

FRENCH CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Front left to right: Madelyn Frye, Mr. Brian Webb (PE teacher), Brooke Lewis, and Kera Lewis. Second row Sienna Crites, Kloe Chapman, and in the back is Mrs. Jessica McQuain, third grade teacher.

Students and staff stand together with teachers battling cancer

Students and staff from French Creek Elementary are using their vision statement “empowering students to create Hope for the present, dreams for the future, and passion for life!” and bringing it to life at a recent event held in the gymnasium on October 30th, 2014.

Two teachers at French Creek Elementary school are battling cancer. During the months of September and October, teachers wore t-shirts that said “We Stand Together” with a pink cancer ribbon.

When asked why teachers were wearing these shirts, Quinten Oldaker, a Kindergarten teacher said “At French Creek Elementary, we are one big family. So creating these shirts that said “We Stand Together” was just one way to let our two teachers know that we were there for them, supporting them the entire way” Students were also encouraged to wear pink on these days to support these teachers as well.

Five students and one staff member donated inches of their

hair to Pantene’s Beautiful Lengths program. One student had her first haircut at this event. When asked why she wanted to donate her hair to this program, Madelyn Frye, a fourth grade student stated “I thought this was a really good event because I wanted to help support my two teachers.” Also, one PE teacher shaved his head at the event as well.

French Creek would like to send a special thank you to Jeanetta Phillips from the Golden Razor for cutting the hair!



Fred Eberle students part of new ‘Simulated Workplace’ program

Collision Repair Technology and Diesel Technology are piloting the WVDE’s Simulated Workplace program for the 2014-2015 school year. This is a program that combines the hands-on skills that career and technical education is known for and adds the skills needed to become a more successful employee to local businesses. These skills include the use

of time clocks to track attendance and work time. They will develop a business plan and file quarterly reports. This business will require students to call in when absent, stating the reason for the absence. The industry has stated that the skills needed are not only the hands on skills needed for each program concentration, but skills needed to fill out repair

orders, ordering parts and time management. This initiative has been developed to cover these lacking areas and produce a more employable technician. This program is slated to go statewide in every career and technical program in the 2015-2016 school year.
—Scott Currence and Bob Johnson, Instructors

KEYS OF EXCELLENCE



October's Professional Employee of the Month Angie Westfall is pictured with, from left, school board members President Teresa Bellamy, Vice President Dr. Tammy Samples and Board Member Carl Martin, as well as Superintendent Roy Wager.



October's Service Employee of the Month Milton Carpenter



November's Professional Employee of the Month Rochelle Smith



November's Service Employee of the Month Maria Eddy

BUCKHANNON ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Stars for Ella



This past week at Buckhannon Academy Elementary School the staff and students have been purchasing purple stars for \$1.00. All proceeds from this sale will be going directly to Ella's parents to help with expenses related to this tragic accident. Ella was a four year old recently involved in an auto / pedestrian accident while waiting at the bus stop with her mother and two younger brothers in Clarksburg, WV. As a result of her injuries Ella unfortunately lost her life. Ella would have celebrated her 5th birthday on October 19th.



Buckhannon Academy's First Annual Toys for Tots Toy Drive

Buckhannon Academy is discovering a different meaning of Christmas this year by providing toys for children in need. During the months of November and December, students at Buckhannon Academy participated in a Toys for Tots toy drive. In order to give the toy drive a little competition, students competed to see who could donate the most toys to this wonderful cause. Grade levels competed for a field trip to Upshur Cinema 6 provided by Buckhannon Toyota. Individual classrooms also competed for a pizza party. The numbers are calculated weekly by grade level coordinators and then announced each Monday. The fifth grade student council members sang a jingle every morning during announcements to remind students to "spread a little joy, give a little magic" and donate to this wonderful cause!

BUCKHANNON-UPSHUR MIDDLE SCHOOL



Buckhannon-Upshur Middle School students worked for one week on a virtual field trip of the electromagnetic spectrum. The first day was spent on interactive sites, which led to some interactive games the next day, the third day was spent exploring careers dealing with the electromagnetic spectrum. The last two days the students created a foldable display based on a career they chose and these will be on display at our heritage fair at the end of the year.

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Phone: (304) 472-3720

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Assistant Principal: Doug Frashure

Assistant Principal: Carla Rogers

Assistant Principal: Randall Roy

Assistant Principal: Tristen Gray

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Principal: Renee Warner

Assistant Principal: Rick Reynolds

Assistant Principal: Teresa Blend

Fred Eberle Technical Center

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Phone: (304) 924-6381

Principal: Rebecca Call

Hodgesville Elementary School (PreK-5)

Phone: (304) 472-3212

Principal: Janet Phillips

Rock Cave Elementary School (PreK-5)

Phone: (304) 924-6969

Principal: Amanda Craig

Buckhannon Academy Elementary School (PreK-5)

Phone: (304) 472-5813 / 3310

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Assistant Principal: William Phillips

Tennerton Elementary (PreK-5)

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Principal: Mendy Akers

Union Elementary School (PreK-5)

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Principal: Dr. Sara Stankus

Washington District Elementary (PreK-5)

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Principal: Jeanne Bennett

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FRED EBERLE TECHNICAL CENTER

Electrical Technical Program



Greetings from the Electrical Technician Program! As always, we are in the midst of a busy year here at FETC. Our students have been diligently working on learning new skills and refining old ones. We are getting ready to start our annual residential wiring project. This is always a highlight of the school year where the students can really showcase their skills. The students have constructed a scaled blueprint of the house built by the Carpentry program.

We are currently in the planning process of the electrical system and within a short time, we will be taking our plan and building the electrical system for this residence. I always look forward to seeing the hard work come together in the spring when we do the final trim out and the students can see the big picture of how they went from a plan to reality. Along with our housing project, we will be working on a wide variety of shop and classroom projects as well as getting our completers prepared to take the WV Journeyman Electrician's exam in the spring.

—Robert Lowther, Instructor

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UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Butterflies at Union

During the fall, third grade students from Ms. McCourt's and Ms. Rhodes' class studied the life cycle of Monarch butterflies. The students collected caterpillars and watched the change to a chrysalis and then to a butterfly.

Pictured from left to right are Presley Bowers, Sarah Gompers, Emily Evans, and Sarah Yearego releasing our last butterfly of the year, "Riversong."



Fall Farm Visit



Union Elementary students were invited to the Miller Pumpkin Farm in October. Every student was given the opportunity to select one pumpkin to take home.

Above, Jonathan Colthart finds the perfect pumpkin to take home.

NASA Lego Robotics kits foster high-tech learning

Fifth graders at Union Elementary spent two weeks measuring, calculating, mapping, and programming. This might not sound like your typical day in an elementary classroom unless there are NASA Lego Robotics kits in the room. Students proved their programming skills by correctly measuring the circumference of their robot's wheel, navigating simple move forward motions and turning at a 90 degree angle to be eligible to run a 1 meter x 1 meter maze the student teams designed. The teams fabricated duct tape mazes with at least three obstacles involving turns. The students immensely enjoyed the integration of technology and the hands-on learning with the robots. While students refined their circumference calculations and designed a scale model of their maze, they were attending to Standards of Mathematical Practices of: Model with Mathematics and Attend to Precision. The Lego Robotics kits will be back at Union Elementary School in the spring for a 5th grade showdown of mathematical reasoning and perseverance through strenuous challenge.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Students are given a tour of the fire trucks from Washington District Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week.

School receives visit from local fire department

The Washington District Fire Department brought their fire trucks to Washington District Elementary School in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week. During a practiced a fire drill, students were met by the local fire department. Several of the volunteer firemen then visited each classroom to talk about fire safety. Students were also given a tour of the fire trucks.

Volunteer Fireman, Brian Elmore, visits with his son Caleb's 5th grade class at Washington District.

ROCK CAVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

RCES was again this year blessed with receiving gifts for all their students from the Greenbrier Resort. The "Create a Dream Tree" program allows charitable organizations to apply for donations of presents. Volunteer hours are required, but well worth the effort. This year, parent volunteers Vanessa Lloyd, Marie Allen and Amy Johnston joined Principal Amanda Craig to travel to White Sulphur Springs and assist with preparing gifts. If you are interested in the program for your school or organization, you can visit dreamtreeforkids@greenbrier.com for more information.



TENNERTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Fall Carnival 2014



The fall carnival at Tennerton Elementary was on Saturday, October 25, 2014. The event ran from 11-2. This event raised money for the school PTO to fund school wide events and field trips. Activities included a cake walk, a bounce house, a goldfish toss game, and a haunted house. The students also participated in costume contests in different age groups or grade levels in three categories; Pre-K, K-2, and 3-5. The categories included: most original, prettiest, and scariest. This was the first major school event under the leadership of new Principal Melinda Akers. There was quite a turn out for the event and a lot of the students showed up in costume. Mrs. Akers is off to a great start with the parents, staff, and students at Tennerton Elementary. She is dedicated to the continuing success of the school and making Tennerton a student centered learning environment.

BUCKHANNON ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



CHAINS OF KINDNESS — In the months since school has started, the students and staff at Buckhannon Academy Elementary School have been writing chains of kindness. At the last count we had almost 1,000 chain links decorating our halls, all with acts of kindness that students and staff have witnessed. We complete these chains of kindness as a part of Rachel's 5 Challenges. We also recite Rachel's 5 Challenges during morning announcements to remind students what we are striving to be. The 5 challenges are to 1) choose positive influences, 2) dream big and set big goals, 3) look for the best in others, 4) be kind, and 5) to start a chain reaction of kindness.

BUCKHANNON-UPSHUR HIGH SCHOOL

B-UHS Homecoming 2014



Homecoming 2014 at Buckhannon-Upshur High School was a huge success. Congratulations to the court members (pictured): freshman princess Desirae Lindow and escort Luke Leigh, sophomore princess Abbie Thomasula and escort Andrew Loudin, junior princess Haley Williams and escort Tyler Boyd, Senior princess Emily Thrain and escort Matt Cicalese, Queen Taylor Rolenson and King Cole Payne, senior princess Bethany Clevenger and escort CJ Bender, junior princess Cori Coffman and escort Elija Cerchiai, sophomore princess Athena Dills and escort Matt Woody, freshman princess McKinley Gaudet and escort Conor Dean.

College Week at B-UHS



October 20-24, 2014 was college application and exploration week at Buckhannon Upshur High School. This event was sponsored by the CFWV (The College Foundation of West Virginia) and is held across the state. The goal of the week was to ensure that all members of the senior class apply to at least one two-year or four-year college or university in the fall. During this week, the counselors made computers available during lunch shifts for students to apply to colleges. The application fee was waived by most colleges and universities in our state. Wednesday was college colors day and many staff members and students wore the college colors of their choice.

ROCK CAVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Student elections



Miss Lively's Leadership Club students at Rock Cave Elementary made speeches persuading their student body to "vote" for school representatives. 5th Graders Kaitlyn Shannon (President), Parker Browning (Vice President), Tara Howard (Treasurer), Kendra Pullen (Secretary), and Makenzi Cutright (Speaker) received the most votes in respective positions. These students will find and create opportunities to raise money to support the Rock Cave Elementary School community.



Honoring Veterans

RCES honored our veteran's on 11-10-14 with lunch. They were given special cards created by the students and a medal for citizenship. Third grader Jordan Johnston recited a poem and students that had a veteran with them presented their cards and awards. RCES is proud of our veterans and appreciate the sacrifices they made to protect our freedom.