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Drug Free Week at WES *By: Haley Tate and Katie Ross*

The week of October 23 is Proud to be Drug Free Week. This is a national event that started in 1985! During the week, students and teachers wear red ribbons to promote a Drug-Free America. Throughout the week, students were encouraged to participate in theme days. We surveyed students to see which theme day was their favorite. These days were pajama day, twin day, team up to drugs day, and sock it to drugs day. We did the survey on grades K-6.

The results were...

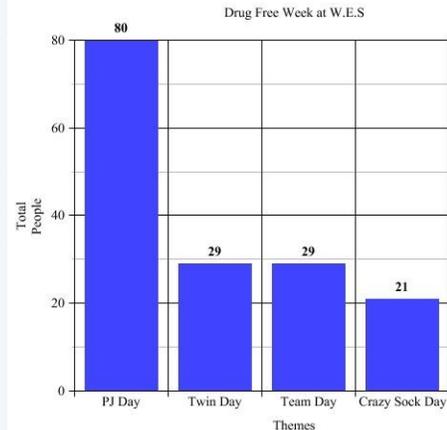
Pajama Day- 80

Twin Day- 29

Team up- 29

Crazy socks- 21

Pajama day won by 51 votes in comparison to twin and team up to drugs day. Students are always excited to wear their pajamas to school! WES is a proud supporter of Red Ribbon Week!



The results are in! The favorite was pajama day!

The New Teacher in Second Grade *By: Hope Cober*

After interviewing Mrs. Kensinger about her new teaching position in second grade, I learned that she graduated from Messiah College, and that her real name is Jodi Kensinger. She is a 2nd grade teacher at Williamsburg Elementary School. I then asked her what she liked about life in second grade, she said that there is always something new and exciting everyday and that the kids are always filled with excitement and energy! She also said that she thinks 2nd grade is terrific!

I decided to ask Mrs. Kensinger if she always wanted to be a teacher ever since she was little. She said that "Yes, I have always wanted to be a teacher ever since I was little. In fact I used to get notebooks and things out and play school!" She loved it! The next time you see Mrs. Kensinger around school welcome her to the Blue Pirate family!



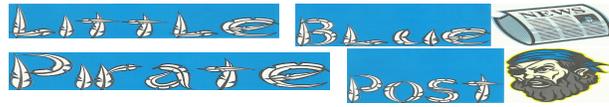
Congratulations Mrs. Veckov

By: Kiara Frye

This year, Mrs. Veckov was the winner of the annual Kiss a Pig contest. I interviewed Mrs. Veckov about her exciting experience kissing a pig. Mrs. Veckov said that the pig was very smelly and it was weird kissing the pig. She also said she did not enjoy kissing it. Mrs. Veckov had to kiss the pig because her class brought in the most money for the annual contest. Everyone wanted her to kiss the pig so badly and we got it!

It was Mrs. Veckov's very first time kissing a pig. Poor Mrs. Veckov!





EDITORIAL

Dear Pirate Jo...

Dear Pirate Jo,

I have a problem. There is a girl in my class that is really bossy. She tells us what to play at recess. She tells us who we will sit with at lunch, and she tells us who we will pick as a partner. This girl is someone that everyone likes, but I know everyone is afraid to tell her no. I think she is being a bully. She is my friend and I don't want to make her mad, but I am tired of being told what to do. Is she a bully? What should I do?

Sincerely,
Bossy Friend

Dear Bossy friend,

First of all she is not being a friend, she is being a major bully. I suggest you talk to a close relative or a close family member and tell them about her. If they don't do anything you need to explain to her, "I don't want to make you mad or anything but I would like if you would stop bossing and bullying people". If she doesn't listen or support your opinion she is not a real friend. I suggest you find a new one.

Sincerely,
Pirate Jo



Dear Pirate Jo,

I need some bullying advice. I am not very good at sports. I try my best, but I'm just not good. When I play kickball or football at recess I don't do very well. The other boys tease me and tell me that I didn't do well. I like to play these games, but I am tired of being told I'm no good. Can you help me?

Sincerely,
Tries Hard

Dear Tries Hard,

I think you should stand up to them and tell them to stop. If that doesn't work go straight to the teacher because teachers can always help. As for your problem with sports I say to tell them you're trying your best and would like it if they would please stop. If that doesn't work then you should go play ball with one of your friends that wouldn't make fun of you or just practice.

Sincerely,
Pirate Jo



Dear Pirate Jo,

I play basketball. I am learning how to dribble and sometimes I miss the ball and it bounces to the side of the court. There is a girl at basketball that laughs at me when I mess up. I thought she was my friend, but she thinks it is funny when I mess up at basketball. She is nice to me at school, but mean to me at basketball. Should I still be friends with her at school?

Sincerely,
Basketball All-Star

Dear Basketball All-star,

I would not be friends with that girl anymore because if she keeps on laughing at you that won't give you confidence and why would she laugh at you if she was your true friend.

Sincerely,
Pirate Jo



Recess vs Study Hall— Which Is More Important?

By: Sierra Miller

After giving it a lot of thought, because I think both recess and study hall are important, I think recess might be a little more important. While study hall gives you time to get work done, recess gives you time to socialize.

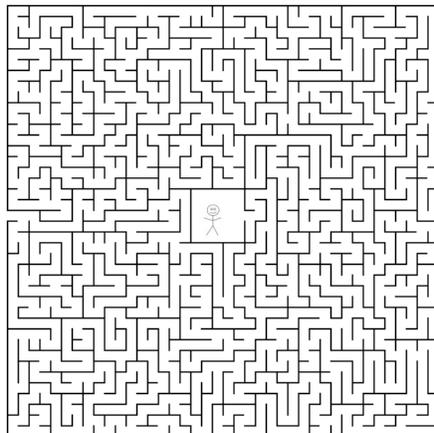
Recess also gives your brain a break from constantly working; time to cool off. Sure, it doesn't give you education, but it can help create friendship, and improve your skills as working in a group. It can also help keep your mind off stressful things like other schoolwork, stuff going on at home, or homework.

Study hall can be helpful too. If you have so much homework that you can't handle all at one time, you can do some homework in study hall. Also, if you forgot to study for that test tomorrow, you can study for it then! Or, when you're just not feeling well, or not really wanting to go outside and run around, you can just stay inside and read a book if you want.

This is why I think both, Recess and Study Hall, are important.

Puzzle Time

Help the man find his way out of the middle of the puzzle!



Book Corner

By: Shane Dixon



Title – Julie's Wolf Pack
Author- Jean Craighead George
Summary- This book is about the Avalik wolf pack and their survival in the harsh Alaska wilderness.
Where to find- You can get a copy of this at the elementary library.

AR Points- 5.0
Series- Julies Pack Series

