

As we embark on this new year, I'm filled with gratitude and excitement for all that lies ahead. Our 3-2-1 update for January 2025 is brimming with inspiring achievements and promising developments that showcase the incredible spirit of our students, staff, and community. From reading milestones to innovative learning spaces, every accomplishment reflects our unwavering commitment to nurturing an environment where every student can thrive and succeed.

3-Exciting Highlights & Developments

- 1. Innovative Learning Lab:** West Carroll High School has successfully implemented a new Innovative Schools Model grant, transforming our library into a dual-purpose space for both traditional library services and college and career readiness resources.
- 2. Celebrating Reading Milestone:** Twenty five West Carroll Elementary students were recognized for reading 60 books or earning 60 Accelerated Reader points. In keeping with the WCES library theme for this school year, "Reading is an Adventure," students were treated to a special meal inspired by the movie, "The Polar Express." The tables were decorated with working toy trains, lanterns, and gift bags that included train whistles, bookmarks, candy, and ink pens. The reading challenge for the school year is for each student to read 100 books on their reading level and pass 100 AR quizzes.
- 3. Community Involvement:** Parents, teachers, and students worked to construct a new batting cage pavilion near the baseball and softball fields, enhancing practice opportunities for our student-athletes. The trusses for the new structures were generously donated by Mr. and Mrs. Justin Cagle of Custom Products in Milan.

2-Inspiring Quotes

"West Carroll Primary had our annual 2nd Grade Christmas Musical in December. Mr. Wheeler always does a great job with the students every year." - Mrs. Jackie Wester, West Carroll Primary School Principal

"Our goal for the new year, as always, is to make the most of every single instructional day." - Dr. Jessica Williams, West Carroll Elementary School Principal

1-Community Challenge

This month's challenge is to visit our website, WCSSD.org. Answer these three questions about our site for a chance to win a \$10 Sonic gift card.

1. How many pumpkins are smiling on the white table at our primary school?
2. Which grade had an ELA Frankenstein project at our Jr/Sr High School?
3. What color is the blow-up slide at our elementary school?

Please email answers to preston.caldwell@wcssd.org. The first five people to email the 3 correct answers will win a \$10 Sonic gift card to be picked up at WCSSD Central Office.

As we celebrate these achievements, let's also look ahead with optimism to the countless opportunities that 2025 will bring. Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement. Here's to making 2025 our best year yet!

To another great month of learning,

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