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Marshall County Schools continues to seek ways in which open communication can be provided for parents and community members. Email us at: [marshallcountyschools@gmail.com](mailto:marshallcountyschools@gmail.com)

### Board of Ed Policies



## Michael Hince Named Superintendent



Michael Hince has been named the superintendent for Marshall County Schools for the 2013-2014 school year. Mr. Hince received a bachelors degree in English and Social Studies from Alderson Broaddus College, and a masters degree in Education Administration from West Virginia University. Mr. Hince has a 33 year tenure with Marshall County Schools. He began his teaching career in 1979 as a Language Arts teacher at John Marshall High School. In 2000, he became an assistant principal at John

Marshall with the primary duties of curriculum and scheduling. In 2005, he was named the principal at Washington Lands Elementary.

Through the years, Mr. Hince has devoted his energies to being deeply involved with curriculum and instruction. He believes that establishing common learning goals, encouraging changes in strategies and approaches in education, and building relationships with staff all lay the foundation for improvement. He relies on data to advance instruction and strategies by tracking progress over a series of years. In this way, weak areas of the curriculum can be refocused and redesigned. Mr. Hince stated, "Curriculum and instruction is the heart of education. I will place the majority of my time and efforts to improve and sustain it, no matter where I work."



Mr. Hince has been married to his wife, Judy, for 34 years. They have two sons, Adam and Jacob, both married and living in Pittsburgh. The family nest is now filled with their Chocolate Labrador, Crosby, and cat, Willie.

## Job Fair Success

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, John Marshall High School held its annual College and Career Fair. This year's College and Career Fair was one of the largest JM has had in 19 years, with over 70 vendors attending. Students were able to talk with representatives from colleges, technical schools, as well as the Skilled Trades Unions and Project BEST. Cameron, Shadyside and Wheeling Central High Schools were also in attendance.



## Teacher of the Year



Jonna Kuskey, teacher of language arts at John Marshall High School, has been named the 2013-2014 Teacher of the Year for Marshall County Schools. Mrs. Kuskey received a Bachelor of Science in Communications degree from West Liberty State College, and a Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling from West Virginia University. She has seventeen years in education, instructing a variety of Language Arts and Communication classes. Mrs. Kuskey is a RESA 6 Trainer of Trainers for the Next Generation Standards. Other recent awards and recognitions were the RESA 6 Exemplary Secondary Teacher of the Year, John Marshall teacher of the year for 2012, and 100% passage rate for students in her AP English Language and Composition Exams for the last two years. Mrs. Kuskey is a co-advisor for the National Honor Society, a class advisor for the class of 2016, the secretary for the band parents, an officer for the Suzuki Violin program, a swim team timer coordinator, a 4H parent volunteer, and a Sunday School teacher.

Each school has the honor of selecting a teacher representative for teacher of the year. We are fortunate to have these quality educators in our schools.

**Top Row:** Arica Holt, Cameron Elementary; Kersten Marquart, Sherrard Middle; Stella Strickling, Washington Lands

**Second Row:** Sheila Pell, Center McMechen; Dianne Gellner, Sand Hill; Jennifer Herback, Glen Dale; Stacie Laudermilt, Hilltop; Amy Groome, McNinch

**Third Row:** Christie Robison, Moundsville Middle; Eleanor Nickras, Moundsville Middle; Tammy Dewitt, John Marshall; Jonna Kuskey, John Marshall; Daniel Gatts, Cameron High School

Not Pictured: Mary Beth Howard, Central



## Students Fund Raise for Charities

The school may be small, but the hearts of the students who attend Sand Hill Elementary are large. This spring, the students at Sand Hill Elementary School participated in fundraising activities for charities.



They first raised \$218.00 to contribute to Easter Seals, an organization dedicated to assisting children and adults with autism and other disabilities and special needs. The students next became involved with the "Pennies for Patients" drive. This fundraiser benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Leukemia is the most common cancer in children under the age 20 and causes more deaths than any other cancer in this age-group. The students brought in their pennies each day and a tally of collections was submitted by each homeroom. The total amount collected for the drive was \$684.87. These projects have taught

the students that they can make an important difference in the lives of others.



## Sandy Kotson Top Cook

Sandy Kotson, John Marshall Head Cook, was the first place winner of the WV Smart Foods Cooking Challenge. The Office of Child Nutrition, in conjunction with the WV School Nutrition Association, held the contest at Stonewall Resort during the WWSNA annual conference.

The "Challenge" encouraged child nutrition staff to develop creative, nutritious, tasty, and kid approved recipes that schools can incorporate into their standardized menus. Ms. Kotson's "Roasted Vegetables" competed in the side dish recipe and featured ¼ cup of orange vegetables. Ms. Kotson prepared six servings of her recipe from scratch on site at the resort for judging. Recipes were judged by the WVDE Office of Child Nutrition and members of a recipe development team.

Sandy was presented with a plaque and \$500.00.



## Chamber of Commerce Teachers of the Year



Terry Sterling, Gerald Pockl, Joann Neal, Eleanor Nickras, Lisa Mullen, Dave Knuth

Gerald Pockl, calculus teacher at John Marshall High School, Eleanor Nickras, music teacher at Moundsville Middle School, and Joann Neal, 4th grade teacher at Glen Dale Elementary School, have been named the Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce/Marshall County Chamber of Commerce Teachers of the Year. They were recently honored at the Partners in Education Luncheon. The joint Chambers of Commerce implemented this award to recognize and praise the skills of exemplary teachers who make positive contributions in changing and improving the lives of students for the better. As part of this distinguished honor, they will serve as the Grand Marshalls for the Fantasy in Lights Christmas Parade in November.

## Certified Nursing Assistant Program

The Certified Nursing Assistant courses at John Marshall are now in full swing. Junior students who have enrolled in the program are completing their first year of training. Students have learned about nutrition, patient care, safety, confidentiality and infection control. The program has recently signed an agreement with Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Wheeling. This will enable students to complete their required clinical hours in a nursing home setting. Students are required to complete 120 total hours of coursework with 55 hours in a clinical setting and 65 hours of class room work.



## Young Writers Honored



Marshall County Schools recently participated in the West Virginia Young Writers Contest. All students wrote in school under the supervision of a teacher. The classroom teacher selected four entries per class, and these entries were judged at the county level. The entries were judged on originality, clarity, conciseness, organization and unity, and effective expression. The winners were honored with a tea and had the opportunity to read their entries for parents, teachers, and other guests. The first place winners are submitted to the state department for adjudication at that level.

## Cynthia Burke Receives Arch Coal Award



Cynthia Burke, math teacher at Sherrard Middle School was among the 12 teachers to receive the 2013 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. John W. Eaves, Arch Coal's President and CEO, made the announcement during a ceremony at the Clay Center in Charleston. He was accompanied by West Virginia Education Association President, Dale Lee. This is the 25th year the awards have been presented in West Virginia, and it is the longest-running privately funded teacher recognition program in the state. Each Achievement Award recipient received a trophy, a classroom plaque and \$3,500. The West Virginia Foundation for the Improvement of Education, a foundation of the WVEA, also makes \$1,000 award to each recipient's school for use with at-risk students. Nominations of the teachers are made by the public, and selection is made by a blue-ribbon panel of the teachers' peers, all former recipients of the Arch Coal award. Congratulations to Cindy for being honored with this prestigious award.

## We Bid You Adieu

1,070 years of experience will be exiting Marshall County Schools with the pending retirement of several employees. We sincerely thank them for their dedication and service to the youth of Marshall County Schools and wish them the very best in their future endeavors.



Alfred Renzella, superintendent, 48 years

Wayne Simms, assistant superintendant, 43 years

Marilyn Dague, attendance director, 43 years

Dianne Board, teacher, 41 years

Margaret Ripley, teacher, 41 years

Rebekah Thompson, teacher, 41 years

Nancy Marple, teacher, 40 years

Larry Resczynski, teacher, 40 years

Linda Snodgrass, teacher, 40 years

Deborah Wendt, teacher 38 years

Ruth Crow, teacher, 36 years

Debbie Doyle, teacher, 36 years

Elizabeth Edge, teacher, 36 years

Edward West, teacher, 36 years

James Mauck, teacher, 34 years

Gerald Pockl, teacher, 34 years

Debra Abraham, teacher, 33 years

Joan Palmer, WVEIS coordinator, 33 years

Cheryl Dougherty, teacher, 32 years

Rosalie Baskin, teacher, 31 years

Robyn Fitzsimmons, personnel director, 31 years

Marjorie Walton, bus operator, 31 years

Donald Harris, bus operator, 30 years

Wilda Kocher, custodian, 30 years

Nancy Fullerton, teacher, 25 years

Nancy Hensel, teacher, 25 years

Debbie McGurty, secretary, 25 years

Mary Jo McKimmie, secretary, 25 years

Ella Bee Narick, aide, 24 years

Janice Erenrich, speech pathologist, 20 years

Sharon Younger, teacher, 17 years

Mary Rose Robbins, teacher, 16 years

Cindy Hayhurst, teacher, 15 years



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## Let's Move! WV Challenge

The Office of Healthy Schools issued a statewide Let's Move "Call Me Maybe" video challenge. Schools were asked to creatively parody the popular song. Congratulations to Glen Dale Elementary School and McNinch Primary School for their participation in this event.



## Back to School Fun Fair



The Back to School Fun Fair will be held Tuesday, July 23, 8:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m., at the Mollohan Center within the former Moundsville Penitentiary. The fair is open to all students who will attend Marshall County Schools for the 2013-2014 school year. There is no cost to attend the fair. Students will receive school and hygiene supplies. Health officials will be present to perform student health checks. Students can receive a haircut and complete their day with face painting and pizza.

A stock the backpack campaign is currently underway to help support the fair. Anyone willing to donate the \$25.00 cost of a backpack can call Susie Baker at 304-843-4457.

