

The Historic Carrollton Covered Bridge

The Bridge

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Important Dates

May 7 to	WESTEST II Window
June 12	for Barbour County
May 12	Board of Education Meets: BOE @ 6 p.m.
May 13	Election Day— No School
May 15	Barbour County Art Show—ABU, 7 p.m.
May 18	Senior Honors Dinner & Program (PBHS)
May 18	National Honor Soc. Inductions: PB, 5 pm
May 26	Memorial Day— No School
May 28	Board of Education Meets: BOE @ 6 p.m.
May 29	Baccalaureate Service Wilcox Chapel @ 7 pm
May 31	PBHS Commencement BC Fairground @ noon
June 9	Board of Education Meets: BOE @ 6 p.m.
June 11	Final Instructional Day; Report Cards
June 12	ISE Day—No School Tutoring Available
June 13	Closing of School Day – No School
June 23	Board of Education Meets: BOE @ 6 p.m.

In Recognition and in Appreciation to all Barbour County School Employees:

“What the teacher is, is more important than what he teaches.”

~ Karl Menninger ~

Since 1984, the National PTA has designated the first full week in May as Teacher Appreciation Week, a special time to honor the men and women in all their capacities who lend their passion and skills to educating our children. All of you are teachers in truly special ways and, for all those things you do, noticed or not, we honor you every week, but especially this week, for being who and what you are.

It really doesn't matter what you teach in the classroom, on the bus, in the office, in the halls, or in the lunch room ~~ what does matter is who and what you are and that you are there for our children! You see our kids at their very best and sometimes at their not so very best, yet you never care about their status and you never care what others think of them ~~ You only care!

You are who and what you are because you have taken the time to look beyond the bumps in the road a child may travel. You are who and what you are because you have been the steady, stern but gentle hand that has guided them over those bumps. You are who and what you are because you have praised them. You are who and what you are because you have picked them up and dusted them off and offered comfort to the child who doesn't seem to fit. Most of all you are who and what you are because you have made it your highest priority to “give of yourself” to our children.

So once again, it is with humble honor, on behalf of the Barbour County Board of Education and the Administration, that I take this opportunity to say

Our APPRECIATION goes to ALL of you
for what you are to our children.

~~ You truly “are” what the teacher “is!” ~~



Respectfully,

County FBLA Students Fare Well at State Conference and Competitions



The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) organization at Philip Barbour High School recently participated in state leadership conference activities in Charleston, West Virginia. A dozen PB students competed during annual the two day event, with six individuals receiving awards for their displays of skill.

Placing first for the local chapter were Michaela Ferguson and Bryce McGee in the Digital Video Production category. Meanwhile, the team of Caleb Arbaugh, Kelsea Pingley and Caleb Sanders finished second in Game Simulation and Programming, while Joey McGuire finished third in Health Care Administration. Each of these students is now eligible to attend the national leadership conference to be held in Nashville, Tennessee this summer, from June 29 – July 2. The Barbour County chapter advisor is Gerald Furby.

Collins, Hathaway Earn Further Honors for New Tech Efforts

A pair of New Tech Network teachers at the Philip Barbour High School Complex have received additional honors based upon their accomplishments in the New Tech model, based upon a deep understanding of the key components in the New Tech model, which includes project-based learning, teaching/assessing 21st Century skills, technology use in the classroom, and the unique culture that empowers students.

Trista Dalton and Sissy Collins are now the first NTN-certified teachers in West Virginia and they are both on track to become the state's first certified trainers as well. As a result of their efforts, the entire math department at Philip Barbour has been designated as NTN certified.

The Mission and Core Beliefs of Barbour County Schools

The mission of Barbour County Schools is to provide educational excellence with a **commitment to learning for all** in preparation for the challenges of the 21st century.

We believe that. . .

- our highest priority should be to provide an accessible, clean, safe environments in which students can maximize their learning potential.
- our schools should embrace a positive school culture and should promote academic, professional and personal integrity.
- the education of our students is a partnership among community, schools, parents and students.
- clear communication is vital to the success of the system.

Barbour County Schools Hosts Cinco de Mayo-Themed Family Literacy Event

More than 300 county students, parents, school personnel and other community members attended a special Cinco de Mayo-themed family literacy event at Philip Barbour High School on the evening of May 5. Sponsored by Barbour County Schools and funded through the Title I program, the multicultural celebration featured a variety of learning stations that emphasized both educational goals and just plain fun. The program was co-hosted by two dozen upper-level Spanish students from Mrs. Theresa Kittle's classes at Philip Barbour (right).



A sampling of activities during the evening included students becoming physically active as they learned the Mexican Hat Dance. One of the more popular stops was the nachos and churros nutritional snack stand. The PB Spanish students also conducted a Reader's Theater, where they dramatized the story, "SkippyJon Jones Lost in Spice," for the enjoyment of the youngsters. At another station, the arts were emphasized when a make-and-take craft project related to the story of SkippyJon resulted in each student having a "bumblebeeto" piñata to take home as a souvenir. In addition, every participant received a free family portrait, courtesy of Mace's Pharmacy, to memorialize the event.

Before the festivities closed, students and parents were provided with valuable tips for reading and testing success. With summer fast approaching, the families were encouraged to set reading goals of at least 15 minutes daily to help reinforce a pleasant habit that can lead to a lifetime love for reading. Finally, as children left the activity arena for home, each was given his or her own personal copy of the SkippyJon Jones book.

So, What's a TSS?



Barbour County Schools is fortunate to have three TSS staff members with the expertise to help keep computers and laboratories open and functional. A TSS is a Technology System Specialist, whose responsibilities are to maintain technology equipment and infrastructures, while assisting staff members with hardware connectivity. One of the positions is funded through local funds, while the other two are made possible through State Technology Office grant funding.

The three technicians complement each other with different areas of specialty. They include: Stephen "Thumper" Maxson, PBHSC (server maintenance); Tim Moyer, PES, PMS, MVES, VCES (equipment repair); and Tom Williams, BES, BMS, JES, KEMS (networking). The team has been hard at work recently meeting the challenges of the new online WESTEST model, reformatting every computer to be used at least six times. Their creativity and adjustments to state-level changes and bugs has help BCS meet this year's testing deadlines.

A copy of this calendar can also be found on the Barbour County Schools website

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Schools Participate in Art Stroll; Annual Art Show Set for May 15



The 2014 edition of the Philippi Main Street Art Stroll was held on the evening of Tuesday, April 29 at various locations around the county seat. Local schools were again well-represented, as visual and verbal artists shared their talents with local citizens. Shown above during the event is Bella Hubbard, an award-winning poet from Mrs. Gibson's class at Philippi Middle School. Looking on is Shelley Starkey, president of the Barbour County Reading Council. The free event included galleries of fine art by students at Code Blue and the Philippi Public Library.

Meanwhile, the 2014 Barbour County Student Art Show has been confirmed for the evening of Thursday, May 15 at Alderson Broaddus University.



Staff members and the public are cordially invited to view the school-level winning exhibits at the Daywood Gallery in Burbick Hall. The county awards ceremony will take place at 7:00 p.m. at Wilcox Chapel. A reception with refreshments will follow the program immediately in the lobby of Burbick Hall.

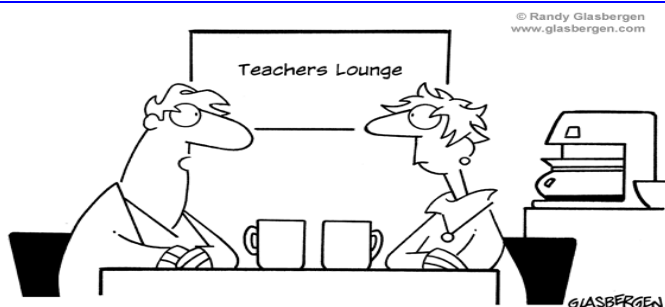
Recent Student Achievements Noted

Golden Horseshoe Winners: Three Barbour County eighth graders were honored at the Culture Center in Charleston on May 1 as they officially became Knights and Ladies of the Golden Horseshoe Society. Brandon Messenger, Maddi Carpenter and Johnny Williams, all students in Sarah Harris' social studies class at Belington Middle School, were among more than 200 students who were recognized for their knowledge of West Virginia history and culture. The annual contest originated in 1931 and some 22,000 students participate each year.

Math Field Day: Hunter Melvin, a fifth grade student at Kasson School, was named an official alternate at the 2014 State Math Field Day competition.

Social Studies Fair: Social studies projects by two students from Belington Elementary School swept through regional competition and advanced all the way to the state event at the Charleston Civic Center on April 11. Isabella McNaboe's project, "Rings Around the World," garnered a third place state award for its comparison of the ancient and modern Olympics. BES schoolmate, Cody Cooper, claimed honorable mention honors for his geographical study, "Boundaries of West Virginia."

Young Writers Honored: Seventeen of the county's top student essayists were honored in a ceremony on March 18 at PBHS, with first place winners in each category invited to read their works. They included: John McCord, grades 1-2 (MVES); Maya Bender, 3-4 (PES); Lilah Coe, 5-6 (BES); Jenna Poling, 7-8 (BMS); Leah Seaman, 9-10 (PBHS); and Joey McGuire, 11-12 (PBHS). All of the honorees have been invited to attend and enjoy the 2014 West Virginia Young Writers Celebration at the University of Charleston on May 9.



"Daydreaming is a serious problem in my classroom. I can't stop thinking about retirement, summer vacation, winter break, snow days..."