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West Carroll 3-2-1 Update

September 2024

As we settle into the new school year, I'm excited to share some of the wonderful things happening across our district. The dedication of our staff, students, and community continues to inspire me daily.

3-Exciting Developments

- 1. Kindergarten Celebrates Community Helpers:** Kindergarten students at West Carroll Primary were surprised by a visit from School Resource Officer Chris Hamer. Officer Hamer spoke to students about his responsibilities as an SRO and deputy sheriff. Officer Hamer demonstrated various equipment he uses on the job. I feel it is crucial for children to understand that police officers are here to help and protect them and appreciate Officer Hamer's positive interactions that can shape their perceptions of law enforcement for years to come.
- 2. Library Book Fair Kickoff:** Our elementary school librarian, Ms. Pat Hudgins, launched an exciting book fair during parent-teacher conferences. With beautiful decorations and balloon art, it created a magical atmosphere to inspire young readers. The event, themed "Reading Takes You Places," was a resounding success. Mrs. Hudgins challenged students to read and pass AR tests in August, rewarding achievers with a special lunch celebration. It's encouraging to see our students' enthusiasm for reading, exemplified by Cooper Pinson's excitement about their "first-class lunch". We're grateful for our community's support in fostering a love for reading and look forward to more literary adventures ahead.
- 3. FAFSA Championship:** West Carroll Junior/Senior High School was the only school in the county to win the FAFSA championship, significantly increasing the number of students completing this crucial financial aid application for college.

2-Inspiring Quotes

"We're really excited to host our students every home game, regular season. There's been no monetary loss in these home games in August. If anything, the concession sales have increased tremendously." - WCHS Principal Dr. Adam Douglas, on providing free admission to students for regular season games

"Our goal this year is for each student in the school to read 100 books on their reading level. It's a big goal, but we have faith that they will do so." - Elementary School Principal Dr. Jessica Williams, on their ambitious literacy initiative

1-Action for Our Community

West Carroll Community, a great way to support our young readers is to join their ambitious challenge to read 100 books! As a community, let's show our students that we can collectively read 100 books in one month. Here's how we can support our young readers and challenge ourselves:

1. Choose books that spark your interest or your family's curiosity and share it with your children.
2. Share your favorite reads on social media using #WestCarrollReads.
3. Encourage others to join the challenge, too!

If our elementary students can aim for 100 books in a year, we as adults can certainly strive for 100 as a community in a month! By participating, we're not just improving our own literacy, but also modeling the importance of reading for our children. So join us!

August was a great start for our upcoming school year! I'm grateful for the tireless efforts of our educators, staff, and families. Together, we're creating an environment where every student can thrive.

To another great month of learning and growth at West Carroll,

Preston Caldwell