on the interests and needs of the participants with each member taking responsibility for sharing and discussing ideas.

Beginning with the end in mind, Marshall County Schools is offering a new program this year for teachers who have completed or are currently in an administrative leadership program of study leading to certification as a school or county leader. This program is intended for those who are not yet in administration positions. The design of the program includes problem solving scenarios based on the workshop topic. Participants will learn and experience the leadership and management skills required of an effective school leader.

Taking a proactive approach, Marshall County Schools continues to strive to build the leadership capacity for excellence in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. [Click here for page 2](#)



## Bethany College Visits Marshall County Schools Digital Learning Center



Jeffrey B. Dunbar, Department Chair and NCATE Coordinator and Certification Officer for Bethany College, headed a contingent of Bethany College personnel and students for a visit to the Marshall County Schools Digital Learning Lab. Bethany College understands that teacher candidates must have access to state of the art classrooms and digital learning labs comparable to those in the schools where teacher candidates will be placed for early-field and clinical experiences. Dr. Dunbar was extremely interested in our Digital Learning Center Labs as they have become the model of the true 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom.

Our visitors were treated to a wide array of technology applications that included Numonics interactive whiteboard, document camera, surround sound, TV, VCR, DVD, and Discovery United Streaming integration. Mr. Bill Burrall, Marshall County Schools Director of Technology, demonstrated with curriculum examples how this technology all blends together for a turnkey solution to enhance teaching and learning. Discussion centered around technologies solutions that maximize integration of WV content standards across the curriculum. Marshall County Schools currently have 42 Digital Learning Centers installed with an additional fourteen planned in the coming months.

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### Construction Update

Marshall County Schools is currently on schedule with the planning and design of the various building projects approved by the citizens in November. Each project must progress through several phases including; schematic design, development design, value engineering, construction design, fire marshal and school building authority approvals, and the placing and rewarding of construction bids. County Administration continues to meet with Project and Construction Services as well as architects from McKinley and Associates to work through these phases and continually revise the project timetables.

The table below reflects the list of projects and the current completion projections.

Cameron Elementary and Cameron High School roofing	September	2007
Maintenance garage at Park View	October	2007
Sherrard Jr. High football field	November	2007
Moundsville High School demolition	January	2008
Moundsville Jr. High addition	July	2008
Central Elementary renovation and addition	July	2008
Moundsville Field House renovation	October	2008
Sherrard Jr. High addition	February	2009
New Elementary in Sherrard	April	2009
Cameron Elementary renovations	April	2009
McNinch Elementary renovations	June	2009
Cameron High School renovations	July	2009
Cameron Field House	July	2009

## Message from School Nurses

In compliance with West Virginia Code 16-3-4, it is required for all children entering public school for the first time in West Virginia to be immunized against diphtheria, polio, rubeola, rubella, tetanus and whooping cough. In addition to these immunizations, is required that students be screened for hearing, speech and language, and vision. Children entering preschool must also have dental and developmental screening as well as a physical exam (health check).

In compliance with West Virginia Policy 2423 and based upon the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, it is recommended that children receive the following immunizations:



1. Hepatitis B Vaccine (series of three injections)
2. Diphtheria/Tetanus/Acellular Pertussis booster between the ages of 11-12 years.
3. Meningococcal (Meningitis) vaccine between the ages of 11-12 years or age 15 or age 18 if your child has never had it and is going to live in a dormitory.
4. HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) vaccine for girls between the ages of 11-12 years and all females up to the age of 26 years. (series of three injections)
5. First Varicella (chicken Pox) vaccine if your child has never had the disease or the vaccine. If your child has had one Varicella vaccine and never had the disease of Chicken Pox, a second Varicella vaccine is now recommended any time after the age of 4 years.
6. Adults should also receive a Diphtheria/Tetanus booster every 10 years. If you are due for a booster, you should receive one dose of Tetanus/Diphtheria/Acellular Pertussis if you are 64 years of age or younger.

Please check your child's immunization records. If any immunizations are due, contact your physician or the Marshall County Health Department. Immunizations are given at the Health Department on Monday from 9:00-11:00 and 1:00 to 4:00. Please send any updated immunization records to your child's school nurse so his/her immunizations record can be updated.

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## State Champion Wrestlers



Cameron High School senior, Tyler Cumpston, capped off his high school athletic career with a state wrestling title at 135 pounds. The path to the title was a difficult one since Tyler faced Cody Moore from Herbert Hoover in the first round of the tournament. Moore, who posted a 41-1 record coming into the tournament, was the projected champion in his weight class. Tyler pinned his opponent in a time of 5:07 and then moved into the quarterfinals where he defeated Kenny Morgan of Lincoln. In the semifinals Tyler faced the region I champion Aaron Hinsman. In this match Tyler scored the necessary four points in five seconds and scored the win. Tyler defeated John King of Phillip Barbour in the final match with a come from behind finish to capture the state championship title.

Taylor Potts started wrestling at the age of nine after his father suggested it would be a great way to stay in shape for football. Taylor quickly found out how hard it was and how much work was required to be successful. During his junior high career, Taylor only lost three matches. His freshman year at John Marshall, Taylor set the school record for the most wins by a freshman with 35, replacing Brandon Richey's record of 24. He failed to place in the OVAC's but was able to punch a ticket to the state tournament with a fourth place finish at the regional tournament. Taylor captured an OVAC place and finished with a fifth at the tournament his sophomore year. Taylor finished his sophomore year with a 40-14 record and runner-up in both the region and state tournaments. This year he was able to move up a spot in the OVAC with a fourth place finish, and captured his long awaited state championship. In addition to winning the state championship, Taylor broke the school record with 114 wins, and an overall record of 120-33.



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## All-State Musicians

Hundreds of high school students annually vie in competition for the honor of being selected as members of the West Virginia All-State Band, Chorus, and Orchestra. The all-state ensembles are comprised of the best musicians in the state of West Virginia. Marshall County is proud to have six students who auditioned and were selected to participate in these ensembles. Cameron High School's Megan Tully and Calli Crouse along with John Marshall High School's Emily Freitag, Emily Ferris, and Pritha Seward will be representing their schools as members of the All-State choir. Students were required to audition on several pieces including those in the languages of Latin and Russian. Rebekah Zeigler was selected to the All-State band on alto clarinet. Band students were required to audition on selected etudes and a solo. These students will have the privilege of performing during the West Virginia Music Educators conference in



Emily, Emily, Pritha and Rebekah



Megan and Calli

Huntington, WV.



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## FITNESSGRAM

As part of the requirements of House Bill 2816, all public schools within West Virginia are utilizing the **FITNESSGRAM** program as part of regular Physical Education classes in grades 4 - 12. This required assessment replaces the Presidential Physical Fitness Test in which students had previously participated. FITNESSGRAM was developed by The Cooper Institute in an effort to provide physical educators with a tool that facilitates communicating fitness testing results to students and parents. The FITNESSGRAM assessments measure aerobic capacity; body composition; and muscular strength, endurance, and flexibility. The FITNESSGRAM assessment module contains a complete battery of health-related fitness items that are scored using criterion-referenced standards. FITNESSGRAM is the first health-related fitness test to use such standards, which are age and gender specific, and based on how fit children need to be for good health. Should you have specific questions about the FITNESSGRAM program, you are encouraged to contact your school's physical education teacher.

## Can You Spell "Adumbrate"?

The spelling bee is a beacon of traditional ideals. Bee supporters believe that the process of preparing for spelling bees helps students when they read, because they already know most of the words, helps students when they write because they can more clearly form and express their thoughts, and overall helps to inspire intellectual confidence in the students.

On Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, Marshall County held their Spelling Bee. 35 participants from 9 local elementary schools came together for competition, camaraderie, and the opportunity to spell some very difficult words. Ten champions from this event will represent Marshall County at the Regional Spelling Bee. Our champions are: Lauren Taylor, Central Elementary; Morgan McCool, Limestone Elementary; Haley Sessums and Sean Warren, McNinch Elementary; A.J. Theiss, Our Lady of Peace; Candace Kesselring, Park View Elementary; Sabrina Jones, St. Francis; Hilary Kinney and Heather McIntyre, Sanford Elementary. Congratulations to our stellar spellers!

## Center McMechen Earns Reading Award

Center McMechen Elementary has earned the School of Best Practices Award from the West Virginia Reading Association for the third year in a row. This award is based on maintaining excellent practices and instructional strategies in reading. Congratulations to Center McMechen's principal, teachers, and students.



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