

Monroe County Schools

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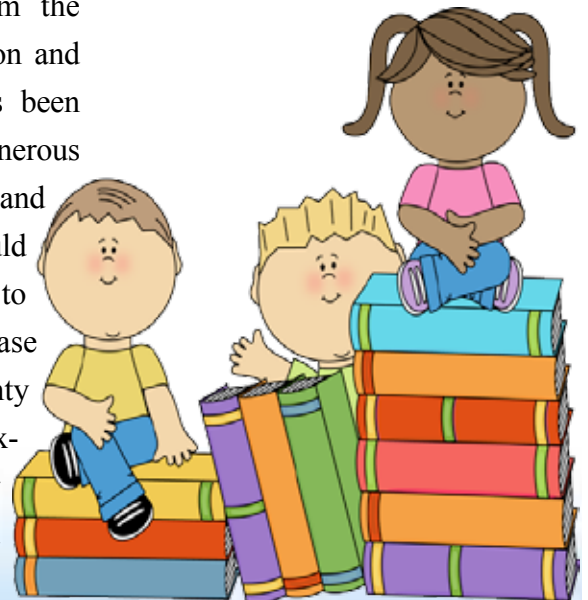
IMAGINATION LIBRARY

The Early Literacy Committee and Monroe County Schools have recently completed the process to bring Dolly Parton's IMAGINATION LIBRARY to Monroe County. If you are a Monroe County resident with a child UNDER the age of 5 years old, your child is eligible to receive a FREE book every month until their 5th birthday. The program is FREE for all Monroe County families regardless of income. Please register all children (under the age of five) in your home as the books are based on age – each child will receive a different book. Please use the link at the top right to register.

The Early Literacy Committee is comprised of representatives from the Monroe County Library, Monroe Day Care, Monroe County Head Start, Monroe County Schools, and The United Way of Greenbrier Valley with assistance from the WV Department of Education and the Arts. This program has been made possible through the generous donations of area businesses and private citizens. If you would like to make a donation to continue the program please contact the Monroe County Library. All donations are tax-deductible. Please watch for a list of donors to be posted at a later date.

To register a child,
please use the
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[www.
imaginationlibrary.com](http://www.imaginationlibrary.com)



MONROE COUNTY SPELLING BEE WINNERS



County Winners:
1st: Brycen Whitt (PMS)
2nd Keiran McClaugherty (PMS)
Alternate: Haleah Burnside (PMS)



8th Grade:
1st: Emma Boggs (MVS)
2nd: Keiran McClaugherty (PMS)
3rd: Sara Ferguson (MVS)



7th Grade:
1st: Karalynn Engelhart (MVS)
2nd: Dylan Brim (MVS)
3rd: Isabelle Mann (PMS)



6th Grade:
1st: Brian Anderson (PMS)
2nd: Haleah Burnside (PMS)
3rd: Dylan McDade (MVS)



5th Grade:
1st: Jaycee Adkins (PMS)
2nd: Brycen Whitt (PMS)
3rd: Luke Hunter (MVS)



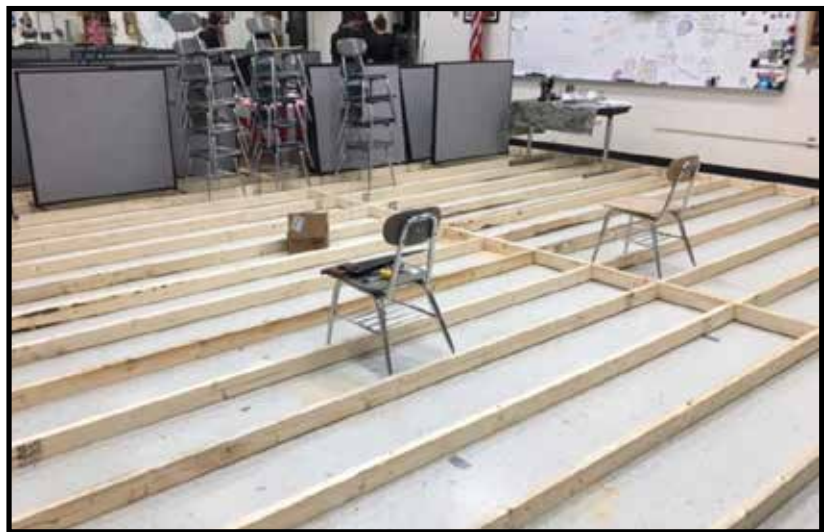
4th Grade:
1st: Gavin French (PES)
2nd: Alex Craig (PES)
3rd: Shailyn Wickline (MVS)

Maverick Battalion Constructs Simulated Battalion Headquarters



The James Monroe High School/ Monroe County Technical Center Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) recently transformed its classroom into a simulated military headquarters, complete with a raised floor, carpeting, and office work stations. JROTC students are organized into work teams that mirror the sections of a U.S. Army Battalion: a Command Section, S1 (administration), S2 (security), S3 (operations), S4 (logistics), and S5 (public affairs). Cadets who earn rank by passing a knowledge test and interview board serve as team leaders and supervise the other cadets on their team. Much of the class work and unit administration in JROTC occurs within these teams, just as it would in a military headquarters.

A Simulated Workplace Program Modernization Grant through the West Virginia Career and Technical Education Department paid for the cubicle dividers, carpet, and construction materials. Cadets prepared the grant application last year and provided the labor for construction. The process of planning for and building the simulated workplace and its use in daily class and unit operations directly contributes to the JROTC mission of motivating young people to become better citizens, and the Maverick Battalion looks forward to developing community leaders of character in this environment.



Maverick Battalion Headquarters under construction.



Maverick Battalion Headquarters completed.

Mountain View School Assessment Awards

The West Virginia General Summative Assessment, which includes the Smarter Balanced assessments in mathematics and ELA, is given to students in public schools in grades 3-11. The General Summative Assessment also includes a science assessment for students in grades 4, 6, and 10.

The test is engaging, interactive, and uniquely accessible with questions

that require high level thinking, look like real life problems, and are similar to classroom work. Most important, it offers evidence that informs action in the classroom.

On the Summative Assessment, students' achievement levels are one of the following:

Level 4-Exceeded the Standard

Level 3-Met the Standard

Level 2-Nearly Met the Standard

Level 1-Has Not Met the Standard
Mountain View Elementary/Middle School proudly recognized those students who scored a Level 4 in three subject areas by presenting them with a gold medal. The students who scored a Level 4 in two subject areas earned a silver medal. The students who scored a Level 4 in one subject area earned a bronze medal.



Pictured above: All medal winners listed below in the chart

Pictured left: **Gold Medalists** - 5th Grader Michael Fraley, 7th Grader William Hiner, and 5th Grader Luke Hunter.

	Silver	Bronze
8th	Emma Boggs, Sara Ferguson, Brendan Hale, Noah Hunter	Catherine Cromwell, Andrew Hazelwood, Karissa Hunnicutt, Stephanie Persinger, Casey Weikle
7th	Lauren Ballard, Jonas Ransom, James Sneddon	Sara Collins, Lillian Jackson, Zachery Mincey, Evan Mustain, Seana Sabol, Madison Vass
6th	Emily Bailey, Luke Fraley, Luke Jackson, Marissa Jarrell, Dylan McDade, Kayla Morrow, Kaydence Weikle, Gabriel Wilcox	Dylan Boggs, Hunter Cook, Adora Dowdy, Ethan Fullen, Evan Hunter, Caleb Lephew, Onyza Persinger, Jaden Thompson, Jordan Weikle
5th	Dylan Hunnicutt, Jordan Lowe, Morgan Vass	Shane Arthur, Emma Ballard, Caitlin Crotty, Devin Dunbar, Tyler Fury, Kaden Lowe, Cooper Ridgeway
4th	Justis Hiner, Cheyenne Huffman, Kaitlyn Jones, Grace McClure, Alison Miller, Sofia Persinger, Baylee Ridgeway, Thomas Sibold, Shailyn Wickline	Chloe Bert, Leighana Guzman, Clara Snedegar, Kyleigh Weikle

Law Enforcement Personnel Honored



Back Row (left to right): Deputy Elswick, Trooper Baker, Chief Deputy Hedrick, Sheriff Crosier, and Deputy McCormick

Middle Row (left to right): Truancy Diversion Officer Cathy Jones, Corporal Heller, Sergeant Greer, Deputy Ware, Matthew Meadows, and Superintendent Joetta Basile

Front row (left to right): Mark Livingston, Cheyenne Hesson, Katelyn Roberts, Caitlin Mann, Darla Holzman, Austin Ryan, Law and Public Safety Teacher David Richmond and Jake Belcher

On a cold and snowy day in January, MCTC's Law and Public Safety students gathered to provide a hearty warm meal to Monroe County's law enforcement personnel. The Resolution Dinner was sponsored by David Richmond's classes to honor those who serve in the law and public safety field every day and to build relationships between those professionals and students who wish pursue those same careers.

Despite the weather, the event was well-attended. Those present remarked favorably regarding the delicious meal and the positive atmosphere.

Maverick Battalion Completes "One Hour of Code"



Cadets working through their "hour of code" in partially completed simulated workplace cubicles. The Maverick Battalion has since finished construction of its new "headquarters."

On Dec. 15th, James Monroe High School/ Monroe County Technical Center Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) cadets joined over 80 million other students from around the globe and completed an "Hour of Code." Code.org, a nonprofit group whose vision is that "... every student in every school should have the opportunity to learn computer science," hosts the event online. The students were able to use simple text-based computer code to create images. Introducing young people to the basics of computer science teaches basic logic skills and contributes to the JROTC mission of motivating young people to become better citizens by preparing them for an increasingly permeated by information technology.



Maverick Battalion Teaches Flag Etiquette

A group of cadets from the James Monroe High School/Monroe County Technical Center (JMHS/MCTC) Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Maverick Battalion traveled to Peterstown Middle School to teach the National Junior Honor Society members how to properly fold, raise, and lower the American flag. The Honor Society members were very attentive and are now able to raise the flag to full and half-staff, lower, and fold the American flag just as the JROTC cadets do daily at JMHS. The Maverick Battalion appreciates this opportunity to put its mission of "motivating young people to become better citizens" into action.



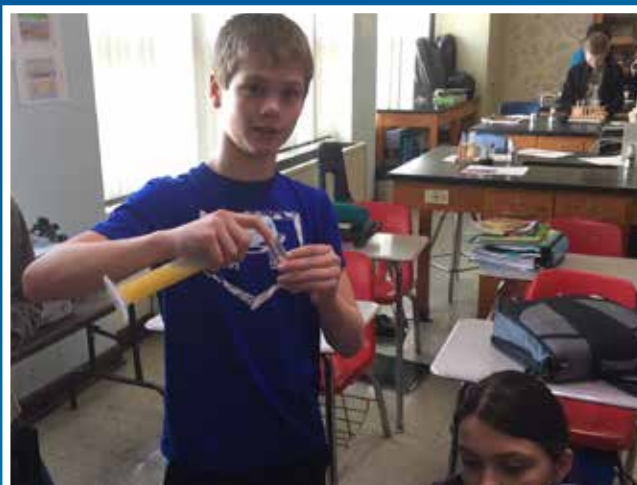
Peterstown Middle School students folding flag under the supervision of cadets from the Maverick Battalion.

PES Student Achievement

Congratulations to our students for setting goals and attaining their AR points this 2nd nine weeks. Our 1st and 2nd grade classes had 64 students who reached their goal, and our 3rd and 4th grade had 36 students meeting their goal. The school wide goals were designed to challenge our students and provide rewards for their love of reading, as well as, improving their comprehension skills. The students recently celebrated with a popcorn party and a movie. Our Reader Leaders were as follows: Alex Craig, Jayce Painter, Billie Dicken, Sawyer Kees, Danni Dunbar, Tyson Meadows, Hannah Terry, and Marshal White. Congratulations students!!!

7th Grade "Acids & Bases" Science Lab

Mrs. Becky Crabtree is the long term sub at Peterstown Middle School, and she is teaching 7th grade science. One might say Mrs. Crabtree is in her "element" as she has kicked the semester off with excellent opportunities for her students to explore science with hands on learning experiences.



Mountain View Spelling Bee Winners

On December 2nd, MVEMS held the yearly school Spelling Bee. Students worked hard on their lists of words and it paid off for many. School winners include:

8th grade: Emma Boggs (1st), Sarah Ferguson (2nd), Stephanie Persinger (alt.)

7th grade: Karalynn Engelhart (1st),

Dylan Brim (2nd), Justin Talbert (alt.)

6th grade: Kaydence Weikle (1st), Dylan McDade (2nd), Marissa Jarrell (alt.)

5th grade: Luke Hunter (1st), Caitlin Crotty (2nd), Cooper Ridgeway (alt.)

4th grade: Thomas Sibold (1st), Shailyn Wickline (2nd), Grace McClure (alt.)

These students will be participating in the Monroe County Schools' Spelling Bee January 19th, 2017, at the Monroe County Board of Education.



Employee Recognition



Peterstown Middle

Peterstown Middle School's professional employee of the month is Christen Porterfield. She teaches art and is responsible for the yearbook here at the middle school. Mrs. Porterfield is an excellent teacher that is loved by her students as well as her colleagues. Her students also participate in many of the county art competitions and shows to display the work they are doing under her supervision. Christen runs the yearly craft show at our school as well. We appreciate all that she does for our students as well as the community.

We would like to recognize Annette Hill as January's employee of the month. Mrs. Hill plays so many roles at our school. We are so thankful to have her on staff handling our finances and keeping everyone straight. She also has the ability to brighten everyone's day with her smile and her charm. Her hard work does not go unnoticed.

James Monroe High

James Monroe High School's professional employee of the month is Katie Mann. Ms. Mann received her Bachelor's degree from Bluefield State College and has been at JMHS for three years. She is the proud mother of an 8 year old daughter named Rileigh, who keeps her busy involved in after school activities. In her free time, Ms. Mann enjoys traveling, reading, and being with family and friends.

Tammy Hale is James Monroe High School's service personnel employee of the month. She has spent the last 22 years working for Monroe County Schools. Mrs. Hale also volunteers as an EMT and has done so for the last 30 years. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, soap-making, taking care of her honey bees, and spending time with family and friends.

Peterstown Elementary

Peterstown Elementary School would like to recognize Mr. Gary Crosier, one of our outstanding 2nd Grade teachers, for his expertise in teaching Reading Language Arts. His students are showing significant continuous growth, as well as, 23/25 achieving their AR points for the second nine weeks. At 92%, they were the highest scoring class at PES! Congratulations to both Mr. Crosier and his students for their hard work and accomplishments. We appreciate you!

Peterstown Elementary School would also like to recognize Ms. Jackie Burwell for her tireless dedication to our students. She does an excellent job each day of assisting our students in becoming more independent and

resourceful, while smiling and being ready to assist with any school need as a team player. She is an asset and much appreciated!

Monroe County Technical Center

At MCTC (and beyond) “Business” Is Business as Usual for Marshall Neel.

At Monroe County Technical Center, Instructor Marshall Neel attends to “Business”. As an instructor in the business department, Neel teaches Business and Marketing Essentials, Personal Finance, Business Computer I and Business Computer II in a Simulated Workplace environment. Simulated Workplace requires students to clock in, follow office routines and procedures according to a “company” organizational chart, participate in random drug screenings, and track



workplace productivity. Neel works to prepare students for their lives and professional careers with a deep understanding of business and management concepts. Much of the work his students do also prepares them to successfully compete in FBLA contests statewide and nationally. Mr. Neel, however, does more than simply teach business skills. Neel, himself a 29-year entrepreneur, is not only an instructor, but a businessman with many experiences and real-world scenarios to share with students.

Marshall Neel worked various jobs in industrial settings, some retail and other various enterprises. Neel graduated from Concord College in 1995 with a Bachelor degree in Education. He started teaching in Monroe County as a substitute teacher the same day he graduated. The next year he worked enough days to earn an increment year, and was also hired as a special education teacher. The end of the next year an opening for a business education teacher became available. Business being his area of specialization, it was the opportunity he was waiting for. Neel has been there ever since. About his job, he states, “I can say that the group I work with now from management down is one of the finest I have had the pleasure of being around on a daily basis. In addition, being involved with the simulated workplace next year is a little exciting. It’s good to incorporate new things that keep you interested in your job.”

Neel started his own used vehicle business 29 years ago, and has ran it ever since. Along with his father, about 14 years ago, he opened a car wash. Neel’s son, Adam, and his father, Jack, are in the car business with him now which keeps them all

busy. Neel explains, “This is a great source of pleasure for me because it keeps us very close and involved on a daily basis. I have a couple of new ventures in the planning stage which I’m excited about. With any luck and conditions right hopefully these will be rolling later this year.”

Neel concludes, “Everything said, my proudest accomplishments are my son Adam and my granddaughter Gemma.”

Marshall Neel’s success as an entrepreneur and as a business instructor are worthy of recognition and emulation. MCTC students and staff benefit from Neel’s strong work ethic and his sensible approach to changes and challenges. He has accomplished much, and in so doing, inspires others to pursue their dreams.

Mountain View

Erin Dotson is the MVS Employee of the Month. Mrs. Dotson teaches 7th Grade Math. The students say that Mrs. Dotson makes Math fun! She is our SAT Coordinator and works diligently on SAT. She is a very compassionate and dedicated teacher! Mrs. Dotson has been teaching for 14 years. We are very proud to have Mrs. Dotson at MVS. Thank you for all that you do Mrs. Dotson!

Donna Galford is the MVS Service Employee of the Month. Mrs. Galford is our Cafeteria Manager. Mrs. Galford has been at MVS for 16 years. She is great at multi-tasking and works well under pressure. She has always stepped up when needed. We are very proud to have Mrs. Galford at MVS. Thank you for all that you do Mrs. Galford!