

# Brooklyn Bridge

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



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Wetzel County Schools welcomes Ms. Porter as the Superintendent of Schools for the 2023-24 school year! Ms. Cassandra Porter is a graduate of Fairmont State University with a BS in Science Education and West Virginia University with a MA in Educational Leadership studies. She also obtained post graduate certificates from Salem University in Curriculum and Instructional and Superintendency. Ms. Porter spent 13 years in the classroom before she ventured out into Administration. Ms. Porter worked as an assistant in a high school for four years before becoming the Head Principal at Sherrard Middle School for the next five years. She left the head principal position at John Marshall High School to begin her new role in education as our Superintendent. Ms. Porter is focused on providing STEM and Arts opportunities by using the most up-to-date technology and instruction. She is passionate about providing educational equity and helping propel students towards their futures. She is the current WV Secondary School Principal of the Year. Mrs. Porter said in a news interview once she accepted her new position, *"I've always loved serving the students of West Virginia and I feel like with each step that I have made in my career, I can then touch the lives of more children."* We're excited to have you as part of Wetzel County Schools and are excited for the school year!



Communities  
In Schools®  
West Virginia

Wetzel County Schools is excited to introduce a new program for the 2023-24 school year. Communities in Schools is a nationwide program that is currently in schools across America in 27 states, and also Washington D.C. It has been an initiative of Governor Justice's wife to implement this program into our schools in West Virginia, and several other counties in WV have begun adopting this program in the last few years. The West Virginia Department of Education indicates the Communities in Schools program is now housed in 53 counties, 260 schools, and serves over 100,000 students in the state of West Virginia for the 2023-24 school year. The WVDE allotted three Communities in Schools site coordinators to Wetzel County and indicated they were to be placed at Magnolia High School, New Martinsville School, Paden City High School, and Paden City Elementary. Our site coordinators are Mr. Tim Starkey (NMS), Ms. Kayla Bierce (MHS), and Ms. Cathy McGinnis (PCE/PCHS). Please welcome these site coordinators to Wetzel County Schools! They will work with their Principals, county contacts, school counselors, and school social workers at their schools in order to provide much needed assistance to identified students, following the evidence-based research and best practices of the Communities in Schools program. These three individuals, along with their Principals and county contacts attended a three-day orientation training this Summer. The county contacts are Mr. Todd Barcus (Director of Student Services) and Mr. Paul Huston (Director of Secondary Education).



WCS county office staff and principals attended a "Be a GOOD Teammate" seminar with Author-Speaker-Coach Lance Loya. An excellent message for the beginning of the 2023-24 School Year for our employees. @coachlanceloya [#workingtogether](#) [#leadershipdevelopment](#) [#beagoodteammate](#)



Superintendent Cassie Porter and Nutrition Supervisor Deanna Ammons were the high bidders and purchased Ayla Huggins, 5th Grader at NMS, Grand Champion Steer at Town & Country Days. [#fun](#) [#livestock](#) [#ffa](#) [#4-H](#)









Wetzel County Tech Center preparing students for the career technical curriculum in welding, electrical and health services classes. CTE is a unique opportunity for students to receive hands on learning and provides the skills and confidence that students need to be successful in their career.



Principal Stacey Walton extended heartfelt gratitude to the wonderful community and dedicated parents for making our back-to-school "Eagle Bash" a resounding success! Your support and enthusiasm created a joyful atmosphere that set the tone for a fantastic school year ahead. Thank you for coming together and making this event memorable. Special thanks to all those that helped pull this together!!





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WETZEL COUNTY SCHOOLS

LUNCH



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**September is Whole Grains Month!** Aim to make at least half your grains whole grains. Look for the words "100% whole grain" or "100% whole wheat" on the food label. Whole grains provide more nutrients, like fiber, than refined grains.



MONDAY



**Labor Day**

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TUESDAY



Calzone  
Sweet Potato Fries  
Fresh Fruit  
Berry Bar

5

WEDNESDAY

Taco in a Bag  
Salsa  
Taco Fiesta Beans  
Rice  
Peaches

6

THURSDAY



Hot Dog w/ Sauce  
French Fries  
Bakes Beans  
Pears

7

FRIDAY

Chicken Rotini Alfredo  
Garlic Breadstick  
Steamed Broccoli  
Mixed Fruit

1

Lasagna  
Garlic Breadstick  
Sweet Green Peas  
Orange Slices

8

Popcorn Chicken  
Onion Rings  
Carrots  
Pineapple

11

Meatloaf  
Breadstick  
Mashed Potatoes  
Pinto Beans  
Oranges

12

Pancakes  
Sausage  
Hash Brown  
Blueberry Parfait

13

Pepperoni Roll  
(wgr flour)  
Yogurt / Corn  
Cucumber Slices  
Peaches

14

Grilled Cheese  
Tomato Soup  
Salad  
Fruit

15

Chicken Tenders  
Corn  
Celery Sticks w/ Wow  
Butter/Banana

18

Calzone  
Sweet Potato Fries  
Fresh Fruit  
Berry Bar

19

Beefy Mac & Cheese  
Cheese Bread  
Broccoli Parmesan  
Peaches

20

Salisbury Steak  
Hot Roll (wgr flour)  
Green Beans  
Mashed  
Potatoes/Cantaloupe

21

Pizza  
Mixed Vegetables  
Cucumber Slices  
Banana

22

Corn Dog  
Tater Tots  
Celery Sticks w/  
Wow Butter  
Fresh Apple

25

Sloppy Joe  
Baked Potato  
Fresh Carrots  
Grapes

26

French Bread Pizza  
Salad w/ dressing  
Broccoli  
Pineapple

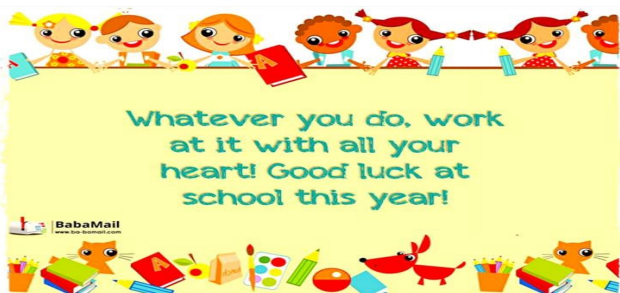
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Chicken Quesadilla  
Rice  
Taco Fiesta Beans  
Corn  
Orange Slices

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Fish Sticks  
Mac & Cheese  
Peas  
Fruit Medley

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**Good Luck to our  
Student Athletes**

**FALL SPORTS**



Please remember to report any address or phone number changes to your home school and to the County Office — Personnel Dept.

Wetzel County Schools website

<https://wetzelcountyschools.com>