

**WCSD**  
**Positive Happenings**  
**Learning in Action**  
**11/18/2024**



## **Elementary**

### **EES:**

#### **OCTOBER**

We had a special guest in the library for School Bus Safety month. Mrs. Jackson read books from the Title 1 Safe and Healthy set of books to every class. They talked about bus safety and received activity books. All the kids loved having her visit!

Our wonderful staff for participating in the PBIS Masked Singer event to make it wonderful for all of the kids! A shoutout to Mrs. Thompson for running the audio/PowerPoint and to Mrs. Head for setting up the raffles/VIP attire for all the kids. Also, a huge thanks to Mr. Napolitan for getting the auditorium set up for us to hold the event and figuring out a way to get the audio to work for us.

As part of our PBIS program, we have implemented a NOBLE Platter award that is given out each day in each (K-2) and (3-5) lunch to the class that is following the NOBLE cafeteria expectations. The winning class gets to take the blue tray back to their room for the day to display in their door window. Cafeteria expectations are reviewed on a regular basis. The winning class each month receives a popcorn party! In October, Mrs. Head's 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Miss Chase's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class earned that honor. One of our PBIS goals this year is to focus on improving cafeteria behavior. We have definitely seen improvement, and the kids love it!

EES has completed a winter coat drive helping students in need.

Our backpack food program is up and running. This program assists over 40 families.

### **SAES:**

The month of October always brings fun and exciting new elements to elementary classrooms. In preparation for the Halloween holiday, 1<sup>st</sup> grade students in Mrs. Chapman's classroom created skeletons using a variety of pastas as the culminating activity for their CKLA "Human Body Unit". Students in Mrs. Jones's 1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom continue to enjoy and learn new uses for their "Classroom Wizard", the Merlyn Origin device, which allows ongoing interactive access to the Clear Touch board from anywhere in the classroom. The "Sewing and Crafts Class" at SAMHS partnered with SAES School Counselor Emyle Sherrard to bring hand painted character-themed pumpkins, as voted on by each class, to every classroom at SAES in preparation for their Halloween festivities. Halloween brought a wonderful day of fun-filled activities, including a Halloween-themed Science Magician assembly provided by our incredibly supportive SAES PTO. Students then enjoyed the traditional outdoor Halloween parade followed by the time-honored tradition of walking the halls on

the Sheffield Area Middle High School side of the campus. SAES thanks PTO for their generous support including classroom snacks on holidays, student assemblies/activities, and most especially, their ongoing volunteer presence that allows for seamless execution of all events.

November kicked off with a focus on “Veteran’s Day.” Students in Mrs. Hornstrom’s 5<sup>th</sup> grade class took time out of their day to honor the holiday by placing phone calls to 14 Veteran families to thank them for their service. On Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, SAES celebrated their monthly PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) assembly with a special “Hometown Heroes” theme. Various “heroes” from the Sheffield community were invited to attend the assembly and share their real-life service experiences (examples include fire service, EMS responders, medical/nursing staff members, community volunteers, and others) with students and staff. The Hometown Heroes awarded the P.R.I.D.E. brag tags and letters earned by SAES students. Students sang the SAES P.R.I.D.E. song and all students were then given an opportunity to tour a real fire truck and learn about equipment and related responses to emergency situations. SAES continues to thank the amazing Sheffield community for their ongoing support and all that they do for our students, staff, and school each and every day.

## **WAEC:**

### **Building/General:**

- Halloween week at WAEC has been heralded as one of the best ones yet! The PTO put on a Fall Festival (“Trail of Treats”) that included a very well attended and supported Scholastic Book Fair. On Halloween, WAEC students, teachers, and staff were able to parade through the Warren County Career Center and had many volunteers come to support classroom parties and the parade.
  - The WCCC Protective Services students assisted in the Halloween parade by directing traffic, ensuring student safety, and communicating with building administration.
- WAEC had a high participation rate for parents at the WAEC Parent/Teacher Conferences on 11.11.2024 through a variety of platforms (in-person, emailing, phone calls, and Rooms).
- WAEC PTO continues to be highly supportive of the school by serving lunch for teachers on Parent/Teacher Conference Day.
- Becky Woldt, an involved parent and PTO member, created a "Trail Mystery Tour" for students which contained educational information, stations, and a mystery to solve on the nature trail behind the building. It was highly engaging and allowed students to learn with a hands-on approach.
- Megan Loomis is back with us as a building paraprofessional, and we are THRILLED to have her back – Thank you!!!
- Mr. Bedow has been selected to participate in a year-long PaTTAN cohort for structured literacy. At the initial full-day training in Harrisburg (PaTTAN Central), it is evident that due to the implementation of ECRI, WCSD is ahead of the game in meeting the criteria established in Senate Bill SB801.

- Mr. Smith participated in mock interviews at Pitt-Bradford for students in their education programming looking to become teachers.
- Mrs. Darr has implemented an “Adopt A Bus” program that is focused on improving student behavior on district transportation.

#### Kindergarten:

- All Kindergarten teachers are fully implementing Enhanced Core Reading Instruction (ECRI) through the Success for PA Early Learners (SPEL) grant, and we are already noticed major gains in student reading skills!
  - Some of our Kindergarten students are reading and writing full sentences already. This is way ahead of normal schedule!
- Disruptive Behaviors are slowing down significantly because students are getting the support they need to support their emotional/behavioral needs.
- The Early Childhood program at WCCC has been sending Kindergarten students a craft to complete every month.

#### First Grade:

- First grade students recently received a shipment of handmade wooden toys for students in need.

#### Second Grade:

- Mrs. Angela Blair and Mrs. Barb Pitner are both substitute teachers who are covering in second and third grades, and they are doing a wonderful job.
- Mr. Scalise has welcomed an intern to his classroom to observe and participate in his class once a week.

#### Third Grade:

- The new science curriculum is very well received by teachers and students alike.
- We are seeing a sharp increase in student math fact fluency mastery – especially with multiplication and division.

#### Fourth Grade:

- 60 second sweeps
  - This is a strategy to avoid loss of instructional time due to classroom interruptions (phone calls, classroom visits by administrators, etc.). This was teacher-led, headed by Mrs. Curren, the fourth-grade team leader, and being implemented building-wide at all grade levels.
- Our fourth-grade team has been collaborating with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team at Beaty to identify areas of strength and areas of need for student academic and functional performance to best support student transition to middle school. This is something that is new this year.

**YES:**

**Youngsville Elementary School created a video for How Cool is our School: See the video in this link:** [https://wcsdpaorg-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/waltershl\\_wcsdpa\\_org/EVdv0uoDJE9Lhf3f5H-9XX0Bn1GK\\_PGaa5l3D5w5KylfPg?nav=eyJyZWZlcnJhbEluZm8iOmsicmVmZXJyYWxBcHAIiOiJPbmVEcmI2ZUZvckJ1c2luZXNzliwicmVmZXJyYWxBcHBQbGF0Zm9ybSI6IldlYiIsbnJlZmVycmFsTW9kZSI6InZpZXciLCJyZWZlcnJhbFZpZXciOiJNeUZpbGVzTGlua0NvcHkifX0&e=aQ4gC2&referrer=Outlook.Web&referrerScenario=email-linkwithembed](https://wcsdpaorg-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/waltershl_wcsdpa_org/EVdv0uoDJE9Lhf3f5H-9XX0Bn1GK_PGaa5l3D5w5KylfPg?nav=eyJyZWZlcnJhbEluZm8iOmsicmVmZXJyYWxBcHAIiOiJPbmVEcmI2ZUZvckJ1c2luZXNzliwicmVmZXJyYWxBcHBQbGF0Zm9ybSI6IldlYiIsbnJlZmVycmFsTW9kZSI6InZpZXciLCJyZWZlcnJhbFZpZXciOiJNeUZpbGVzTGlua0NvcHkifX0&e=aQ4gC2&referrer=Outlook.Web&referrerScenario=email-linkwithembed)

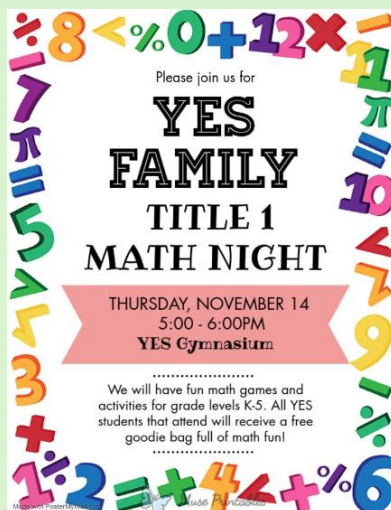
[https://wcsdpaorg-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/waltershl\\_wcsdpa\\_org/EVdv0uoDJE9Lhf3f5H-9XX0Bn1GK\\_PGaa5l3D5w5KylfPg?nav=eyJyZWZlcnJhbEluZm8iOmsicmVmZXJyYWxBcHAIiOiJPbmVEcmI2ZUZvckJ1c2luZXNzliwicmVmZXJyYWxBcHBQbGF0Zm9ybSI6IldlYiIsbnJlZmVycmFsTW9kZSI6InZpZXciLCJyZWZlcnJhbFZpZXciOiJNeUZpbGVzTGlua0NvcHkifX0&e=aQ4gC2&referrer=Outlook.Web&referrerScenario=email-linkwithembed](https://wcsdpaorg-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/waltershl_wcsdpa_org/EVdv0uoDJE9Lhf3f5H-9XX0Bn1GK_PGaa5l3D5w5KylfPg?nav=eyJyZWZlcnJhbEluZm8iOmsicmVmZXJyYWxBcHAIiOiJPbmVEcmI2ZUZvckJ1c2luZXNzliwicmVmZXJyYWxBcHBQbGF0Zm9ybSI6IldlYiIsbnJlZmVycmFsTW9kZSI6InZpZXciLCJyZWZlcnJhbFZpZXciOiJNeUZpbGVzTGlua0NvcHkifX0&e=aQ4gC2&referrer=Outlook.Web&referrerScenario=email-linkwithembed)

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher Janet Peters was awarded a grant for \$150.00 through PARS:**

The purpose of this grant is to establish a meaningful and creative connection between my students and the outdoor life in their backyard, while also supporting their understanding of food chains and webs. Students will use bird feeder kits to build and decorate their own bird feeder. Students will take their finished projects home and share them with their families and the birds that live in their area.

**Youngsville Elementary School continues to be highly responsive to community need through spirit wear days:** YES had a PJ Spirit Day on Friday, November 1, 2024, and raised \$190.84 to donate to NF2 BioSolutions in honor of Elliott Bevevino! The family and so grateful and happy for this support!

**Title I Math Night:** YES held a Title I Math Night on Thursday, November 14, 2024, from 5-6 followed by a PTO meeting. The math night included math stations for the students and parents to rotate through. Math goodies bags were handed out to all the students end the end of the event. Follow-up Facebook and Rooms posts will be used to encourage math engagement at home.



## Middle/Secondary

### EMHS:

#### EMHS Pen Pals (October 18th)

Varsity players are assigned pen pals in the elementary school and exchange letters with them weekly. On October 18th, they celebrated by having a games day and lunch with their pen pals, followed by a celebration at the game that evening where they exchange gifts with one another.



#### EMHS Leadership Conference (October 9th)



On October 9th, members of the Eisenhower Captain's Council attended the Craig Hillier Sportsmanship Seminar at Titusville High School. They spent the day with other student athletes from around the region.

#### EMHS Haunted High School (October 24th)

On October 24th, Mrs. Myers and the Eisenhower Key Club organized the first annual Haunted High School Trick or Treat event. The event was geared towards inviting the community in for a free, dry, warm, and safe trick or treat. Over 30 school organizations, teams and outside agencies hosted tables with games and candy for kids to visit and parents to gain more information about all the great things here at Eisenhower. Over 500 people came through the doors that night, including approximately 250 little ones in their costumes. An extra bonus was the raising of 300 plus dollars for the Warren County Humane Society. Plans are already being put in place for next year!





## BWMS:

Beaty-Warren Middle School proudly participated in Red Ribbon Week from October 24-31, 2024, with a series of themed activities designed to encourage a drug-free lifestyle. The week's theme, "*Life is a MOVIE, Film DRUG FREE,*" was chosen to inspire students to make healthy, drug-free choices while having fun and engaging in creative activities. All the week's events were organized by students from the Gold B homeroom.



To kick off the week, Beaty-Warren Middle School welcomed Jackie Palmieri Anderson from Erie News Now, who joined the school community on Thursday morning to officially launch Red Ribbon Week.

## SAMHS:

Congratulations to Colby Barr, Alex Marfink, and Andrew Kyler for being selected to the D9 Region 3 football all-star team. Marfink was also a nominee for the MaxPreps PA High School Athlete of the Week Award for his performance against Union City in the Wolverines' last home game.

Sewing and Crafts class invites students to craft for both personal wellness and service of others. The course also asks students to think creatively, work collaboratively, make a plan of action, and use time effectively to complete a project. Our high school students decorated pumpkins, and the project touched on many areas but also allowed the high school students to have a small part in the elementary students' days. A special thanks go out to various community members and businesses who donated pumpkins for this festive project!

On Friday Oct. 25th SAMHS 7<sup>th</sup> graders traveled to University of Pittsburgh at Bradford. Students enjoyed learning about their CSI program and visiting the virtual reality lab.

On Friday, November 1, 7<sup>th</sup> graders visited the Warren YMCA where they participated in numerous activities like weight training, dodgeball, basketball, and even rock climbing!

## VA – Inside:

The Warren County School District Virtual Academy continues to add students every week. Currently there 126 students with full time status, 29 students who are part time in their home school and part time virtual, 34 students who are part time at the Warren Conty Career Center and taking the rest of their courses virtually, and 238 who are taking enrichment courses.

## VA – Outside:

This month has marked several key achievements for Virtual Academy Services, which continues to support 17 school districts statewide in delivering high-quality virtual education.

- **First Marking Period Completion:** We successfully wrapped up the first marking period, pulling grades for each district. This milestone highlights our commitment to keeping each district informed and updated on student progress.
- **Enhanced Reporting Process:** We are currently updating our course attendance and grading reports for all partner districts. This new report will streamline how districts monitor course engagement and student progress, offering a more efficient way to identify and address any attendance concerns, including potential truancy. This update will be an invaluable tool for districts in supporting students who may need additional guidance or intervention.
- **On-Site Visits in Erie County:** I recently had the opportunity to visit seven Erie County schools, meeting face-to-face with local education leaders. The in-person interactions strengthened our partnerships and allowed us to work collaboratively to address their unique needs.
- **Marketing and Course Materials:** To support our districts in student recruitment and retention, we delivered customized marketing sheets branded with each district's specific program information. These materials will aid districts in reaching out to families, including those considering alternative cyber options, by highlighting the extensive course offerings available through our program.

These initiatives underscore our dedication to continuous improvement and collaboration with our districts, helping us better serve students and families across Pennsylvania.

## WAHS:

The Student Council is having a boot and coat drive now through December 20. Students will bring in gently used boots and coats to help support our local community. Key Club is sponsoring a food drive that will help to bless 15 families in our building with a full Thanksgiving Dinner, nonperishable food is being accepted until November 15. 7 staff members are currently at the PBIS conference in Hershey learning how to implement PBIS in the building at Tier 1.

Sam Lindell earned a State Medal in cross country on Saturday with a 13th place finish at the PIAA cross country championships.

Congratulations to the Lady Dragons soccer team on an outstanding effort yesterday at the D 10 championship game in Erie, the Dragons were defeated by Harbor Creek.

Dragon volleyball will play for the D 10 championship Thursday night at 7:00 pm at the Hagerty Events Center. Go Dragons!!!

The nominations for the Northwest PA C.L.A.S.S. Act Emerging Leader for the 2024-2025 school year within the Warren County School District are presented to District Administration on a monthly basis and then presented to the IU #5 and ERIE NEWS NOW. Criteria for being selected for the Northwest PA C.L.A.S.S. Act Emerging Leader includes the following: • Effort – works hard and is persistent • Character through compassion, honesty, trustworthiness, optimism, and responsibility • Good citizenship • Demonstrates responsibility • Respectful to peers and teachers • Serves as a positive/influential representative of his or her school community

WCSD NOVEMBER NOMINEE NOEL ALEXANDER – 12TH GRADE (WARREN) Warren Area High School would like to nominate Noel Alexander for the C.L.A.S.S. Act Emerging Leader for IU5. Noel exemplifies the C.L.A.S.S. characteristics both inside the school community and outside in the greater Warren community. Noel has been an excellent academic student at WAHS, taking a challenging courseload while being involved in numerous extracurricular activities. Noel has maintained an excellent GPA while taking AP and Honors level courses and being an officer for multiple organizations. Noel is a Merit-Honor level student with an excellent GPA, high class rank, and scored a 5 on multiple AP Exams last year. Noel was awarded the College Board: National Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award and as an AP Scholar with Honors Award recipient. After high school, Noel plans on majoring in Biochemistry to prepare for a career in the medical field, with an interest in Endocrinology. In the building Noel serves as President of the Key Club (all four years), the Dragons Lens (student media organization), and Academic Quiz Bowl. In addition to these groups, Noel is also active with the Student Council all four year (Media Coordinator 11/12), Prom Committee, Battle of the Books, National Honor Society, and Spanish Club. Noel is well respected in the building by both peers and adults and is a model student to have in the building. Noel has worked as a Guidance Office worker, Library Aid, and Bio lab assistant in the building, giving her time in the building to assist teachers and the building as a whole. This fall, Noel was chosen by her peers as the 2024 Warren Area High School Homecoming Queen, a testament to her personal character and standing amongst her peers in the building. In addition to school sponsored activities, Noel has been involved in a number of organizations outside of school. She has participated with Molly Dies Dance Express, a competitive and very time demanding dance organization, and is the current captain of her team. She has worked for the past four years plus as a Teacher's Assistant with Molly Dies Dance with the youth dancers. Noel is the Supervisor for the After School Program at St. Joseph's Catholic School and has held this position for the past three years and is the Literacy Teacher for ages 3-7 at St. Joseph's. Noel is an excellent representative for Warren Area High School, the city of Warren, and Warren County as a whole, and I hope that you will consider Noel for the C.L.A.S.S. Act Emerging Leader program.

## **WCCC:**

Our Student Activities club is supplying Thanksgiving dinners for four families. Each shop is donating items. They are also providing incentive rewards for students with perfect attendance and honor roll. WAEC held their annual Halloween Parade. They included a walkthrough of the WCCC. Our Protective Services program provided traffic control and safety. The WCCC/STEM/STRIVE program held a mock election on November 4. The goal of the election was to demonstrate a difference between electoral college voting and popular voting. Higher Education will be holding PA State Inspection classes in our building again. The instructor from Corry offered to provide our students the course - free of charge in Corry. We are working out the details. Auto Body Collision toured Utegg Auto Collision on November 13<sup>th</sup>.



## Gifted:

The Gifted Support teachers attended the Pennsylvania Association of Gifted Educators conference on November 7-8. The teachers were able to connect and collaborate with other gifted educators to get new ideas to share with our own teachers in our district. The two Keynote speakers really resonated with the group. Genein M. Letford, M.ED focused on creative thinking and encouraged teachers to change their perspective for the better to make better connections with students. The second Keynote speaker was Julie F. Skolnick, MA, JD. She focused on Twice Exceptional Children and Overexcitabilities and shared stories with students she has worked with in her career. The teachers also learned new activities and strategies to put in place in their classes now, as well as ideas to share with other educators.



On November 13, 2024, the Gifted support students will be finishing our first project of the year at the Gifted Enrichment Day. On November 20, we will be inviting the classrooms at Youngsville Elementary to see our finished projects and our students will get the opportunity to explain and show off their projects. We also have guest speaker, Cody Brown, zooming in on November 20 to give students an introduction to law careers, and to review Mock Trials with the students. Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. Downey will be offering Mock Trials as their next project that students can choose if they want to learn more and participate in their own Mock Trial. Below are photos from the last few enrichment days.



## YMHS:

The Youngsville Band claimed a state championship by earning 1st place at the Pennsylvania State Championships in Altoona, PA on October 26th. They had high scores in Music, Visuals, Percussion, and Auxiliary (Honor Guard). They ended the season on another high note by finishing in 4th place in the Atlantic Coast Championships, which is a national competition that hosts teams from 9 different states. Overall, this season, the band won first place in 6 straight competitions starting on September 21st and ending with a first-place finish at the state competition. The Youngsville Marching Eagle members are all from grades 7-12 and led by the highly respected Mrs. Scheid. Here are the YMHS Marching Eagles by grade level:

Grade 7 Amelya Moyer Allyson Peate Marshall Harrington Lacey Rose Hunter Shields Eric Woodin	Grade 8 Salix Fletcher Katie Henry Zayla Jackman Wyatt Walters Brenton Myers	Grade 9 Bernadette Gallegos Coleen Shellhouse Gianna Berry Makayla Nobles Mack Eighmey Greyson Ling
Grade 10 Caitlyn Pikna Joshua Pikna Sarah Blauser Victoria Henry Ellie Shellhouse Paige Stover	Grade 11 Zerrick Jackman	Grade 12 Lucas Keefer Michael Carnahan Kenneth Shellhouse

Congratulations to the YMHS Marching Eagles on earning a state championship and another spectacular season!!!!

The YMHS winter sports teams have a great number of participants for winter sports. In total, 85 students signed up to participate in winter sports at YMHS.

Honor and Merit Honor Roll was awarded to the YMHS students for the first marking period. Leading the way were the 6<sup>th</sup> graders where 59% of their class made the honor roll or merit honor roll. They were closely followed by the 8<sup>th</sup> graders at 58% and the 7<sup>th</sup> graders with 54% of their class making it was well. In total 90 middle school students made the honor or merit honor roll and 75 high school students. Congratulations to all students earning this academic honor.

## District:

Math Parent Family Engagement (PFE) posts for K-5 have commenced for the year. These posts are part of the Title I PFE plans, aimed at encouraging parents to support math achievement at home. They will be shared on the district and elementary schools' webpages and Facebook pages, as well as BWMS when applicable. These posts are creative, colorful, and feature activities that can be done at home with minimal supplies, if any. The first post is shown below.

**Post #1 (11.11.24):** Weekly, we will be posting ideas to encourage the practice of math skills/concepts with children at home through various games and activities.

**This week's post is about using math in the kitchen with your family.**

# 🍪 Math in the Kitchen! 🍪

Looking for a fun way to help your child practice math at home? Try cooking or baking together!

Measuring ingredients is a great way to explore fractions, addition, and multiplication – plus, you'll have a tasty treat to enjoy at the end.

Ask questions like, "How many  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups make a whole cup?" or "What happens if we double this recipe?"

Cooking = Math + Yummy Fun! 🍳👩🍳

### Activity Suggestions

- Measure ingredients together 🍴
- Double or halve recipes to practice fractions 🍰
- Discuss the math behind cooking times 🕒

