

Thunderstruck HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

2020

As we approach the end of 2020, let us take time to reflect upon the accomplishments of the resilient West Carroll students, staff, and families. We are thunderstruck by the accomplishments of our students during the fall of 2020.

Below is a listing of some of the many accomplishments of the West Carroll CUSD :

- West Carroll hosts first-ever cross country meet on 9/23/20
- Briar Nevils places 2nd at Regionals and 5th at Sectionals for Cross Country on 10/26/20 and 10/31/20
- State Horse Evaluation Winners (Olivia Charles placed 8th and Maddie Dauphin placed 81st out of 214 individuals) on 10/29/20
- West Carroll FFA Corn Plot was harvested and averaged 175 bushels per acre @ 16% moisture on 10/30/20
- West Carroll FFA Wins Section I Virtual Agronomy CDE on 11/4/20
- 70 units of blood were donated through the FFA John Boelkens Memorial Red Cross Blood Drive on 11/6/20
- ILMEA District competitors, Brennon Cavanagh, (Tenor Sax), Aubrey Charles (Clarinet) and Olivia Shelly (Euphonium) were selected as "first chair positions" at the district level. They will participate in virtual masterclasses statewide.



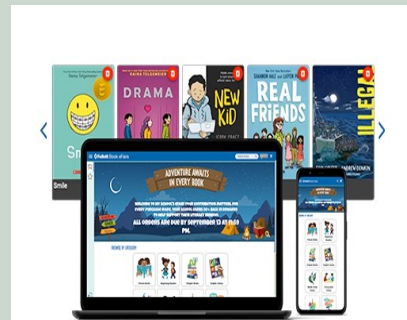
Ready for a great story? At consolidation, the district purchased a gym divider curtain for the MS gym BUT it was never installed?! The district received the Rural and Low Income Grant this year to pay for installation and a few new parts and now we have the ability to divide the gym! Thanks to Tony Herrell for installing the electric and to Kyong, Brady and Hufcor Company for taking care of the rest! It looks great and is well suited to divide the gym for physical education classes, activities, and athletic practices. Now, that's teamwork!



First Ever Virtual Book Fair Way to go, Jen, Jeanine, and Kim!

From 11/23-12/4, WCPS will be hosting a Book eFair to help purchase books for the library.

[Efairs.follettbookfairs.com/guest/home?classCode=MY66Y](https://efairs.follettbookfairs.com/guest/home?classCode=MY66Y)



Check out the new outdoor furniture at WCMS and WCHS! Better yet, the furniture was purchased solely through a grant! Classes are now able to use tables and umbrellas for outdoor instruction! WCPS received the green picnic tables from WCMS!



What to expect in the new year?

1. Air conditioning project at WCPS. Through a matching school maintenance grant, WCPS will be receiving air conditioning throughout the entire building by March 2021! Loescher Heating and Air Conditioning received the low bid. Say goodbye to hot classrooms!
2. New roof at WCMS by May 2021! After 23 years of a black roof, a new color and roof warranty will be coming! Freeport Industrial Roofing received the low bid for a new roof! No more leaks!!
3. New Website in Spring 2021! With Title I grant money, the district was able to secure a new website through Edlio! The website will be user friendly, phone compatible, and so much nicer! Thanks to Jen and Joe M.!
4. New 5.0 Scholastic Leveled Book Room for Grades PreK-3 will be up and running by the new year! Thanks, Tracey!
5. New electric outlets for busses will be seen at WCPS and the Mt. Carroll bus barn. Our buses will start right up on those cold days! The Thomson bus barn is able to store large buses inside and the Mt. Carroll bus barn will hold 7 mini buses inside.
6. Virtual programs through the Fine Arts Department! The dynamic duo of music and art will be combined to present some amazing virtual programs to look forward to in the coming months.
7. A COVID-19 Vaccine! The good news is that history points to the fact that life will return to normal once a vaccine is readily available to us all.



Special Thanks to WC Nurses- Angie, Jelena, and Miranda as well as the Carroll County Health Department for keeping us safe at school!

COVID-19 Safety measures:

1. Clorox 360 machines in every building. Every space is disinfected weekly along with Omni Shield applied every 60 days. Thank you, custodians!
2. Temperature Kiosk stations in every building for daily temperature checks for every person.
3. Personal Protective Equipment for students and staff.
4. Flexible spaces to be used by staff for social distancing.
5. Google Meets, webcams, kami, new computers and assistive technology to meet our needs. Thank you tech dept.!

Wellness and PreK-12 Learning Council committee work. Thank you to everyone serving on these 20-21 district committees!

Let us know how we can help you!

District Office Team Members:

Superintendent– Julie Katzenberger

Bookkeeper– Claudine Guenzler

Payroll & Human Resources– Tevan Hartman

District Secretary– Deb Myers

Transportation Director– Bob Nolan

Food Service Director– Shelley Falls

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