

# Wildcat Newsletter

Mary C Snow West Side Elementary School

## Principal's Corner

Leader in Me® is a whole-school transformation model and process developed in partnership with educators that empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in the 21st century. It is based on principles and practices of personal, interpersonal and organizational effectiveness, and upon the powerful premise that every child possesses unique strengths and has the ability to be a leader.

Leader in Me helps students learn how to become self-reliant, take initiative, plan ahead, set and track goals, do their homework, prioritize their time, manage their emotions, be considerate of others, express their viewpoint persuasively, resolve conflicts, find creative solutions, value differences, and live a balanced life. The process helps students develop the skills and self-confidence they need to lead their lives and succeed in school and beyond.

Leader in Me started with one school in North Carolina and has since grown to thousands of schools in over eighty countries throughout the world.

The 7 Habits that go along with being a Leader in Me school are as follows:

1. Be Proactive
2. Begin with the End in Mind
3. Put First Things First
4. Think Win-Win
5. Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood
6. Synergize
7. Sharpen the Saw

## Introducing New Staff

My name is Ashley Smith. I am originally from Pennsylvania. I graduated from California University of Pennsylvania in 2016. I currently teach 1st grade and have taught Kindergarten for 2 and a half years in North Carolina. I love being outdoors and West Virginia is a beautiful place to enjoy nature. I look forward to an amazing school year here!

My name is Alyssa Koontz and I teach first grade. I graduated from Marshall University. I am a softball coach.

My name is Brittany Lowe and I teach third grade. I attended West Virginia State University and I was born in Germany!

## Upcoming Events

**Friday, 10/11/19**

\* End of First Nine Weeks

**Thursday, 10/17/19**

\* Flu Clinic

**Monday, 10/21/19**

\* Report Cards go home

**Tuesday, 10/22/19**

\* Awards Assembly

**Wednesday, 10/23/19**

\* NO SCHOOL

(Professional Learning Day for Teachers)

**Thursday, 10/24/19**

\* Halloween Dance (3:00 - 5:00 p.m.)

**Thursday, 10/31/19**

\* Pumpkin Drop

\* Halloween Parade

**Thursday, 11/7/19**

\* Veteran's Day Assembly

**Friday, 11/8/19**

\* Midterms/CATS Club Day

**Monday, 11/11/19**

\* NO SCHOOL (Veteran's Day)

**Tuesday, 11/12/19**

\* NO SCHOOL

(Parent/Teacher Conferences)

**Thursday, 11/21/19**

\* Thanksgiving Lunch

\* Family Night (5:00 - 7:00 p.m.)

**Monday, 11/25-29/19**

\* NO SCHOOL (Fall Break)

**Tuesday, 12/10/19**

\* Winter Magnet Performance

**Wednesday, 12/11/19**

\* NO SCHOOL

(Professional Learning Day for Teachers)

My name is Dinah Brown, and I have the privilege of teaching the best 5th grade students in the state of West Virginia! I graduated Marshall University and West Virginia State University Magna Cum Laude. I love to travel, and one of my favorite things I've done has been swimming with the dolphins!

Rosie Owens is returning to her home state of West Virginia after living in Virginia and South Carolina the last 8 years. She is joining our Title 1 reading team. She graduated college from Western Governors University. Ms. Owens favorite place to be is in Charleston, SC and Mt. Pleasant, SC walking along the beach.

My name is Amanda Metzger and I graduated from West Virginia State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sports Medicine. I am from St. Albans, WV. I teach snow skiing, swimming, rollerblading, and exercise classes.

## Classroom News

### Preschool

In Preschool we learn new letters each week. Please remember to check your child's backpack and folder for information and homework. Look for stampers daily. MCSWSE will be hosting the Rex the RX program again this year, on Monday, October 14 at 9:00 a.m., parents are welcome to attend. On October, 17, we will be visiting Gritts Farm, permission slips have already gone home.

### Kindergarten

In the Kindergarten classrooms we focus on stories each week. Some of our stories have included Listen, Listen, The Five Senses, What Makes a Family, Building with Dad, Friends at School, How do Dinosaurs go to School, I have a Pet, Please Puppy Please, Pizza at Sally's, and The Handiest Things in the World. We are also counting to 20 and writing numbers up to 5. Our Field Trip will be on Thursday, October 24, to Heritage Farms and permission slips have already gone home.

### First Grade

First Grade has a weekly story and spelling words, which is a part of their reading grade. Please be sure to sign the homework sheet that shows that your child read their weekly story out loud to you. In Math we have been working on subtraction concepts and in Reading we are working on sequence of events. Our Field Trip is Thursday, October 18, to Heritage Farms.

### Second Grade

In Second Grade we have a weekly story and spelling homework on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Our Science focus has been on answering the essential question "What do plants and animals need to survive?". Our Social Studies focus has been on rules and responsibilities. We took our Field Trip to the WV Wildlife Center on Friday, October 4.

### Third Grade

Remember to check Schoology for grades. Students have homework Monday through Friday. We have a weekly reading story and spelling words. In Math we are focusing on addition and subtraction. In Science our focus is animal habitats and in Social Studies we have learned the continents and oceans. We took our fall Field Trip to Safety City where students learned about safety issues related to fire, guns and bikes.

### Fourth Grade

In fourth grade we are discussing the importance of being respectful to all adults and classmates and the importance of following school and classroom rules. Be sure to have your child read at least 20 minutes each evening, complete homework assignments, return them to school. In reading we are focusing on cause and effect and in Math we are focusing on multiplication and division.

### Events Continued

**Tuesday, 12/17/19**

\* Winter Program

**Thursday, 12/19/19**

\* Snowball Dance (3:00 - 5:00 p.m.)

**Friday, 10/20/19**

\* End of Second Nine Weeks

**Monday, 10/23/19 -**

**Friday, 1/3/2019**

\* Winter Break

**Monday, 1/6/19**

\* School resumes

## Fifth Grade

In fifth grade we are working on groups, double digit multiplication and division. In Reading we are working on sequence of events, poetry, and self-monitored reading. In Social Studies, our focus is WV History and in Science we are working on energy sources. We are also writing fiction narratives and practicing cursive. We will be taking a Field Trip to Powerama, Tuesday, October 15.

## Ms. Lynch's Class

Ms. Lynch's class is learning to understand subtraction. We have a story each week that goes along with the words that we are learning each week. Please encourage your child to read nightly.

## Nurse's Corner

Healthy Greetings from Nurse Allio: 'Tis the season for ghosts and goblins, turkey and football, snow and Christmas as well as colds and the flu. This year you can be proactive and have your child vaccinated for the flu. Family Care will hold a free flu vaccine clinic for students on Thursday, October 17th. Watch for and return completed forms to the school so your child can say "BOO" to the flu!

## Counselor's Corner

It's Bullying Prevention and Drug Awareness Month, which means FUN!! Over the last several weeks, students participated in age-appropriate lessons to help recognize, report, and refuse bullying. To build on the fundamental skills of creating a positive school climate, we will bring

awareness to the importance of staying drug-free. We will celebrate Red Ribbon Week (Drug Awareness) October 28th-November 1st. We will kick-off the week with an assembly with the Drug Enforcement Administration and participate in fun themed days. It's always a good day to be a wildcat, especially in October, because wildcats commit to being bully and drug-free!

## Attendance Corner

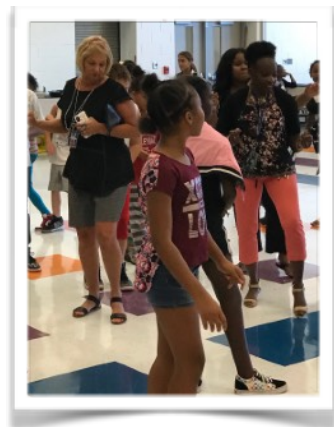
2019- 2020 School Attendance Theme for Mary C. Snow West Side Elementary School

School is Lit, So Don't Be Tardy for the Party!

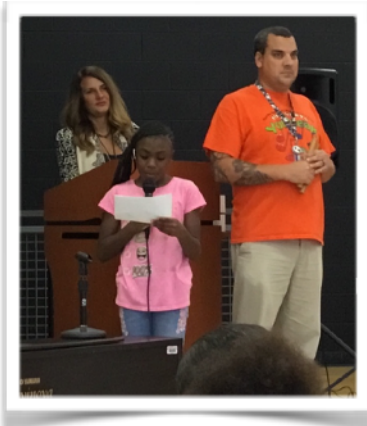
A missed school day is a missed opportunity for your child to learn and build socialization skills. Attendance is essential to academic success, it creates good habits, patterns, and promotes a healthy stable learning environment. The fundamental basis for learning and staying on target is consistency. Absences, excused and unexcused can quickly add up and cause academic challenges. Poor attendance not only seriously affects your child's learning environment and could create your child to be behind in their classwork but it also can result in legal actions and fines defined by West Virginia State Law.

If anyone has any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Chenelle Coy-Williams, Assistant Attendance Director/Social Worker [ccooy-williams@mail.kana.k12.wv.us](mailto:ccooy-williams@mail.kana.k12.wv.us) (304) 348-1949 Ext 116

Learning begins immediately upon the start of the school day. Your child is expected to be in their classroom when the tardy bell rings at 7:30 am. Students can arrive at 7:00 am. Students who arrive late disrupt learning for other students and themselves.



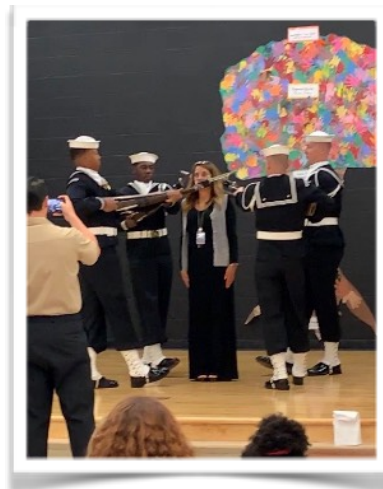
## School Dance



### Family Night



### Meet the Teacher & Open House



### Navy Drill Team Visit