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WATAUGA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear WES Families,

We sincerely hope to see you on Thursday, February 8th 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

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 attended our One School One Book kick-off this school year and read the first chapter of the book to our students. Dr. Arnold also tirelessly advocates for our students and our school. Thank you, Dr. Arnold for all that you do. We appreciate you!

Where Everyone Succeeds



Upcoming Events

February 8

Parent/Teacher Conferences
Two Hour Early Dismissal

February 15

Class Group Pictures
Second Grade PTA Program

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.



Robots, Coding, Magnets, and more....

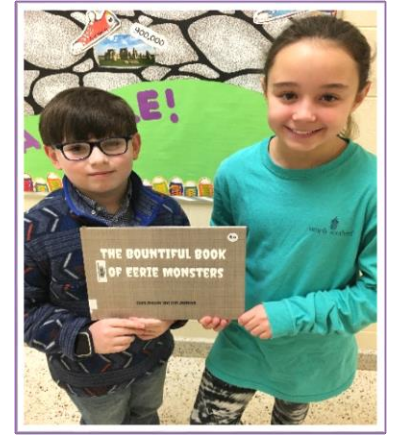
WES Library students have been working on STEM/STEAM activities for some time now. Our new rotation of activities are:

- Code and Go Mouse robot (Kindergarten-Second)
- Coding with Ozobots (Third and fourth)
- Building mini robots; Wigglebots and completing activities to include robot art, beauty contest, and races (Fifth Grade)
- Marble Run (Third and Fourth)
- Magic Magnets (Kindergarten-Fourth)
- STEM Story boxes; students will build a bridge for the goats in Billy Goat Gruff and measure and build a fence for Johnny Appleseed's trees (Kindergarten-Fourth)
- Lego build based on story-time setting (Second-Fourth)
- Community Duplo play (Pre-k-First)
- Gears and Go build a simple machine with a jungle theme (Second-Fourth)
- Gears and magnets; students will build a simple machine and learn how magnets work (Kindergarten-First)

Library story-time will focus on Groundhog Day, Presidents' Day, and Valentine's Day.



*Fun in Fourth Grade Library Stations
(Pictured are Jayla S., Blake K., Eli M., and Ella W.)*



Clark R. and Erin J., WES Authors

WES Student Authors

Two Watauga fourth graders have published their very own book entitled, *The Bountiful Book of Eerie Monsters*. Clark Russell and Erin Johnson worked on this intriguing tale during their lunch time conversations. Erin provided the illustrations while Clark penned the story of the monsters. A copy of the book can be found in the WES library and students can also take a comprehension test on the book.

D.A.R. Essay Contest Winner

Congratulations to Clark Russell for being awarded Honorable Mention in this year's D. A. R. essay contest. The topic of the essay was "What the Flag Means to Me." Clark will read his essay at the D.A. R awards' program on February 20th.