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Cameron High School Open House



The much anticipated opening of Cameron High School took place on January 7th. Students were given tours of the new facility the previous week to help acclimate them to their new surroundings. As there is much public interest in touring the building, the Board of Education has selected Sunday, February 17th as the date for the open house. The open house will begin at 1:30 p.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m.

To ensure every citizen has the opportunity to visit the new facility, transportation will be provided from Moundsville to Cameron. School buses will run from the John Marshall High School Field House. The first group of busses will depart at 1:00 p.m., and the second group at 2:00 pm. Please notify the transportation department at 304-843-4422, if you would like to reserve a place on a bus.



Marshall County Schools continues to

seek ways in which open communication can be provided for parents and community members.

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Moundsville Middle Recipient of Health and PE Grants



Suzanne Muncy, Health and Physical Education Teacher at Moundsville Middle School, has written multiple grants this school year totaling \$5,250.00. The grants have allowed for innovative and fun instructional lessons as well as providing health and wellness activities at the school. The students were able to participate in healthy food taste tests during open house and in 6th and 8th grade health classes. The students in health classes have also had the opportunity to view the dangers of tobacco use via Mr. Gross Mouth and pig lungs. Fitness activities before and during school have included a jump rope team, an after school swim club, Wii dance competitions, exercise equipment and two new stationary bikes. We applaud the efforts of Suzanne in educating our youth in the benefits of healthy choices and fitness.



PAEMST Honoree

Bridget Jordan, a 6th grade mathematics teacher at Sherrard Middle School, has been selected by the West Virginia State Selection Committee as a state finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Bridget will be honored during a banquet on March 15th at the Stonewall Jackson Resort.



Each application submitted by a state-level finalist is forwarded to a national selection committee composed of mathematics educators, past awardees, and professional mathematicians who meet in Washington, D.C. to select the national PAEMST awardees. We congratulate Bridget on having been selected for this prestigious honor and wish her success at the national level.

John Marshall Teachers Receive Grants

Several John Marshall teachers have been busy applying for grants to enhance the learning opportunities for their students. They have been successful in their endeavors. Marcie Robbins, language arts teacher, was awarded \$1,250.00 from Walmart for a book study and project materials for the language arts department. Dave Parsons, social studies teacher, was awarded \$1,000.00 from West Liberty University for a book study. Sally Gaughenbaugh, art teacher, was awarded \$1,000.00 from Bayer/PPG to integrate chemistry into visual arts through Raku firing, and \$2,000.00 from West Liberty University for an Apple initiative to introduce students to Mac machines. Mark Swiger, social studies teacher, received \$44,500.00 for a 3-year sustainable school curriculum and learning program through a private foundation. Kim Clark, science teacher, received \$800.00 through Bayer/PPG. Cindy Nicholson, business/marketing teacher, received a \$1,000.00



Seated: Cindy Nicholson, Sally Gaughenbaugh, Kim Clark
Standing: Dave Parsons, R.J. Jacobs, Mark Swiger, Nicole Shipman

Five Promises grant to defray expenses for AmericorpVISTA personnel to work with at-risk youth. Nicole Shipman, horticulture teacher, received \$2,500.00 from the national FFA for garden plants and tools. R.J. Jacobs, science teacher, was awarded \$4,000.00 by the Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley to promote the integration of arts education into the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) curriculum. The project is "Chemistry in the Kitchen: The Art and Science of Cooking." The grant allowed for the purchase of several iPads for the science department. Congratulations to these energetic and hard-working teachers.

"All Systems Go @ CHS "



All systems go -- on the network, that is. Computers aren't the only things plugged into the network these days. In addition to the 387 student computers and the 70 teacher/presentation and administrative computers, the "network" is vital for many of the day-to-day operations of the new Cameron High School. Wireless access points, telephones, copy machines, projectors, printers and surveillance cameras are all connected via the network cables that run through the walls and ceilings of the new school building. In addition to having a direct connection, systems like heating and air conditioning, lighting, PA systems, security doors, refrigeration units, freezers, meat smoker, ice melt systems, scoreboards and digital signs are all configured and monitored through network

connections. And don't forget the web-based programs that we all depend on each day like WVEIS, SmartFind, Cybersoft POS, and SchoolFunds Online to name just a few. Teachers and students also benefit from the virtually unlimited availability of educational resources online. Even a few short years ago it would have been hard to imagine that technology would be integral to every aspect of the educational system from student learning to teacher instruction and even to the actual physical building. A dependable network infrastructure is now essential to the successful operation of our schools.

Niekamp Foundation Benefits Schools

In past years, the Niekamp Foundation has been outstandingly generous to the music programs of Marshall County Schools. They have provided and enhanced our school music programs by purchasing instruments and technologies that would otherwise not have been accessible to our youth.

This year, the Foundation has developed a new program for assisting disadvantaged students. Central Elementary, McNinch Elementary, and Moundsville Middle School, are the recipients of this grant from the Trustees of the Niekamp Foundation. The money is to be used to provide students in need with basic necessities as determined by the staff. These necessities may include coats and other clothes items, hygiene supplies, blankets, weekend food kits, washers and dryers and any other items that may be deemed appropriate in assisting our most needy students.



This grant money is truly a gift from the heart. The trustees of the Niekamp Foundation have been honorably dispersing the monies left by Karl and Mildred Niekamp. Mr. and Mrs. Niekamp had the desire to help children and their schools by providing items that not only benefit the body but also the mind. We thank the trustees for assisting Marshall County Schools in providing for our needy and grateful children.

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant



Dana Zambito, a Title 1 teacher at Center McMechen Elementary, was awarded a \$5,000 grant from "Lowe's Toolbox for Education." The grant is funded by Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation. The grant will provide funding for a "Lowe's Reading Lounge" at the school. The lounge will feature a gazebo that will serve as a

comfortable outdoor reading area for all students. The supplies to construct the gazebo will be purchased from Lowe's of Wheeling, and the labor will be provided by local volunteers as well as Lowe's employees. The gazebo will be placed inside the fenced area of the playground so all children will have access. The project is scheduled to be completed over the summer of 2013.

Transportation Director Welcomes New Challenges



Dave Smith was appointed transportation director following the retirement of Beth Bertram. Dave was born and raised in Moundsville, and is a graduate of John Marshall High School. His first employment was as a coal miner, then a truck driver. He began driving busses for Marshall County Schools as a substitute in 1989. Since that time he has driven many routes and served as the transportation representative for nine years. Dave's goals are to continue to improve the safe transportation of our students, as well as to improve the education and training of all drivers to stay abreast of the ever changing state and federal regulations.

Grab and Go at CHS

Students and staff at Cameron High School are enjoying the new "grab and go" serving style in their new cafeteria. All fresh garden greens, veggies, and fruits are proportioned so that students can make their own specialty salads. Entree salads such as Chicken Pasta Salads and Chef Salads are available on a weekly rotating basis. Students can also choose from deli sandwiches such as a turkey and cheese on a garlic and herb wrap or an egg or tuna salad sandwich in addition to the two main hot entrees. In the first two weeks of implementation, there has been a 13% increase in the number of students participating in the school lunch program. It's great to see the students eating more salads. The new state of the art equipment has helped to decrease cooking time, helps vegetables keep more of their nutritional value and cooks food more consistently. The cooks recently made pepperoni rolls with marinara sauce. The rolls were definitely an example of great baking!



Doug Pethtel, ninth grade student, states "I really love the new cafeteria system, it's great" Kathy Harris, states "I have been the secretary at CHS for the past 18 years and have seen many changes in the child nutrition department, but definitely feel the addition of the prepared salads and entrees is wonderful. Our cooks are doing a fantastic job in tailoring the salads to the likes of the kids, and it shows in the increase of students taking

advantage of the hot lunch program. It also saves time for the students in lunch line as it is just grab and go and gives them much more time to enjoy their lunch!!"



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Universal Pre-K Registration

Marshall County Schools is in the process of Pre-K registration for the 2013-2014 school year. If you wish to enroll your child in Pre-K, please call the school in your area to make an appointment and request an application packet be mailed to you. The completed packet is to be taken to the registration appointment. Appointments will be on a first come first serve basis.

For Pre-K sites in the Moundsville area including the Marshall County Day Care, call McNinch Primary to register. Those living in the Limestone, Sand Hill or Sherrard area, are to call Hilltop Elementary. For all other locations, call the numbers listed below.

WV Pre-K programs are free for any child who turns 4 prior to September 1.

School	Phone	Date of Screening
Cameron Elementary	(304) 686-3305	April 5, 2013
Center McMechen	(304) 232-6530	March 15, 2013
Glen Dale Elementary	(304) 843-4427	March 22, 2013
Hilltop Elementary	(304) 232-8640	March 22, 2013
McNinch Primary	(304) 843-4431	March 14 & 15 th , 2013
Washington Lands	(304) 843-4421	April 5, 2013