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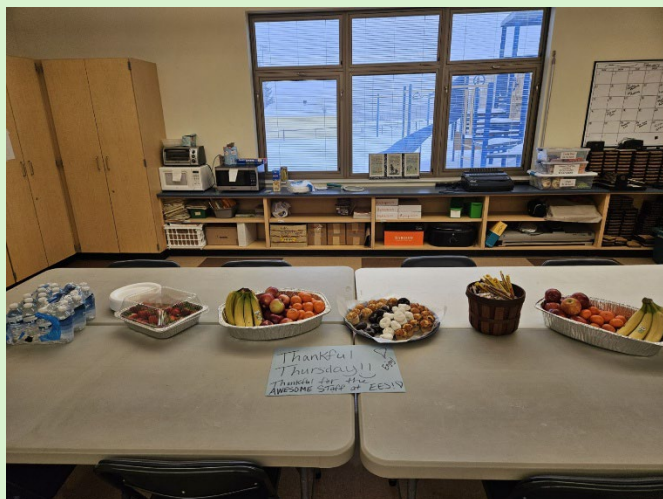
EES:

Elyzza Linkerhof 4th grade was one of three winners nationwide of the StoryWorks Code Talkers Writing Competition. Her 2024 Code Talkers entry was selected as one of three nationwide winners. Congratulations on this remarkable achievement! They said her outstanding paragraph demonstrated a solid understanding of the text and displayed an excellent answer to the prompt.



February – March

Thankful for EES staff! Shoutout to Mrs. Lindell for helping to boost our school community with the Thankful Thursday table of goodies 😊



K-5 Students participated in Youth Art Month at the Warren Public Library.



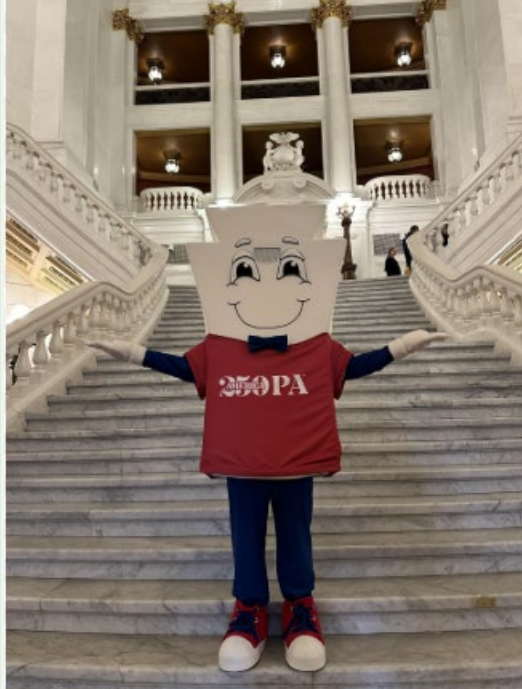


Memorial Created in Memory of Mr. Pollard.

WAEC:

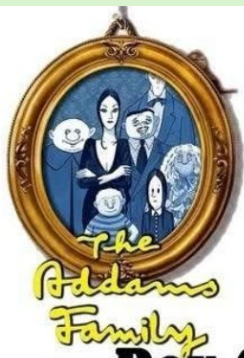
America250PA Project Assembly – March 20th, 2025

The Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250PA) was established by the legislature and Governor in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, Pennsylvania's integral role in that event, and the impact of its people on the nation's past, present, and future. All WAEC Students K-4 will take part in an assembly with classroom visitors, including local volunteers, state police officers, etc. Will do a read aloud about America's founding. Special Visitors will include a William Penn reenactor and the "Keystone Kid" pictured below. Students will receive "swag bags" full of memorabilia and learning materials about our country.



WAEC 3rd and 4th Graders went on a walking field trip down the hill to WAHS to watch the Addams Family production in the auditorium. Our students were extremely well behaved and truly enjoyed this experience. For many of our students, this was the first time any of them had been to a play.

Huge shout out to WAEC 3rd grader Caroline Smart who took 4th Place in the girl's bracket and is the sole wrestler of the youth wrestlers from Warren Area Elementary Center! Caroline has earned her spot in going to Keystone State championships that will be held in Altoona, PA at the Bryce Jordan Arena March 14th to March 16th! At this event, 5 regions will all be fighting to be one of the top 8 wrestlers who will earn medals and podium spots! Go Caroline - We believe in you!



Box Office Hours

Tickets may be purchased via cash in the box office in the Warren Area High School Auditorium lobby or by following the posted link.



WAEC PBIS team is so excited to announce our new Little Dragon's Lair! 4th graders were nominated by their teachers that have shown consistent FIRE (Friendship, Independence, Responsibility, and Excellence) throughout the school year so far & get to sit in VIP seating during our assemblies!

These Little Dragons sure do show some serious FIRE and were so excited about their new seat for the 3rd nine weeks!



Additionally, all students K-4 were nominated by classroom teachers and Specials area teachers for consistently showing FIRE in the first half of the school year. Keep it up, Little Dragons! We are so proud of you & so happy that you are here!



YES/SAES: Glenn Colton Assemblies – 2/21/2025 – YES and SAES: An article was in the WTO recently.

On Friday, February 21st, students at Youngsville Elementary School and Sheffield Area Elementary School enjoyed songs and music by performer “Glenn Colton”. This year’s assemblies centered on the theme of “The Leader In Me” and encouraged students to make positive choices while working to be their best. Example song selections include “Good, Better, Best,” “The More You Put Into It,” “You’re a Friend of Mine,” and “The School Song”. Each school’s Parent-Teacher Organizations sponsored the assemblies.

Mr. Colton provided links to his soundtracks to Mrs. Stimmell, YES Principal, and Mrs. Harris, SAES Principal, for teachers to begin sharing with students during indoor recess and other quiet classroom activities to familiarize students with song lyrics prior to the assemblies.

At YES, Mr. Colton incorporated the school’s PBIS theme of S. O. A. R. (Safety, Ownership, Always Respect). At SAES. Mr. Colton incorporated the school’s PBIS Theme of P.R.I.D.E. (Positivity, Respect, Independence, Determination, and Excellence) as a core theme throughout the performances.

"I loved that it was engaging for ALL ages" Mrs. Mitchell

"I liked that we got to dance, have fun and be happy" Blake Miller

"It was funny when he kicked his shoe off and he said, "Where is my shoe?" That was funny." Joey P.

"I liked Mr. Ducky Wucky and his cute duck." I also liked, "Good, Better, Best!" Elliott Funkhouser

"I heard Glenn Colton perform many years ago and he is still as engaging and enthusiastic as he was back then. He has many new songs in addition to the oldies, but goodies. I guess I can get rid of his old CD's since they are now easier to access on YouTube and Spotify!" Mrs. DeSimone

"Mr. Glenn Colton presented his songs to the students in such a fun and engaging way tied to being an overall good person. Our students could not get enough of the songs in the assembly, and everyone left feeling good about themselves and each other! We cannot thank our PTO enough for providing this wonderful assembly for our students!" Amy Stimmell, YES Principal

"There is so much more that goes into a school day than academics: we are raising the next generation of our future leaders. We have an opportunity every day to instill in them positive work ethics, compassion, kindness, self-determination, and the importance of character. Seeing our students raising their hands, dancing, and laughing with one another while singing songs focused on these life lessons was incredible. I cannot thank Mrs. Stimmell enough for reaching out and suggesting the joint assembly." – Kylie Harris, SAES Principal



Middle/Secondary

EMHS:

Battle of the Books:

EMHS students participated in the annual Battle of the Books. They improved upon their results from last year and are looking to do so again next year.



EMHS / YMHS Art Student Logo Development:

Art students from Mrs. Walter's and Mrs. McElhaney's classes were chosen to work on a special project for next year. They were tasked with creating logos that can be used by teams / boosters / etc. for the upcoming school year that integrate pieces of both school's traditions and logos. All told, they will meet three times, before putting their designs out to vote for which ones will be used in a merchandise sale for next year. These talented students have developed some great ideas so far. Stay tuned for updates and the final release of their hard work later this school year!





Hunter Nuttall makes 1st Chair Bassoon

Congratulations to EMHS Sophomore Hunter Nuttall as he earned 1st Chair Bassoon. Hunter will now move on to perform with the All State Concert Band.

BWMS:



Pi Day (Week) – Mrs. Blasco and Mrs. Haslett’s classes had a great time exploring the mathematical marvel of π , the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. They learned: It's a decimal representation that goes on infinitely without repeating. If you take any circle and divide its circumference (the distance around it) by its diameter (the distance across it), you will always get π . π is approximately equal to 3.14159, but its decimal representation continues infinitely. π is fundamental in many areas of mathematics, physics, and engineering. It's used in calculations involving circles, spheres and other geometric shapes.

Mr. Norris's math enrichment groups recently completed a Pick-A-Project, a challenge that encouraged students to apply mathematical concepts to real-world applications. Beyond their understanding of fractions, students utilized critical thinking, STEM, and language arts skills to plan, design, and develop innovative mathematical solutions.



Virtual Academy Services Update

As we continue to grow and enhance our virtual programming, Virtual Academy Services (VAS) has been actively engaging with our partner districts to plan for the upcoming school year.

- **District Meetings & Contract Renewals:** We have been meeting with all 17 of our partner school districts to confirm next year's contracts. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to reflect on what is working well and discuss ways to continue strengthening our virtual programs. By collaborating closely with each district, we ensure that our services align with their evolving needs and priorities.
- **Celebrating Success & Identifying Areas for Growth:** These discussions allow us to highlight the successes of our program, including strong student engagement, improved reporting tools, and enhanced instructional support. At the same time, we are using these conversations to identify areas where we can refine processes, expand course offerings, and provide additional resources to both students and teachers.
- **Commitment to Continuous Improvement:** Our ongoing collaboration with districts reinforces our commitment to continually improving virtual learning experiences. Whether it's through new AI-driven tools, additional instructional resources, or improved student progress monitoring, we are dedicated to making the virtual experience as effective and engaging as possible.

These meetings serve as a reminder of the strong partnerships we have built and the collective dedication to student success. We look forward to another year of growth, innovation, and collaboration with our districts.

WCCC:

All County Musical

Students from Building Construction worked very hard on sets for the recent Junior All County Musical – The Addams Family. Mr. Waterman and his students went over to WAHS every day for about a month preparing for the big event.

BizAccelerator

Seniors enrolled at the WCCC are extremely fortunate to have Gannon University present BizAccelerator. This is a 5-week program that teaches the steps necessary to start one's own business. Mr. John Papalia (WCCBI) was very influential in getting Gannon to select the WCCC for this program.

NTHS

The WCCC will be inducting the twelve (12) new members to the National Technical Honor Society on March 21, 2025. Mrs. Carrie Smaroff has organized the event that will occur in the Large Group Instruction room at the WCCC.

NOCTI testing

The on-line portion of the NOCTI testing begins March 25, 2025. Following the on-line test, students will be involved in a hands-on portion assessed by experts in their field. Each program schedules their hands-on testing and testing will continue through the end of April.

NOCTI is an end of year assessment given to all enrolled seniors who have been enrolled in their program for at least 2 years.

SkillsUSA and FBLA

Both clubs will be traveling to Hershey, PA in early April to compete in their respected state events. Results from all three (3) student clubs will be shared with the board following these events.

Gifted: Our Gifted Support students recently went on a field trip to the Carnegie Natural History and Art Museum on March 3rd. This field trip was funded by the Romaine Barrett Benefactor fund. Below is a thank you card highlighting the trip as a thank you for funding this trip for our students.



