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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

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Summertime Teaching and Learning

School may have been officially “out for summer” but hundreds of dedicated students, teachers, and administrators chose to use the time to continue their education. Marshall County Schools offered a wide variety of workshops to enable students and educators to advance their skills.



From Green Schools to core curriculum strategies, successful school partnerships to international education, administrators and teachers were engaged in a myriad of new ideas and methodologies for the enhancement of teaching skills.



If brushing up on your computer skills or learning to use the latest classroom technologies were on your agenda, then opportunities abounded. Quizdom, Edline, TechSteps, ThinkFinity, Web 2.0 tools, EInstruction, Mobi student response systems, Impero, Eno Board/RMEasiteach, and creating digital field trips were all a focus for this summer’s technology sessions.



Professional personnel were not alone in taking advantage of summer learning activities. Strings camp, tutoring, gifted education, credit recovery, assistance for students with learning disabilities, and summer school provided weeks of additional educational time for Marshall County School students.

New Teachers' Induction



Marshall County Schools is delighted to welcome twenty-one new teachers to our staff. These teachers will meet monthly throughout the school year as participants in the new teacher induction program. The purpose of the program is to provide support and guidance for new teachers by facilitating their vision of professionalism and effective teaching. When faced with the reality of teaching and the inherent complexity of tasks and responsibilities, new teachers may find themselves working in a “survival” mode. These meetings allow new teachers to learn, discuss problems, and ask questions concerning a variety of topics considered key to successful teaching and student learning.

Jack Cain Receives Honorary Degree

Jack Cain, Principal at Cameron High School, was recently selected to receive the Honorary American FFA Degree. The award is given to those who advance agricultural education and FFA through outstanding personal commitment. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The award is an opportunity to recognize those who have gone beyond the valuable daily contributions to make an extraordinary long-term difference in the lives of students, inspiring confidence in a new generation of agriculturists. Mr. Cain will travel to Indianapolis to receive the honor during an onstage presentation at the 84th National FFA Convention in October.



Free Breakfast



Child Nutrition Programs are an essential element in the process of holistic learning. Research consistently shows that children who eat a well-balanced breakfast perform better in school and have lower rates of absenteeism and tardiness. Marshall County Schools is committed to eliminating any barriers that may hinder a child from eating a nutritious breakfast. Therefore, starting September 12th, 2011, **breakfast will be offered to all students at no cost.**

Free student breakfast will help alleviate a financial burden for parents, and ensure that all students are well nourished and ready to learn. Each school will choose their method of offering free breakfast, which may include ‘Breakfast in

the Classroom’, ‘Grab and Go’, or ‘Breakfast After First’.

Marshall County is one of nine counties in West Virginia that are participating in this pilot program.

Office of Child Nutrition Meal Benefits Application

The Office of Child Nutrition is pleased to announce the latest innovation in applying for meal benefits for children in school nutrition programs. West Virginia families with school-age children may now apply **online** for free and reduced price meal benefits by going to the following web address: www.wvschoolmeals.net. In three easy steps, parents and guardians may complete and submit their application. Applications submitted online require less time for households to complete and allow quicker processing of children’s benefits at the county level. As in the past, all information on the free and reduced price meal application remains confidential.

For additional information, please contact Daniel Todd at dtodd@access.k12.wv.us or at 304-558-3396.

Tip 411



Sheriff John Gruzinkas met with county and school administrative staff to share information concerning the new 411 tip-line. This new program provides individuals the ability to send an anonymous text to the sheriff's office. The program is designed to give the community

an additional layer of communication with law enforcement. Because of the anonymity, the Sheriff believes that more people may be likely to report incidents via text, than if they were required to make a direct call. The program is currently operation and ready for use.

SHARE INFORMATION, ANONYMOUSLY

To send a confidential tip to **Marshall County Sheriff's Office** text **MCSO** and your tip to **847411 (TIP411)**

- 100% anonymous
- add tip411 to your contact list

tip 411

Literacy Day via Skype

September 8th is a special day for the International Reading Association. This is International Literacy Day, and is a day in which teacher's share literature from another culture. Mary Kay Wensyel, a Literacy Facilitator in Marshall County, read the book Just in Time, Abraham Lincoln by Patricia Polacco. The book reads as a time travel to 1862 during the Civil War at Antietam. Though



Marshall County Schools typically participate in literacy day, this was the first time that Skype was used as the form of communication. Mary Kay Skyped the fifth grade classroom of Marguerite Harbison at Central Elementary from her chair at the central office. The students enjoyed the read along and were very engaged throughout. The Skyp.com web site is free to use. All you need is a camera and a willing partner and you are ready to go. Through Skype, a follow-up activity of a reenactment or an interview with one of military veterans would be an enhancing an memorable experience.

Sand Hill Elementary Receives Anti-Bullying Grant



Sand Hill Elementary was the recipient of a \$2000.00 grant from Target for the purpose of presenting an Anti-Bullying Assembly. The students at Cameron Elementary School will be joint partners in the assembly which will take place at Cameron Elementary on October 3rd.

The assembly will feature Leonardo and the Makin' Waves Band. This program is a high energy, interactive live music concert educating students on **What** is Bullying, **Types** of Bullying and **Solutions** to bullying. The message is delivered utilizing song, rhythm, and movement making it perfect for Pre-K to 5th grade audiences. In addition, the show touches on the concepts of Respect, Cooperation, Inclusion and the Golden Rule in simple "sing-along" songs. The academic standards of health, social studies, and music are reflected in the program.

October is National Bullying Prevention Month

During the month of October, Marshall County Schools will be celebrating National Bullying Prevention Month. All schools will have educational programs for students focused on creating a bully-free safe environment. Students will be asked to

speak up, reach out, and be a friend when they see bullying.

Bullying prevention and intervention is a team effort of our schools, students, parents, and the community. Together we must **STOP BULLYING NOW!**



Fair Scholarships



FR: Cassidy Trowbridge, Brooke Trowbridge, Morgan Hughes, Meghan Marsh
BR: Paul Blake, Justin Otte, Lindsay Ingram, Jessica Midcap

Eight students were each honored with \$3,000 scholarships at the Marshall County Fair Livestock Auction. The scholarships are made available through the generosity of many donors. Each of these students have completed their first year of college, have been a member of the Livestock Club for at least three years, and have a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Kimberly Brooks was honored with an \$800.00 scholarship from the Marshall County Goat and Rabbit Club. Kim has been very active in the club and has received many FFA honors both in the county and on the state level.



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Kathy Fox Finalist



Kathy Fox, a general music teacher at Center McMechen and Glen Dale Elementary Schools was named as one of six finalists for the West Virginia Teacher of the Year award. As a finalist, Kathy received a laptop computer for use in her schools, and a \$100 grant provided by the West Virginia Department of Education. We are proud of Kathy's accomplishments and are delighted to have her sharing her musical gifts with Marshall County Schools students.

Early Retirement Incentive

Classroom teachers are eligible for a \$500 bonus as long as they have submitted written notification of their intent to retire to their county boards by December 1, 2011 and they do not work on or after the first day of the instructional term for the 2012-13 school year.

Marshall County Schools also offers the \$500.00 early notification incentive stipend to those professionals not covered by the State stipend and all service employees. You must submit **a letter** to Robyn Fitzsimmons, Personnel Director for Marshall County Schools, on or before December 1, 2011 to be eligible for the \$500.00 stipend.