

**WCSD**  
**Positive Happenings**  
**Learning in Action**  
**10/21/2024**

**Elementary**

**EES:** September: Grade 2 has been writing pen pal letters. The little girls enjoyed participating in the Mini Cheer Camp put on by the High School Cheerleaders and then cheering at the Homecoming Football Game. The whole school watched the EMHS Marching Band Exhibition outside on the football field. Mr. Napolitan explained the sections of the marching band then got teachers and students involved! It was a beautiful afternoon at the Pasture of Pain and the band showed us their skills!! The Toy Shoppe donated toys to the First Grade Classrooms. They explained how the toys were made and painted. Students are excited to have new toys to play with during inside recess.

**SAES:** Our school year is starting off on a positive note, due in large part to the collaboration of so many members of our SAES team and our incredibly supportive community. On Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> grade students at SAES were delighted to receive handmade wooden toys donated by the Toy Shoppe in Warren. Please see the related article in the “Warren Times Observer” published on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, for additional information ([Upgraded recess: Toy Shoppe donates to first grade classrooms in WCSD | News, Sports, Jobs - Times Observer](#)). Our week of excitement continued with our first PBIS P.R.I.D.E. assembly. In conjunction with the upcoming SAMHS Homecoming celebrations, this assembly followed the traditional “pep assembly” theme: all students participating in fall extracurricular activities were welcomed to the stage and greeted by various SAMHS fall athletes. The first “5<sup>th</sup> grade ambassador” for the new school year was introduced, and students were randomly chosen from P.R.I.D.E. buckets for a chance to play a special pumpkin-themed activity game. The assembly concluded with a special surprise as Ms. Check, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, led the students through a remake of the song “Old Town Road” featuring specially written P.R.I.D.E. lyrics. We look forward to all that our exciting year ahead has in store for us!

**WAEC:** There are so many positive things taking place at WAEC so far for the 2024-2025 school year. I will list just a few of them here. On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, students in grades 3 and 4 received a student Safety Response Protocol (SRP) training provided by Mr. Deppen that focused on how to respond to emergencies or crises in the building. Grades K-2 participated in classroom level trainings geared toward those age brackets. The WAEC PTO has been incredibly active and supportive of our teachers. Additionally, our annual PTO-Sponsored Trail of Treats is taking place on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Our students have donated over 800 bags of candy for this event. The PTO has worked with our special education

department to include sensory-friendly time for our students with special sensory needs to participate. Students from the WCCC Protective Services program have been in our building frequently doing safety checks and reporting their findings with administration. PaTTAN representatives and WCSD teacher coach Medina Reynolds have been working with our Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade teachers to implement Enhanced Core Reading Instruction (ECRI) through our Success for PA Early Learners (SPEL) Grant. The effects of this training and intervention are already showing up in student data. Kindergarten teachers are reporting that several Kindergarten students are reading lengthy sentences already due to the addition of the ECRI protocol. This is very early in the school year for our teachers to be seeing this! PVAAS data from the previous year is the most evident place this can be seen, and we are excited to see what the data looks like throughout this year. We've had two teachers have their babies and both classrooms have been covered by substitute teachers for the length of their maternity leaves! We would love to have you come see all of the amazing things happening here at WAEC.

**YES:** On September 27<sup>th</sup>, YES student and staff participated in a Hat Day to benefit the PAWS-toberfest, to support the first annual fundraiser to support the PAWSitive Support Program. The students and staff raised \$212.18 to this wonderful cause. See the picture of the students who participated below. On Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> the Toy Shoppe workers came to YES to deliver classroom sets of homemade wooden toys to our first grade classrooms. We worked collaboratively with the SAES team to highlight this wonderful program for our schools in the Warren Times observer with the article attached. YES appreciated working collaboratively with a neighboring school in this effort. [Upgraded recess: Toy Shoppe donates to first grade classrooms in WCSD | News, Sports, Jobs - Times Observer](#) Mrs. Terensky, Mrs. Weaver, and Mrs. Watson applied for the Highmark Foundation School Grant Program. Youngsville Elementary School was awarded this grant in the amount of \$5,500 to purchase a Wake Rider and Spinatorium (playground equipment) to achieve and maintain a health enhancing level of physical fitness and emotional well-being through movement skills incorporated in a sensory-friendly inclusive playground environment. In addition, it will promote individual, and group interaction related to health, wellness and social/emotional learning. The Wake Rider and Spinatorium will complement the new playground being purchased by PTO and Youngsville Community this school year.



## Middle/Secondary

**EMHS:** Senior Sunrise (September 6): On September 6<sup>th</sup> the Senior class gathered bright and early to watch the sunrise over the Eisenhower Campus. Students played cornhole and other games while reminiscing their younger days as Knights. Administration and faculty cooked a breakfast of pancakes and bacon for them, which no doubt led to some drowsiness in homeroom.



Homecoming (September 20):

Mrs. Lobdell and Student Council worked tirelessly to prepare for Homecoming on September 20<sup>th</sup>. School spirit was high during the week's festivities, including the pep assembly. Friday saw the crowning of King (Ryan Chambers) and Queen (Emily Grosch) along with a 27 – 0 blanking of Cochran. The week was capped off at the dance by Ike students "Lighting Up the Knight."

Captain's Council (Created):

September marked the initial meeting of Eisenhower's new Athletic / Extracurricular Captain and Leaders' Council (Captain's Council for short). Participation in the Captains and Leaders' Council provides student-athletes with opportunities to collaborate with peers, enhance their leadership skills, and excel in their roles as team captains. Council members will engage in various service projects, leadership development sessions, and act as ambassadors for the school. Ultimately, Eisenhower's Captains and Leaders' Council aims to develop well-rounded student-athletes who achieve success on the field of play and make significant contributions to their school and community.





**BWMS:** Beaty recently did their annual “Change a Life Coin War” to raise money for St Jude Hospital. Our awesome students raised \$1,678.31, very proud of the Beaty Dragons!

Beaty’s Builders Club is doing a Hygiene Drive. We are collecting soap, shampoo and other health care products to support Beaty students.

**SAMHS:** Sheffield Middle High School celebrated Homecoming weekend on September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The community showcased their school pride at the parade and bonfire on Friday night. The Sheffield Sports Boosters arranged for special recognition of the 1964 Undefeated AML Championship football team members and provided a DJ for a fun night in the park. On Saturday, the 2024 Homecoming King and Queen were crowned at halftime of the football game. Congratulations to Katie Powell and Andrew Kyler. And finally, on Saturday night, the high school students danced for hours in the high school’s cafeteria.





**YMHS:** Youngsville Middle High School had its annual Battle of the Classes the week of September 30<sup>th</sup> and celebrated homecoming on the evening of October 5. The Battle of the Classes consisted of flag football games between the classes Monday and Tuesday with the Junior class claiming victory over the other classes. Volleyball games were held Wednesday –Friday with the Junior class again claiming victory. The strong showing in those two events helped make the Junior class the 2024 Battle of the Classes winner with the Senior class finishing a close second. The week was finished up with the Homecoming Dance where Kamden Swearingen was crowned queen and Jakobe Petachi crowned king.

The Youngsville Band continued its dominance at competitions!!!! Mrs. Schied and her band won 1<sup>st</sup> place in their competitions 4 straight weeks!!! On 9/21 they won the Big Spring Competition, on 9/28 they won the Mt. Lebanon Competition, on 10/5 they won the Shikellamy Competition, and on 10/12 they won the McKeesport Competition. At the competition in McKeesport, they had the highest point of the show, with a high score in both Music and Visual aspects. Congratulations to the YMHS band and Mrs. Schied on another outstanding season!!!!



**Virtual Academy – Inside District:** The Warren County School District Virtual Academy has been off to fast start this year. There are currently 110 Full Time students in grades K-12, 55 students doing a Part Time or blended schedule, and 188 students taking an enrichment course or two in their building.

**Virtual Academy Services – Outside District:** To start this school year, Virtual Academy Services is currently supporting 17 public school districts across Pennsylvania. Our flexible and high-quality virtual learning options help meet the diverse needs of students across the state.

This year, we're focusing on expanding our services and building new partnerships with additional districts. As part of these efforts, we recently attended the PA School Leaders Conference in the Poconos at Kalahari, where we had the opportunity to inform attendees about our program offerings and discuss potential collaborations.





## WAHS:

Warren Area High School completed their "Senior Parking Spot" Painting for the third year this year prior to the beginning of the school year. Students and families joined to paint unique parking spots for seniors to help showcase student creativity.



Warren Area High School held their Homecoming Dance on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Congratulations to Noel Alexander and Gavin Rex for being named Homecoming Queen and King for 2024. The dance was attended by almost 500 students this school year.



Warren Area High School would like to invite all Board Members to follow the WAHS Facebook page, where student activities inside and outside of the classroom are featured weekly. Come see all the great things that our students are doing each day at WAHS?

## WCCC:

### Pre-Engineering

We are currently working with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers creating vinyl decals for their class 2 vessels in the Northern Operation Area. In the past, we have laser engraved / cut project specific "Junior Ranger" badges for their boat safety clinics in addition to random signage as needed.

Machine Technology, Multi-Media Marketing, Power Equipment and Welding went on tour of the three Ellwood plans in Irvine on October 2. This event was organized by Ellwood. Students from various program went to Manufacturing Day on October 9 at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center.

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row we've attended this event. Special thanks to Betts industries for providing the funds for our students to have Manufacturing Day T-Shirts and to Warren-Forest Hi-Ed Council for ordering and delivering the shirts. Overall, it was again a great trip.

**Gifted Support:** Our first District Enrichment Day on September 18 was a resounding success! Gifted Enrichment Days have moved over to Youngsville Elementary School. District Gifted Support students in grade 2-8 meet twice a month of enrichment activities! Students engaged in logic-based board games, tackled riddles and cracked codes to unlock the Breakout EDU puzzle, and showcased their knowledge in a quiz bowl featuring challenging questions across science, math, English language arts, and history. The following week they dove into project-based activities focusing on math, history, science and writing.





## **District:**

The elementary special education department has been working closely with our administrators and academic coaching team to create alternate report cards for select students.

Teachers in Grades K and 1 are being trained in *Enhanced Core Reading Instruction* (ECRI), which enhances CKLA (our ELA resource). ECRI provides explicit instructional routines that allow for additional opportunities for students to respond orally. Teachers are trained to provide immediate corrective feedback. ECRI is having a huge impact on student literacy.

Elementary schools are focusing on bus safety during the month of October. Teachers and principals are devising creative plans to support safe and healthy behaviors on the bus. Mr. Kiehl is also working with the bus companies to support this effort.

Principals have led two professional development sessions with their faculty on assessment and grading and Charlotte Danielson's Framework for teaching.

The Warren County Hi-Ed along with the WCSD Career Counselor put on a College and Career Fair which was attended by district 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders. The fair gave students the opportunity to meet with many businesses and schools as they begin to prepare for their post-secondary experiences.

The district has created an *Admin Academy* to provide additional training and support for all administrators who have less than three years of experience in the district as an administrator. Under the leadership of Liz Kent, more experienced administrators are serving on a support panel for our newer administrators. Monthly meetings will focus on various topics throughout the school year.

The district is continuing its monthly teacher induction meetings for teachers with two years of experience or less. Under the direction of Kylie Harris, the academic coaching team meets with our new WCEA staff to provide training and support.