

Monroe County Schools

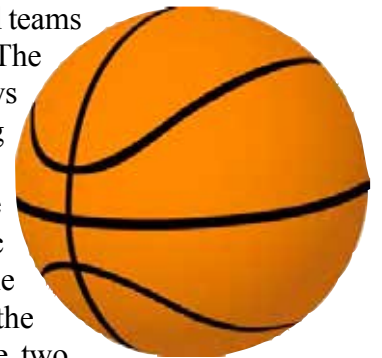
Breakfast with Santa at PES



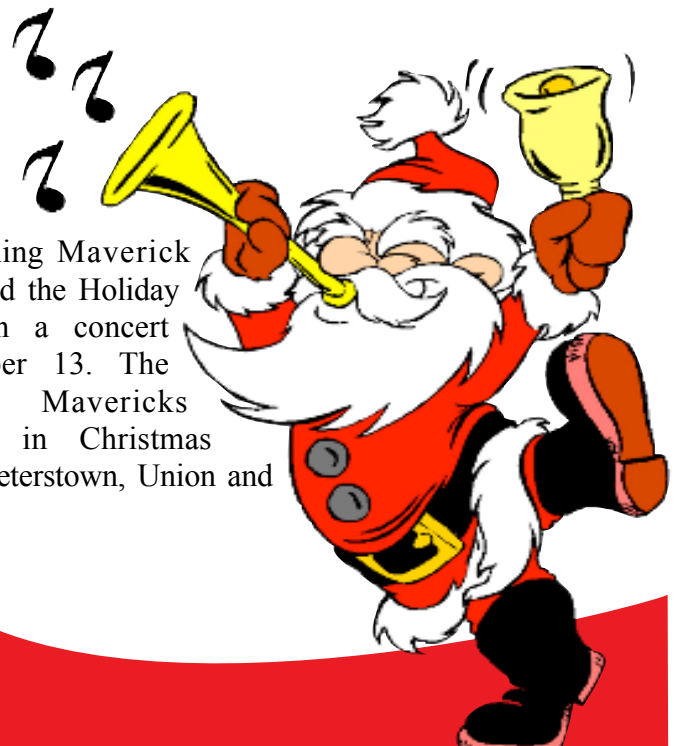
Pictured above is Andrew Hitt, sending his letter to Santa, at the PES Breakfast with Santa event on Dec. 3rd, 2016!

Impressive Mavericks

James Monroe Maverick basketball teams have gotten off to a great start. The Maverick boys won the Narrows Christmas Invitational by defeating Narrows and Giles High Schools. Clay Havens was named to the All-Tournament team and Dominic Lewis was named MVP of the Tournament. Dominic finished the tournament with 62 points for the two day tournament.



The lady Mavericks defeat the Bland Bears in the consolation game on Saturday. Sydney Ballard was placed on the All-Tournament team for the Lady Mavs.



The Marching Maverick Band finished the Holiday Season with a concert on December 13. The Marching Mavericks participated in Christmas parades in Peterstown, Union and Ballard.

Holiday Concerts at Mountain View

Mrs. Lorrie Broyles directed our 2nd grade musical at Mountain View. It was a great success. We had wonderful parent support and the students did a phenomenal job! We are very proud of you!

Additionally, Mountain View

Elementary School's Band and Choir under the direction of Mr. Jacob Lee has provided another outstanding and very entertaining winter band concert. The sixth grade band played four selections, the choir sang two selections and the seventh and eighth grade band played four selections.

They did a great job! There was standing room only and parents as well as family and friends were truly treated to an evening of great music. I know a lot of hard work went into preparing for this evening; however, it was worth it!



Pirates Pre-K Performance

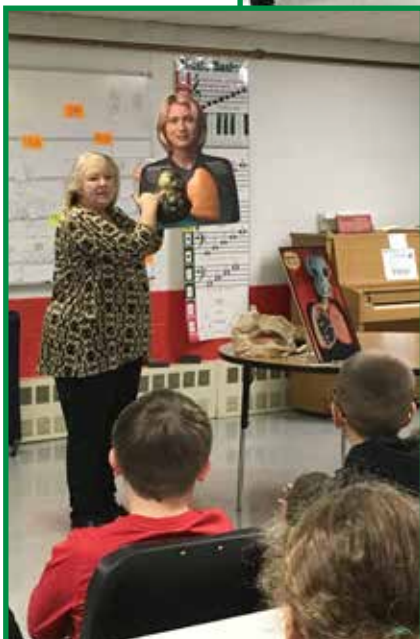
Peterstown Elementary School's Pre-K 4 year old classes entertained their parents on Dec. 15, 2016, with songs and recitations. Their performance was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in attendance!



Tobacco Prevention



West Virginians remain among the most unhealthy people in the nation. On December 16, 2016, Karen Larson from WV Tobacco Prevention traveled to Peterstown to work on improving the health and lives of the next generation. Ms. Larson presented information to 4th, 5th and 6th graders about the dangers of smoking and smokeless tobacco.



Mavericks Back the Blue



James Monroe had the privilege of honoring several local law enforcement officers on Thursday, November 17, 2016. The staff and students wore blue to school to show support for our courageous officers. The officers were also treated to a delicious Thanksgiving dinner prepared by JMHS amazing cooks. Thank you to all of our law enforcement officers in Monroe County for your hard work and service from James Monroe High School.

Dr. Killcollin

Dr. Kilcollin and staff continue to be an important part of Mountain View Elementary/Middle School. They provide dental cleanings, checkups, toothbrushes and toothpaste to our students.

Thank you Dr. Kilcollin and staff!

We appreciate all of you!



A Storybook Christmas

Students in Julie Bailey's Early Childhood Education classes again hosted A Storybook Christmas for pre-K children from the county on December 13.

Weeks of preparation went into creating the activities and decorations for the event. Students in ECE 1 and 2 mainly worked to provide the activities, while students in ECE 3 worked to supervise and mentor the groups.

Books used this year include: Curious George Countdown to Christmas, A Charlie Brown Christmas, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, There Was a Lady Who Swallowed a Bell, The Grinch Who Stole Christmas, and Twas the Night Before Christmas.

Students spent the day prior setting up the event, and then spent the next day entertaining and educating children through reading and activities that involved small and

large-motor skills.

Many agencies collaborated in making the event happen. Early Head Start and Head Start Director Jeana Comer Carr and Family Resource Network Director Michelle Groves McFall were among those helped to bring the event to life. Paulette Kirby, with the Monroe County Public Library and Sally Lane, representing Imagination Library with the United Way also collaborated on the event.



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Walmart Donates Tree to MVS

Lewisburg Wal-Mart donated a 12-foot Christmas tree with all of the decorations to Mountain View School. Mountain View School staff and students would like to thank Lewisburg Wal-Mart for their kindness and generosity. Mountain View Elementary/Middle School is stronger because of our community support!



St. Clair Joins WV Council of School Nurses



Monroe County's School Nurse, Allison St. Clair has been selected as the RESA 1 representative for the West Virginia Council of School Nurses, a group that oversees and makes changes as

necessary to all school nursing practices.

Allison stated, "I'm truly honored to have that position for the next few years and I would like for people to know that our small area is being represented."

Allison graduated from Bluefield State College with an Associate Degree in Nursing in 2001 and a BSN in 2003. She continued her education and graduated from Marshall University with her MSN (Education emphasis) in 2007.

Allison began her nursing career in ICU/CCU and while she loved working in that setting,

she changed gears in 2007 and became the Coordinator of the Summers County Practical Nursing Program where she lead the program and worked as a classroom and clinical instructor for 5 years. In 2011, an opportunity to become the School Nurse for Monroe County Schools arose and Allison saw a chance to broaden her skills, work closer to home and have a family friendly work schedule.

Allison and her husband, Justin, have been married for 12 years in November and are incredibly blessed to be the parents of this wild bunch: Rosslyn, age 10, Lilly, age 8, Samuel, age 5 and Britton, age 2.



Varsity 2nd Place Team



JV Tournament



**All Tournament
Kendra Karnes
& Sydney Phipps**



**JV All Tournament
Adyson Hines**



**All Conference Savannah
Carlton, Kendra Karnes,
& Sydney Phipps**

Peterstown Pirates Volleyball

The 2016 Lady Pirate varsity volleyball team had another amazing season. The girls only suffered one loss during the regular season and placed 2nd in the Bluegrass Tournament. The return of “The Triple Threat,” Savanna Charlton, Kendra Karnes and Sydney Phipps gave Peterstown a large advantage this season. With the combination of the “Twin Towers,” Harley Graham and Kelissa Robertson playing the front row it was hard for other teams to keep them down. Another returner Sierra Broyles could be counted on for her court play as well as her floating serves. Newcomers Kellie Belcher, Jaden Taylor, and Brooklynn Terry added

awesome digs and hard hitting serves. Special congratulations goes out to Savanna Charlton, Kendra Karnes and Sydney Phipps for making the All Tournament Team in the Bluegrass Tournament and again to Kendra Karnes and Sydney Phipps for making the All Conference Team.

The 2016 Lady Pirate JV volleyball team came a long way from the beginning of the season. With only two return players this was a rebuilding year. Harley Morgan and Morgan Mills rose to the challenge and provided the young team with leadership. Newcomers from the 7th grade were Abby Craighead

and Sara Lawrence. Sixth grade provided the team with a slew of new players; Emma Brown, Courtney Clowers, Adyson Hines, Sienna Hixon, Sydney Hunt, Gabby Mann, and Cholie Shires. The girls came in fourth place in the Bluegrass Tournament. A special congratulations to Adyson Hines for making the All Tournament team.

Congratulations to both of the Lady Pirate volleyball teams. Good luck to the varsity players as they set their sights on playing for the “2016 Final Four” James Monroe Lady Mavericks and to the JV players to stepping up to the challenge of becoming an Outstanding Lady Pirate Volleyball player.



Pictured Above: Teresa Johnson & Aleigha Hill flash holiday smiles before the 4th grade performance on Dec. 15, 2016.

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Peterstown PTO

Peterstown Elementary School would like to thank our PTO, faculty and staff, parents, and community, for the best Breakfast with Santa to date! Our 2nd and 4th graders caroled for everyone, Santa arrived for photos with our children, students sent Santa their letters, and a delicious breakfast was enjoyed by all! This event has become an anticipated joy for all. Thank you so much for all of your assistance in making this happen for our students!

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Fall Conference

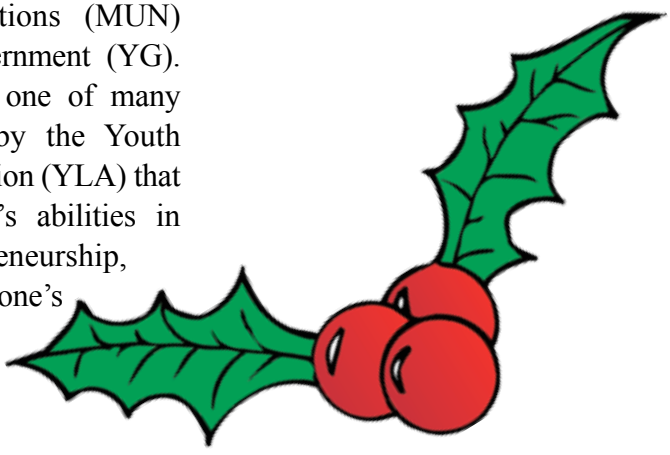
By Sidney Karnes

On November 11, seventeen members of James Monroe High School's Youth Leadership Association (YLA) traveled to Jackson's Mill for the annual YLA Fall Conference program. The conference lasted from five o'clock on November 11 to noon on Sunday November 13. At Jackson's Mill the students took place in activities to strengthen important skills, such as team building, communication, leadership, and government. Activities such as rocket building, rocket launching, folk dancing, line dancing, a variety show, and board games were enjoyed by the participants. During the conference, a certain time was set aside for practicing



Pictured: Kiera Connor, Kaley Allen, Sarah McClure, Madison Bragg, Clay Williams, Sidney Karnes, Nick Jewell, Katelyn Roberts, Kaleb Gano, Sami Fraizer, Matt Meadows, Ashley Rickman, Sam Womack, Brady Davis, Austin Toney, Bryce Dickerson, and Evan Haag

other YLA programs such as Model United Nations (MUN) and Youth in Government (YG). Fall Conference is one of many programs offered by the Youth Leadership Association (YLA) that strengthens student's abilities in leadership, entrepreneurship, and civic duty in one's community.



JMHS Model UN Goes to Atlanta, GA

Written by: Matt Meadows and Sidney Karnes

The James Monroe High School Model United Nations Team recently traveled to Atlanta to compete in the 2016 Georgia Tech Model United Nations Conference. The conference itself was held on Monday, October 10th, and Tuesday, October 11th. Twelve students from James Monroe represented the Republic of the Philippines in various committees dealing with a wide variety of international topics.

The conference itself was organized into eleven committees, each with separate topics. Committee one, The International Maritime Council Crisis Committee debated on “Preventing International Piracy”. The World Health Organization committee’s topics were “The Expansion of Fluoride in the Developing Worlds’ Water” and “The Prevention and Elimination of Mosquito-Borne Viruses”. The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space discussed “Water on Mars” and “Protecting the Infrastructure from Cosmic Phenomenon”. The UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization Committee discussed and debated “Pollution of Water Resources of Historical and Cultural Significance” and “Expanding Education Access to Children in Refugee Population”. The UN Environmental Programme Committee’s topics were “Effects of Rising Sea Levels on Island Nations” and “Improving International Warning Systems for Natural and Meteorological Disasters”. General Assembly Committee 1: Disarming and International Security debated on “Preventing Weapons Trade with Non-state Actors” and “Preventing Disputes over Fresh Water Resources”. General Assembly Committee 2 : Economic and Financial debated and discussed “Limiting Corporate Exploitation of Water Resources” and “Current Financial Market Instability”. General Assembly Committee 3: Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural discussed “Expanding Sanitation Access In the Developing World” and “The Protection of Religious Minorities”. General Assembly Committee 4: Special Political and Decolonization discussed “Preventing the use of Civilian Travel Manipulation as a Political Tool” and “International Maritime Boundary Disputes”. General Assembly 6: Legal discussed “Guaranteeing Access to Major World Water Routes” and “Rights of Non-State Actors in International Law”. The final committee, General Assembly Plenary Committee, discussed “Cleaning Trash Islands in International Waters” and “Protecting National Utility Structures from External Threats”.

Within the committee, students formed groups with their peers to develop clauses to form a working paper (the precursor to legislative actions, or “resolutions”). Eventually, resolutions would be formed from the working papers, presented, debated,



Pictured: Kiera Connor, Antonella Blanco, Brady Davis, Amanda Coe, Abby Fraley, Sidney Karnes, Ian Jackson, Sam Womack, Matt Meadows, Margaret Rice, Austin Toney, and Whitney Hunt



Pictured: Ian Jackson, Austin Toney, Brady Davis, Margaret Rice, Amanda Coe, Abby Fraley, Whitney Hunt, Matt Meadows, Sidney Karnes, Sam Womack, Antonella Blanco, Kiera Connor, and Mr. & Mrs. Womack

and declared passed or failed from a majority vote from members in the committee. The James Monroe delegation was quite successful with several members becoming sponsors of resolutions that passed through their respective committee, sparking well-spoken debate. In their free time, the students visited various locations of interest, including the Atlanta History Museum, the Woodruff Alliance Theater, and famous local restaurants. The Atlanta Model United Nations trip has become a tradition for the James Monroe High School Model United Nations debate team and they hope to return to Atlanta next year.



Employee Recognition



Monroe Co. Tech Center

Julie Bailey is the Early Childhood Education instructor at MCTC. She is in her third year with the program, which is growing by leaps and bounds. Before coming to MCTC, Julie worked as a student teacher at JMHS during its first year of existence. Later, she worked as a substitute teacher in the county, worked in the Parents as Teachers program which later evolved in to the preschool position she held at Peterstown Elementary.

Julie started the volleyball program at JMHS as head coach, but took off two years due to a car accident. She later returned to coaching and was an assistant coach for the state runner up team, final eight team, state and this year's final four team. She really enjoys her opportunity to coach.

In the ECE program, Julie spearheads the ambitious A Storybook Christmas event. This annual event involves weeks of work for students preparing activities and lessons for pre-K students throughout the county. Her students also help with the spring Kiddie Fair that takes place in the county.

Julie can often be seen working with her students to make them the best they can be at working with young children. Because of her hard work and dedication, Julie is easily the MCTC Employee of the Month.

Peterstown Middle

Peterstown Middle School service employee of the month for December is bus driver, Malvin Conner. Malvin runs the Bozoo and town routes in Peterstown. He works hard and goes out of his way to keep our students safe on the roads. Malvin is always willing to help out our students in any way that he can. We thank him for his years of service.

Craig Riffe is Peterstown Middle School's December employee of the month. Mr. Riffe is a favorite among our fifth grade students. He is often observed implementing hands on science projects that keep the students engaged and entertained. Craig truly cares for the well-being of his students and collaborates well with the 5th grade team to ensure that our students receive the best education possible!

Mountain View

Mountain View School would like to recognize Christina Dunlap, Title I teacher, as the professional employee of the month.

Also, Head Cook, Teresa Fisher is Mountain View's service employee of the month.

Congratulations to these two wonderful ladies!

Peterstown Elementary

Peterstown Elementary would like to recognize Brenda Turner for

her outstanding and irreplaceable career with Monroe County Schools. She has simply done a phenomenal job serving our students and has been a valued colleague. We hope when you see her out and about enjoying retirement, that everyone expresses how much they miss her. Thank you Brenda, for your continued service beyond your retirement! You are much appreciated!

We also want to recognize and welcome Victoria Dunn. She has stepped in as a substitute cook and has brightened the atmosphere in our kitchen! You are much appreciate!

James Monroe

James Monroe High School would like to recognize Tyler Lundy as December Employee of the Month. Mr. Lundy and his Marching Maverick Band braved the cold weather and participated in the area Christmas parades in Peterstown, Union and Ballard. The band finished the Holiday season with the Christmas Concert on December 13th. A new addition to the concert was Mr. Lundy's guitar class and their performance of holiday songs. James Monroe would like to thank Mr. Lundy for his hard work and also for participating in all of the area parades.