

Brooklyn Bridge

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Program



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School Calendar

WCS Summer Food Program

Even though it's cold outside, it's time to start planning for our Summer Food Program.

If you have something happening over the summer, (extended school year, summer program, etc.), you have an idea about how to incorporate FREE meals into an existing summer program, or if you have a brand new idea about how to get meals to students over the summer, please contact Amanda McPherson as soon as possible. Hard dates and times aren't necessary at this point, but a general idea helps with planning. Failure to notify could result in that program not receiving summer meals. amcphers@k12.wv.us



Breakfast in the Classroom - What to Do with Extra Food?

Many of our schools serve breakfast in the classroom. Students are required to take three items, one being a juice or fruit. But what do we do with the extras left in the bag? Those extras need to be returned to the kitchen. If a student takes their items, but then decides they don't want something, they can place that item on a teacher designated share table.

But isn't breakfast free? Breakfast is free of charge for students, yes, but we are still paying for the food. We do receive a certain amount of reimbursement from the government for each meal served, which is why it's important to accurately document who eats breakfast and who doesn't. Keeping extra food (not on the share table) is illegal.

But how can we help feed hungry kids? Encourage students who don't usually take school breakfast to take one of each item, mark the meal as served, then the student can place the unopened items on the share table for other students to take. The share table is a wonderful way to help hungry students get a bit more to eat from our programs.



Sources of Strength

The Sources of Strength Peer Leaders campaigned the importance of Healthy Activities during the month of January. The Peer Leaders from Short Line School (pictured above) presented mini-lessons to their classmates defining the importance of remaining active and healthy while highlighting how healthy activities help our bodies and minds feel good.



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Trainings

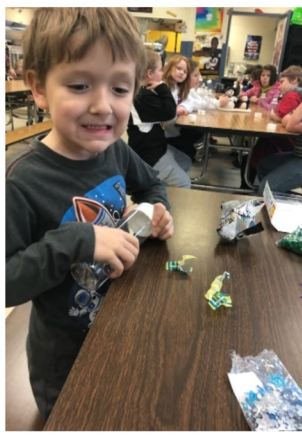
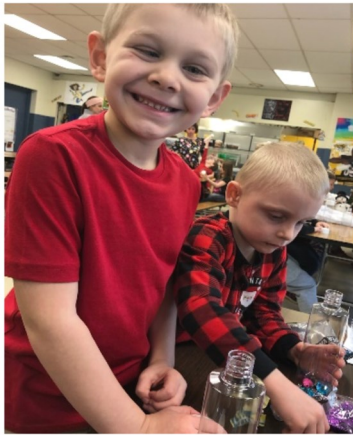
Don't forget to use the ERO
system to register and check for
updates!

[http://
ero5.eschoolsolutions.com](http://ero5.eschoolsolutions.com)

District ID: 26155



Long Drain School Students Make Sensory Bottles for Christmas



Students at Long Drain School had the opportunity to make Sensory Bottles with the help of Mr. Jonathan Snider, Secretary at the school. Mr. Snider explained that he spends his summers assisting Ms. Amy Petin, Autism Teacher, at Extended School Year at Shortline School with her summer school students with disabilities. This past summer, Mrs. Petin had her students make Sensory Bottles. These bottles are used to help calm a child when their emotions become overwhelming or as a meditation technique for students. Focusing on the object will help the child calm down and focus their attention. When Mr. Snider returned to LDS in the fall, he placed his bottle on his desk. Throughout the year, students would ask, "When can we make these?"

A week before Christmas, students from PreK – Grade 5 were selected to participate in an activity to make the sensory bottles. The students used their own creativity to fill their bottle, then add glitter, snowflakes, gems, and animals. There were lots of smiles and laughter throughout the activity! The students had the option of taking their bottles home or leaving them in school. One student told Mr. Snider that he gave his bottle to his father for Christmas!

Mr. Snider would like to thank Jeanette Soles, Shannon Eastham and Michaela Goddard for their assistance with this activity. Also, Kristi Shriver at the County Office helped with obtaining the materials for this wonderful activity! It's all about the kids and what we can do for them~



WETZEL COUNTY TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER



Wetzel County Schools is proud to offer a comprehensive welding program for juniors and seniors. WCTEC is a Certified Welding Certification Test Site. WCTEC welding students will have the opportunity to test and earn their WV Welder Certification in the following:
SMAW & GMAW Plate & Pipe.

WCTEC is keeping with the WCS Technology plan, as each student has a 1:1 device that is used in class on a variety of assignments, including OSHA 10 and design work. The classroom has an interactive touch-screen display as well as the CNC Plasma Machine in the lab.

Real-world experience is necessary in today's educational facilities. Simulated Workplace procedures are followed in the lab, creating the environment necessary for our students to learn and become tomorrow's workforce.

Enrollment is based on the student's completion of core and elective courses their Freshman and Sophomore years, as well as an interview process.

For more information, please contact Amanda McPherson at 304-455-2441 ext. 141, or John Shepard, instructor, at john.shepard@k12.wv.us

Wetzel County Technical Education Center Looking to Expand Program Offerings



WCTEC is working to expand program offerings for Wetzel County Students, as early as next year. The programs being considered are Electrical and Pre-Nursing. With the increase in need in our economy, the forecasting of careers that will be needed, and the survey results of Wetzel County Students, these two programs make the most sense. WCTEC has been working with the Wetzel County Chamber of Commerce as well as West Virginia Northern Community College. More information will be shared as this process continues.



PROPOSED CALENDARS FOR 2019-2020

A public hearing concerning the 2019-2020 school calendar will be held during the February 11th and February 25th Board Meetings. The two proposed calendar options are pictured below:

OPTION 1

SCHOOL CALENDAR - 2019-2020 School Year																																																
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<u>10/11/19</u>	Last day of second month	<u>12/13/19</u>	3rd Meeting						
<u>01/15/20</u>	Last day first semester	<u>02/14/20</u>	4th Meeting						
<u>06/02/20</u>	Last day instructional term	<u>04/09/20</u>	5th Meeting						
<u>06/11/20</u>	Last day employment term	<u>06/02/20</u>	6th Meeting	May 12, 2020, Primary Election Day		ET 0 Equivalent Time FS 5 Faculty Senate NT 0 Non-Traditional Instruction 20 Total Noninstructional Days			

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Date _____

Name of County Superintendent _____