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MCS Policies

Board of Education policies may be viewed at <http://boe.mars.k12.wv.us/policies>. FY08 New and amended policies include:

- 5.28 Leave Donation Program
- 5.30 Sick Leave Bank
- 5.3 Discipline/Safe Schools
- 6.5 Homework
- 4.1.7 Fringe Benefits
- 3.1.12 Fringe Benefits
- 10.16 Duplication of Materials and Records
- 3.1.13 Employee Grievance Procedures
- 5.17 Student Transfers

We Raised the Bar!

Marshall County Schools received a generous grant from an anonymous donor that included a matching grant component. The donor contributed over \$96,000 to the music program in Marshall County Schools. Financing provided a new piano lab at John Marshall High School, as well as funding the purchase of steel drums. The steel drum band is a new program for the school. The remaining money was used for various instrumental needs throughout the county to enhance the music program. The donor also issued a challenge grant to the county music department that matches two dollars for every dollar raised up to \$10,000. The \$10,000 raised with the help and support of school staff, students, parents, businesses, and community members through the Raise the Bar campaign brought an additional \$20,000 of support from the anonymous donor.



JMHS Blue Ribbon Schools Nominee



John Marshall High School has been selected by the West Virginia Department of Education as one of the state's nominees for the 2008 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools award. The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private K-12 schools that are either academically superior in their states or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement.

States are permitted to nominate a specified number of schools for the award each year. The number of nominees is based on the number of K-12 students and the number of schools in the state. West Virginia has been allotted three public school nominees. Once nominated, schools must complete an extensive application which focuses primarily on assessment results, indicators of academic success, curriculum and instruction, and scientifically based instructional programs.

John Marshall High School is proud to have been nominated for the award. The staff has been hard at work completing the Blue Ribbon School application. In addition to the information submitted in the application, test data from spring of 2008 will be considered in selecting the national winners. Mr. Thomas Wood, JMHS Principal, stated, "We are very honored to be recognized by the No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School Program as one of the top 10% of schools in West Virginia. JM is the only high school receiving this nomination. I cannot thank my faculty enough for all they do to meet the needs of our 21st Century Learners."

Winning schools will be announced in October. Two people from each winning school will be invited to a ceremony in Washington, D.C. where the school will receive a plaque and a flag signifying their NCLB-Blue Ribbon School status.

GOOD LUCK, JMHS!!!

Exciting Times

McNinch Elementary School is looking forward to a makeover. The current school building will be closed for the 2008-2009 school year during which time construction crews will tear out the existing interior structures and build new rooms in line with current safety standards and technology.

As a part of the reconfiguration process for Marshall County Schools, all students who currently attend Central, McNinch, Park View and Sanford who will be in grades Pre-K through 2 next school year will be enrolled at McNinch Elementary. As McNinch will be closed for the 2008-2009 school year for renovations, students will be housed in two separate locations. Those students in Pre-K and Kindergarten will be attending school at the McNinch II location which is the current Park View School building. Students in grades 1 & 2 will be at the McNinch I location which is the current Sanford School building. The “new” McNinch School building will be open for the 2009-2010 school year and will house Pre-K through grade 2 students.

All grade 3-5 students currently in the Moundsville attendance area will attend Central School next year. Construction for the Central addition is on schedule and the building will be ready for the students.

Beginning next school year, students entering grade six in the Moundsville and Sherrard Jr. High attendance areas will attend school at their respective Jr. High Schools. Additional rooms are being added to both buildings to accommodate the sixth grade students.

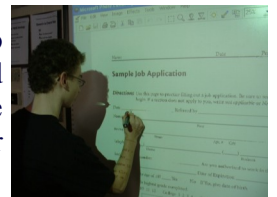
Whiteboard Proves To Be Powerful Tool



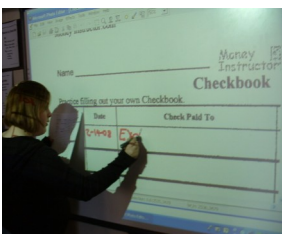
The first time teacher Rick Lay saw a demonstration of an interactive whiteboard, he knew it was a tool that would greatly enhance education of the special students in his classroom. Lay got approval to purchase an interactive whiteboard, with one stipulation: The students would have to be directly involved in the daily use of the whiteboard and its components. He was neither surprised nor deterred by this requirement, knowing it would be another avenue for expanding and channeling the self-direction component of the special education program.

“Each student went through an in-house training session, receiving hands-on experience with the whiteboard and its components. After the training, I knew one thing for sure, special education students could use a whiteboard. The learning curve was no greater for them than it was for me or the classroom aide.”

Lay’s next challenge was to learn how to incorporate the whiteboard in the classroom to maximize its effectiveness. “I knew we couldn’t use it as just another chalkboard or overhead projector,” he emphasizes. Not surprisingly, he had no trouble finding ways to incorporate the interactive whiteboard’s use, so much so that it is now the classroom’s central component for delivering instruction.



At the end of his first year using an interactive whiteboard, Lay observes that it has made the classroom experience much more productive. “I attribute this to the daily use of the whiteboard in conjunction with an improving use of other technology in the classroom,” he says. In addition, Lay notices positive changes among his students. For example, they are more interested and involved because they’re directly involved with the day-to-day operation of the interactive whiteboard and its components. Their behavior has also improved because of the interactivity of the whiteboard and the connectivity it permits among the various activities that occur. “We have had few behavior problems this year because the students are not stuck with paper and pencil,” he says simply. “We can change and adapt the activities to keep up their interest level.”



Lay is excited about continuing to discover ways to use the interactive whiteboard in his classroom. “Even with everything we’ve done, we’ve only scratched the surface of what the whiteboard can do. It is the most powerful tool I’ve ever had in the classroom and it has opened a whole new way of looking at instruction,” he concludes.

Teachers Receive National Board Certification

Shelia Cain and Marsha Roberts successfully completed the requirements to receive National Board Certification. The National Board Certification process requires intensive self-reflection and analysis of one's own teaching practices measured against high and rigorous standards. Additionally, the professional must validate a high degree of content knowledge through testing at an assessment center and through performance based assessments. The candidate demonstrates and validates instructional competence through videotaping actual classroom lessons, reflection and an extensive portfolio.



Shelia Cain is a teacher of mathematics at Cameron High School. Sheila became a teacher because "There is nothing more satisfying than helping students learn. I look forward to the daily challenges of teaching and feel a great sense of accomplishment once my educational goals for my students have been achieved." She stated her most memorable educational moment as "While listening to the radio one morning, I realized that one of my students was on the air. After a while the DJ asked her what was her favorite class, and to my surprise (and his) she said, Geometry"! That was my most memorable moment in education, that was the moment that every teacher waits for. The moment that we, as educators, realize that we made a difference in someone's life. That is what teaching is all about ... the impact that we have on our students."

Marsha Roberts teaches physical education at Cameron Elementary School. She became a teacher because she loves children. "I love movement and elementary physical education gives me the opportunity to work with children and share my enjoyment of movement while developing their goals for living a healthy lifestyle." She states her most memorable moments in education as receiving the "Al Canonico Award", "West Virginia Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year 2005" Award and passing National Boards.



Congratulations to Shelia Cain and Marsha Roberts.

WJMH Receives Rave Reviews

WJMH Media is getting rave reviews by many in the broadcasting industry nationwide. Storme Warren, from Different Drummer Productions/Country Music Across America stated the following:

**Your team did a terrific job on the Brad Paisley story!
It will air on Dec. 6th at 8pm eastern on GAC's "Country Music Across America".
Please pass along my sincere thanks and kudos.
The story is better than most of the packages we air on our show!**

As the correspondence indicates, the students that comprise WJMH received worthy praise equal to the professionals in the broadcasting industry.

WJMH Media also successfully produced and aired the Marshall County Christmas Parade on WLTV (West Liberty State College's Television station). They recently produced a hockey game at Wesbanco Arena, a Girls' Basketball game and the Winter Band Concert at the John Marshall Center for Performing Arts.

Teacher Tony Wood and the students that comprise WJMH have much for which to be proud.

Highly Qualified

Marshall County Schools is delighted to have maintained a 100% highly qualified teaching staff according to state department statistics. The class schedules of each professional educator are matched with their certification files to determine this status. Marshall County was one of only three counties in the state to maintain this level of expertise.

Positive Physical Intervention


Dr. Terry Smith, Special Education Director of RESA II, has been contracted for the 2007 – 2008 school year to provide training in positive physical intervention techniques. Dr. Smith provides training for both professional and service personnel. This year's trainings were held on September 20 & 21, November 8 & 9, and January 29, with 80 staff members being trained.

Kansas Writing

Shelby Haines, RESA 6 Director of Special Education, has obtained a grant from the State Department of Education to fund training in Kansas Writing Strategies for secondary school teachers. This training encompassed all 3 components of Kansas Writing. Training was conducted by Lynne Fruthe for representatives from all four secondary schools on February 4th & 5th.

Welcome to Marshall County Schools

Marshall County Schools is pleased to welcome new staff for the 2007-2008 school year.

Michael Sforza Moundsville Jr. High Teacher of PE/Health	Jean Ann Sherman Sanford Elementary Teacher of PE/Health	Jacob Myers Moundsville Jr. High Teacher of English	Kathleen Loughman John Marshall Teacher of Biology	Anna Kelley John Marshall Teacher of Math
Michael Tennant John Marshall High Teacher of Social Studies	Jennifer Yates John Marshall Teacher of English	Corey Murphy John Marshall Assistant Principal	Brittany Cecil Cameron High Teacher of English	Denise Cramer County Nurse
Kristy Covey Moundsville Jr. High Teacher of PE/Health	Josie Burch John Marshall Teacher English/Multi-cat	Amanda McGraw Sanford Elementary Teacher Grade 5	Kelly Pettit Cameron El/HS Counselor	John Mercer Bus Garage Bus Operator
John Smith Cameron High Teacher of Voc. Ag. Ed.	Jessica Bramer John Marshall Speech/Theatre	Christina DeCasper Park View Elementary Teacher Grade 1	Amy Groome Sanford Elementary Teacher Grade 6	Kathy Engle Glen Dale Cook
 Marshall County Schools 2700 4th Street Moundsville, WV 26041 Phone: 304-843-4400 Fax:304-843-4409	Erin Rogerson Central Elementary Teacher of Kindergarten	Daniel Gatts Cameron High Teacher of Social Studies	Leanne Twigg HunnyPot Teacher of Pre-K	Luyina Workman John Marshall Cook
	Kathleen Zien Cameron Elementary Cook	Jennifer McCombs John Marshall Cook	Kimberly Stout Sanford Elementary Cook	Brenda Winters Sanford Elementary Secretary
	Jennie Czerwinski John Marshall Cook	Stephanie Morris Center McMechen Aide	Cynthia Cunningham Sand Hill Elementary Aide/LPN	Therese Overholt Washington Lands Aide/LPN
Board of Education Roger Lewicki, President Lori Kestner Tom Gilbert David Hall Mary Ellen Komorowski Superintendent Alfred N. Renzella	Monica Wiley Central Elementary Teacher of Kindergarten	Robyn Fitzsimmons County Director of Personnel	Jeff Manukin Moundsville Jr. High Teacher of English/Multi-Cat	

Substitute Employee Management System Receives Upgrade

The Substitute Employee Management System (SEMS), maintained by RESA-6 recently received an upgrade. Substitutes will still be called on the telephone to fill jobs, but a new feature of the system includes a browser/web interface.

Employees can both report and review their absences through the website address at <http://resa6ems.k12.wv.us>. Substitutes can review jobs they have accepted. A nice additional feature to the new interface is the ability of employees to review past and future absences through a list or calendar format.

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