

# Brooklyn Bridge

A monthly newsletter connecting you to Wetzel County Schools' County Office

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## MALAYSIA EXPEDITION

Brittany Mason, teacher at New Martinsville School, Sharon Snider, teacher at Long Drain School, and Travis McCoy, Junior at Hundred High School have returned from their Malaysia Expedition through JASON Learning! The trio participated in the Penang BioBlitz 2017, from October 16-27, 2017 in the rainforest of Penang Hill, Malaysia. Click on the photo below to view the interview by WTOV9.



Ohio Valley student and teachers return home from Malaysia



# WV Ambassadors Camp

## Looking for 8th Grade Students!

**West Virginia Ambassadors Camp** – The WV Ambassadors Camp educational summer camp for eighth grade students, will be held in Charleston June 19 through June 22, 2018. School superintendents nominate students from their districts to join other outstanding students from around the state for an adventure in West Virginia history, culture and arts awareness.

The program was introduced by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History with support from the West Virginia Department of Education for the state's Sesquicentennial in 2013. Now in its fourth year, the program provides the camp participants with opportunities to learn more about the state with programs at the State Capitol, including city activities in Charleston, and allows students to get a taste of college life while they stay in University of Charleston dorms.

There are no costs for the camp. The students stay in dorms and eat in the cafeteria at the University of Charleston. They ride buses to their activities at the State Capitol and downtown Charleston.

West Virginia Ambassador Camp is completely funded and operated through grants from the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, Clay Center for the Performing Arts and Sciences and Charleston Convention and Visitors Bureau. The West Virginia Department of Education provides technical support. The camp is coordinated and run by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History.

Please submit nominations to Tammy Wells at [thwells@k12.wv.us](mailto:thwells@k12.wv.us).





# Farmers Market Brought to Pre-K

The WV Kids Coupon Project is a project of the WV Family Nutrition Program (SNAP-Ed/EFNEP). The project



brings local farmers to schools and gives kids the opportunity to explore healthy,

local foods. Through the generous support of the Eye Foundation of America, each child receives \$4.00 in Kids Coupons to purchase fruits, vegetables, plants, or herbs from the farmers. Food tastings, recipes, and nutrition activities are offered to encourage healthy choices.



This fall, the WV Kids Coupon Project visited New Martinsville Pre-K and will visit Paden City Pre-K November 1st. Additional grant funding is being pursued in order

to bring farmers markets to all Wetzel County grade schools.

# WCS Wellness Policy Update

The proposed WCS Wellness Policy EFCAA was presented to the Wellness Committee as part of the PAC Meeting on October 12. [WV School Nutrition Policy 4321.1](#) is set to take effect January 2, 2018. [Click here to view the proposed NEW Wetzel County Schools Wellness Policy—EFCAA Updated.](#)

Wetzel County Schools will be responsible for addressing outside foods brought into schools for parties. This does not include food brought by a student for lunch. There will also be a place for comments at [WetzelCountySchools.com](#).

Initial concerns revolve around food safety, which are addressed in the new policy. This includes how Wetzel County Schools will appropriately address the accommodation of students with special dietary needs and health concerns in these scenarios.

Please use this opportunity to voice your thoughts on the new WCS EFCAA policy by filling out the [online survey/comments at wetzelcountyschools.com](#) by November 10.

The new policy will be on the board agenda for November 20.



## Operation Prevention

On October 25, a virtual field trip was broadcast through Operation Prevention. The topic of the field trip was the drug problem plaguing our state, specifically in Huntington. It covered real-life stories of teenagers from Huntington and Charleston and focused on perception versus reality. Community leaders were interviewed, and Senator Joe Manchin gave the introduction. The virtual field trip is available on [www.operationprevention.com](#). The video lasts 45 minutes.

Wetzel County Schools – Fall Menu

LUNCH Menu August 21 – November 9

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Winter Menu Available Online

## Trainings

Don't forget to use the ERO system to register and check for updates!

<http://ero5.eschoolsolutions.com>

District ID: 26155





# JASON Argonauts Share Experiences



Wetzel County's first JASON Argonauts, Hailey Feldmeier, Aubrey Neff, and teacher Leslie Lively have been traveling around Wetzel County Schools presenting their Learning Expedition—Peru 2017 to the students and teachers. The trio visited the Amazon over the summer to study with JASON Learning. While in Peru, they also visited an elementary school where they delivered supplies, played soccer, and even helped paint the exterior!



## WINTER BUS TRIPS

DUE TO TRANSPORTATION OFFICE **NOVEMBER 9**

Winter trips are any trips that occur between  
December 4, 2017 and  
March 17, 2018.

Additional forms are available by contacting Jill Fox  
at ext. 117.

Winter trips will be assigned November 14th.



## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENTS DESK

### Upcoming Meetings:

**Professional Advisory Committee—**

**November 2—4:00pm**

**Service Personnel Advisory**

**Committee—November 2—5:30pm**

**November 7—MHS Student Advisory**

**November 13—VHS Student Advisory**

**November 15—HHS Student Advisory**

**November 16—PCHS Student Advisory**

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## PAC Meetings

The following dates have been chosen for the Title I—Parent Advisory Committee meetings. All will fall on Thursdays, from 10:00 to 11:00 am at the Wetzel County Board Office in the Board Room.

December 7

March 8

April 12



WCS INSURANCE UPDATE

## PEIA, VISION & DENTAL

PLEASE REMEMBER IT IS THE POLICYHOLDER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SUBMIT ANY CHANGES IN YOUR POLICY SUCH AS BIRTH OF A CHILD, DIVORCE, ETC. TO PEIA. DOCUMENTATION WILL BE REQUIRED IF DONE OUTSIDE OF THE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD. YOU ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING YOUR ADDRESS UPDATED IN PEIA.

MAKING A CHANGE TO YOUR PEIA INSURANCE **DOES NOT** MAKE A CHANGE TO YOUR EYE/ DENTAL INSURANCE. THESE ARE TWO SEPARATE POLICIES. FORMS MAY BE FOUND ON THE WCS WEBSITE .

PLEASE SEE JO ANNA FILLIEZ WITH ANY QUESTIONS/UPDATES .

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