

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.Focused Goals for Student Success:** In our ongoing commitment to student achievement, I recently met with our principals to analyze data and set clear goals for improvement. This collaborative effort is complemented by Dr. Jessica Williams's leadership in establishing teacher-led Professional Learning Communities at West Carroll Elementary. These PLCs are laser-focused on the school's improvement goals, particularly in literacy and numeracy. It is inspiring to see our team collaborate so impactfully to support our students' growth and future success.
- 2.Celebrating Our Custodians:** We are proud to recognize our wonderful custodians and the crucial role in maintaining a clean, safe learning environment in our schools. Their hard work ensures our schools are clean, welcoming, and conducive to learning every day. We are thankful for the amazing custodial team at West Carroll Special School District!
- 3.Financial Accountability:** Thanks to Mrs. Shan DePriest's unwavering dedication, we've successfully completed our final expenditure reports ahead of schedule. This commitment allows us to focus on strategic spending as we continue to enhance our educational programs.

2-Inspiring Quotes

"West Carroll Primary is so excited about our new hire, Ms. Cindy Smith. Ms. Smith is an experienced educator from West TN and she will be teaching PE at our Primary School. We are looking forward to all that she brings to the classroom" - WCPS Principal, Jackie Wester

"West Carroll Junior Senior High School hosted an ACT prep workshop with UT Martin's Alex Beene this month. Over 40 of our students learned strategies to help increase ACT scores and tools they need to be successful in postsecondary education." - WCHS Principal, Dr. Adam Douglas, on the free ACT workshop offered to all West Carroll High School students

1-Action for Our Community

This month our community challenge focuses on Math. I'm challenging our community with a "This or That" MATH Challenge. Pick one (or both) and email me your responses. Here are the challenges:

- **This Challenge-** Four Gallons of Water in a Five Gallon Bucket. Imagine you have two buckets. One can hold 3 gallons of water and the other can hold 5 gallons. You also have a water supply with which you can fill the buckets. How can you put exactly 4 gallons of water in the 5-gallon bucket? You can't approximate and do not have additional materials. Can you find a way to get exactly 4-gallons in the 5-gallon bucket?
- **That Challenge-** Do you have a favorite tricky math problem? Please email me your math challenge, and the solution. We'd love to share on our social media page and with our students.

Email your responses to me, preston.caldwell@wcassd.org, or share online using #WCMath.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our students and community. I'm grateful for the tireless efforts of our educators, staff, and families. Together, we're creating an environment where every student can thrive. Our next board meeting will be held at WCHS on November 7th. Hope to see you there.

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

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