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# WATAUGA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear WES Families,

We sincerely hope to see you on Thursday, February 7th for Parent/Teacher conferences. Education is truly a partnership between school and home. Your support and involvement in your child's education makes a tremendous difference.

Thank you,

Marie Stanley, Principal

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## PTA NEWS

WES PTA welcomes new members to join at any time during the school year. PTA Membership is \$5.00 for the current school year and does not require volunteer hours. Membership does give you a vote in PTA related decisions and allows you to support our students and programs!

Join Online at: <https://member.pta.org/Pilot-Home/Individual-Join> or request a membership envelope from your child's teacher!

## A Special Thanks to Dr. Doug Arnold

Dr. Doug Arnold, Watauga's School Board member, attends and participates in many of our school functions. He even visits our students for lunch sometimes. Dr. Arnold also tirelessly advocates for our students and our school. We appreciate you, Dr. Arnold!



## Upcoming Events

### February 7

Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Two Hour Early Dismissal

### February 14

Class Group Pictures

### February 21

Second Grade PTA Program

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## School Board Appreciation

February is School Board Appreciation Month. The Watauga Elementary School Community wishes to express our sincere gratitude to all of our board members for their dedication to the education of Washington County Virginia students.



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## WES Fifth Grader Wins NSDAR Chapter Contest

The Black's Fort Chapter of the NSDAR announced the winner of the American History Contest for 2018-2019 term, Ainsley R., of Watauga Elementary School. Her essay won the Virginia DAR District IV, covering fourteen DAR chapters from Wytheville South and West. The Black's Fort Chapter DAR has invited Ainsley to an award ceremony on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at the Abingdon Community Center in Abingdon, Virginia to celebrate this accomplishment. Along with celebrating this achievement, Ainsley has been asked to read her essay at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Ceremony in Abingdon, Virginia. Her essay is now eligible to continue to the State District Competition for further participation in the contest. Congratulations, Ainsley and best of luck in the State Competition!



*Ainsley R., Winner NSDAR Contest*

## WES Fifth Graders Observe Erosion

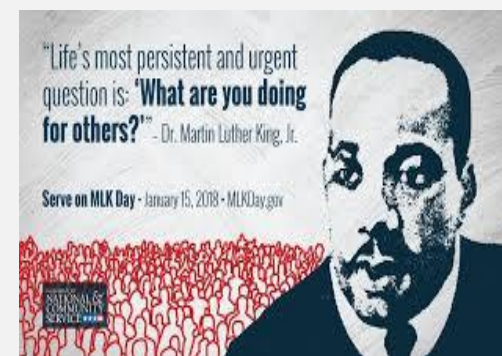
Who doesn't like playing with sand? Playing with sand and learning is even better. Students in Mrs. Casteel's classes at Watauga Elementary demonstrated how erosion happens using sand and water. Groups were given a pan full of green sand. The students were instructed to make landforms in the sand. Students then raised one end of the pan by using science books. They were given a cup of water with an extremely small hole in the bottom of it. Then, they were told to let the water drip slowly in the same spot and observe what happened. It was wonderful to hear the students using science vocabulary while observing the erosion! After the slow drips were finished, students were asked to predict what would happen if the cup of water was dumped very quickly. The students wanted to test their predictions, so a whole cup of water was dumped on the sand. Students were amazed at the rapid changes. Summaries were written and pictures were drawn to show what happened during the activity.



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## Day of Service for WES Third Graders

January 21, 2019 was recognized as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. As third grade students learned about Dr. King, they learned that the holiday is also recognized nationally as a day of service to make our communities better for all. Third grade students at Watauga Elementary forfeited their recess time to do small but meaningful community service projects inside the school.



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