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The Bridge

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Important Dates

- March 15 Final Day of Third 9-Weeks
- March 23 Report Cards Are Distributed
- March 24 GED Examination
- March 26 Bd. of Education Meets 6 p.m. PES
- March 27 Young Writers Program 6 p.m. PBHS
- March 30 Continuing Educ. Day: No School
- April 2-6 Spring Break No School
- April 9 P-T Conference Day: No School
- April 9 Bd. of Education Meets 6 p.m. BOE
- April 17 Bd. of Education Reconvenes Mtg.
- April 23 ISE Day: No
- April 23 Wellness Clinic PEIA; 7-10 am PB
- April 23 Bd. of Education Meets 6 p.m. BOE

Hi Folks,

My message this month will be brief.

I just want to thank everyone for your patience, understanding, and trust placed in the process and those implementing that process during our personnel season with RIFs and Transfers. Everything was done, and is being done, to place folks in positions for next year as early as possible. Hopefully as the year progresses we will have other openings and more people will be placed.

Having been personally caught in a RIF early in my career, I know the anxiety felt. While no promises or guarantees can be made, I truly want to see everyone affected by the hard decisions that had to be made back to work for Barbour County Schools during the 2012-2013 school year.

Again, my personal "Thank You" to all our folks for working with us during past couple of months.

Respectfully,

Dr. Joe Super

Superintendent

School Calendar Adjustments Noted

BCS staff members should note that, due to the three instructional days missed during the winter, the first three OS days in the school calendar have been converted to instructional days according to WV Code. The three affected dates include: March 9, March 19 and April 20. Students and staff members will report to school or work as they would on any other instructional day. Parent Link messages will be sent to parents and staff prior to each of these dates as reminders of the calendar adjustments.

County Young Writers to Be Honored on March 27 at Philip Barbour

Eighteen of Barbour County's top student essayists will be recognized during the annual Young Writers Celebration to be held on Tuesday, March 27, in the Philip Barbour High School auditorium.



Light refreshments will be provided for those in attendance beginning at 6:00 p.m., with the formal program set to start at 6:30 and to conclude by 8:00 p.m. Following two rounds of judging, the top three finishers in each competition category will be honored and each first place winner will be invited to read his or her essay to the audience.

The following students will be recognized during the 2011-12 Young Writers Celebration:

Grades 1-2: 1st Place, Alyssa Hill (BES); 2nd Place, Grant Dadisman (PES); 3rd Place, Emily Payne (KEMS).

Grades 3-4: 1st Place, Elizabeth Sanetrik (KEMS); 2nd Place, Allison Kennedy (BES); 3rd Place, Shelby Frey (MVES).

Grades 5-6: 1st Place, Johnny Williams (BMS); 2nd Place, Jessica Melvin (KEMS); 3rd Place, Annie Davis (PMS).

Grades 7-8: 1st Place, Bryce McGee (KEMS); 2nd Place, Julie Francis (BMS); 3rd Place, Julianna Findley (PMS).

Grades 9-10: 1st Place, Thomas Wagner (PBHS); 2nd Place, Raychel Fitzwater (PBHS); 3rd Place, Morgan Stemler (PBHS).

Grades 11-12: 1st Place, Ezik Norris (PBHS); 2nd Place, J.W. Hawkins (PBHS); 3rd Place, Chloe McVicker (PBHS).

Buster the Talking School Bus Available For School Programs

If your school is looking for an interesting, inexpensive and important school assembly, contact transportation supervisor, Carl Bolton, to schedule a performance by Buster the Talking School Bus. Bus operators recently completed a series of CE trainings and are willing to come to your school. Performances at Belington, Kasson, Junior and Volga-Century are currently being finalized for spring.



Thumbs Up...for Traffic Safety!

Did you know that there is a universal signal that is used by bus operators to indicate that students at the edges of roadways may proceed? It's the "thumbs up" sign, and it's been taught to all drivers by West Virginia Department of Education and county trainers. Following a series of close calls involving children who must cross the road to enter or exit their buses, the signal is being re-emphasized and publicized in accordance with WVDE Policy 4336.



Barbour County Chosen to Participate in Hanban Confucius Program *Accompanying Grant Award Will Enhance Chinese language and Culture Education*

Earlier this month, The College Board notified Barbour County Schools that the district has been selected to participate in the Hanban Confucius Institutes and Classrooms Education Program. The \$10,000 competitive grant award that is part of the designation will be distributed upon the receipt and review of final documents. The local school system will participate in a four-day event in Washington D.C. from April 11-14 to support the extended development of the five-year old Chinese language and culture program at Philip Barbour High School.



The Chinese program at PBHS has been a popular one with students, with nearly one hundred enrolled. It features a Guest Chinese Teacher and is expected to expand to levels 1-4 in the next two years.

Barbour County's proposal calls for funding to assist in the Four Key Elements of a Chinese Confucius Classroom, including enrichment in: curriculum and instruction, integration and culture, partnerships and leadership.

The grant also provides for a rich inventory of 1,000 volumes of books, audio-visual and multi-media materials and coursework that will immediately form the foundation for the school's new Chinese language library

KEMS Students Study Equinox



Elementary students at Kasson School are studying the Vernal Equinox (March 20) and are conducting an experiment to determine whether the broom in the background can stand straight up because of the spring equinox or simply because it is balanced just right. According to folklore, you can stand a raw egg on its end during the equinox as well.

“Let's Move!” Grant Available

Barbour County's Child Nutritionist, Rebecca Nesbitt, is encouraging county schools to consider applying for an “Active Schools Acceleration Project” (ASAP) grant. As part of First Lady, Michelle Obama's “Let's Move” campaign, the national innovation competition is designed to uncover the very best programs and technologies to promote school-based physical activity.

The competition will award multiple prizes ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000 to schools with the best, most innovative programs for getting students to be physically active. The opportunity is for programs currently being used in elementary schools (ages 5-12, grades K-6). The entry deadline for the ASAP Innovation Competition is April 2, 2012. Those interested may visit the website: www.ActiveSchoolsASAP.org for more information and a link to the registration/application.

— Odds 'N' Ends —

➤ WVEIS has announced the initiation of an employee self-serve website designed to make employee access to basic pay information quick and simple. To review basic data, checks and w-2's, one needs to simply register, create a password and then log in. For more information, visit the website: <https://wveis.k12.wv.us/countempol>.

➤ Philippi Main Street and community partners, including Barbour County Schools, has set its second annual Art Stroll in Philippi on April 26 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. throughout the Main Street area of the city. Visitors will enjoy a memorable evening of visual and musical arts. The school art display is especially popular and is viewed by a wider audience than typically attends the county school art show, which will take place later in May.

➤ A popular event returns to Barbour County on April 23 at the Philip Barbour High School Wellness Center, when PEIA hosts to Pathways to Wellness Clinic. The session is conveniently scheduled on the next ISE and will be available from 7–10 a.m. The clinic presents a great opportunity to employees to obtain free and low cost health screenings and premium benefits. A flyer with sign-up information was provided to personnel with their February 28 paychecks.

★ Philip Barbour High School was represented by three grapplers during the 2012 West Virginia state championships held at the Huntington Civic Center in late-February. PB's Dillon Nuzum (152 lbs.) earned a first round victory in the annual event, while teammates Ian Nuzum (106) and Levi Ramsey (145) also earned berths. The Colts are coached by Pete Ferguson. & Rick Daugherty.



Exercise That Great Brain of Yours



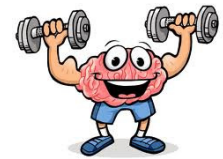
Each item below contains the initials of words that make it a correct statement. Find the missing words. They say that twelve is a good score, 16 is very good...and 20 is fantastic! If you want to check your answers, take a peek at page 5. Good Luck!

1. 26 = L of the A
2. 7 = W of the A W
3. 1001 = A N
4. 12 = S of the Z
5. 54 = C in a D (with the J)
6. 9 = P in the S S
7. 88 = P K
8. 13 = S on the A F
9. 32 = D F at which W F
10. 18 = H on a G C
11. 90 = D in a R A
12. 200 = D for P G in M
13. 8 = S on a S S
14. 3 = B M (S H T R!)
15. 4 = Q in a G
16. 24 = H in a D
17. 1 = W on U
18. 5 = D in Z C
19. 57 = H V
20. 11 = P on a F T
21. 1000 = W that P is W
22. 29 = D in F in a L Y
23. 64 = S on a C B
24. 40 = D and N of the G F



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— The Solutions —



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| 1. 26 = L of the A | Letters of the Alphabet |
| 2. 7 = W of the A W | Wonders of the Ancient World |
| 3. 1001 = A N | Arabian Nights |
| 4. 12 = S of the Z | Signs of the Zodiac |
| 5. 54 = C in a D (with the J) | Cards in a Deck (with the Jokers) |
| 6. 9 = P in the S S | Planets in the Solar System |
| 7. 88 = P K | Piano Keys |
| 8. 13 = S on the A F | Stripes on the American Flag |
| 9. 32 = D F at which W F | Degrees Fahrenheit at which Water Freezes |
| 10. 18 = H on a G C | Holes on a Golf Course |
| 11. 90 = D in a R A | Degrees in a Right Angle |
| 12. 200 = D for P G in M | Dollars for Pass Go in Monopoly |
| 13. 8 = S on a S S | Sides on a Stop Sign |
| 14. 3 = B M (S H T R!) | Blind Mice (See How They Run!) |
| 15. 4 = Q in a G | Quarts in a Gallon |
| 16. 24 = H in a D | Hours in a Day |
| 17. 1 = W on U | Wheel on a Unicycle |
| 18. 5 = D in a Z C | Digits in a Zip Code |
| 19. 57 = H V | Heinz Varieties |
| 20. 11 = P on a F T | Players on a Football Team |
| 21. 1000 = W that P is W | Word that a Picture is Worth |
| 22. 29 = D in F in a L Y | Days in February in a Leap Year |
| 23. 64 = S on a C B | Squares on a Checker Board |
| 24. 40 = D and N of the G F | Days and Nights of the Great Flood |