



# HOMEVILLE NEWS

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May 2024

SUMMER  
is coming



@WestMifflinArea



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## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Written by: Mrs. Sharna Baker

thank you

It is not unusual for teachers to arrive to school in the month of May to be pleasantly surprised to find a bouquet of fresh flowers placed upon his or her desk, left there by an appreciative parent or child. We are pleased by such gestures of support for our dedicated classroom teachers—however—in this letter we wish to remind parents of people in our school who are occasionally overlooked but are extremely important to the mission of our school. In recognition of these individuals we offer a bouquet of May “Flowers” to the following:

Our School Support Staff...Without the support of our secretarial, custodial, clerical or instructional assistants it is unlikely that our school could or would function. These people really are the life of the school that assures that the important functions within the classroom will continue.

Our Students...Students are the reason that schools exist! The opportunity to work with young people who have a positive attitude, are motivated to learn and a pleasure to work with is a benefit.

Our Community Members...Schools are supported not only by the parents of students who attend them but also by all members of the community. Without the support of the entire community there would be no facilities, no staff and faculty, no textbooks and materials, no services, in short no schools.

Our Parents...You, our parents, cannot be thanked enough for your role in your child's education. Parenting, and the support of the educational process, is time consuming and difficult work. On behalf of our staff, and your children, we thank you and hope the seeds you plant and nurture during your child's school year will produce flowers of joy and appreciation for years to come.



# 3rd Grade Field Trip to PNC Park





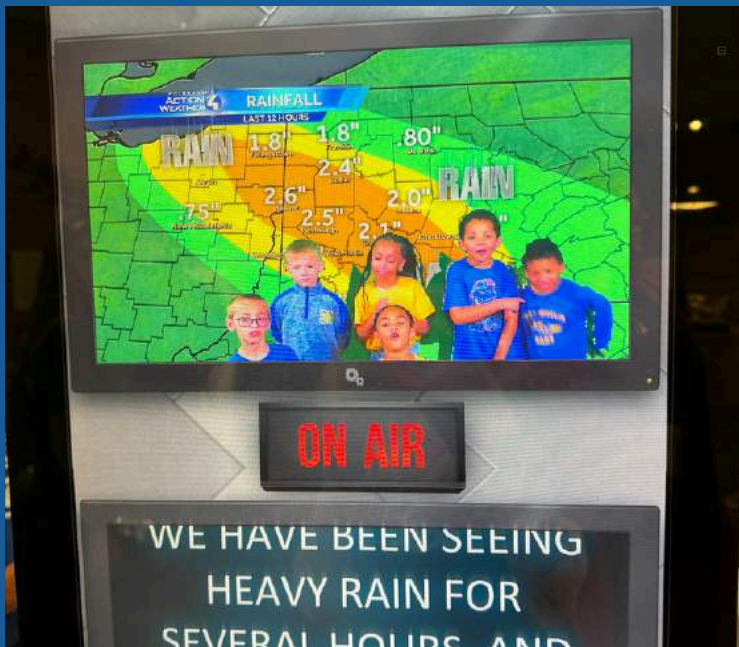
# Kindergarten Transition Night



kindergarten



# 2nd Grade Field Trip the Science Center

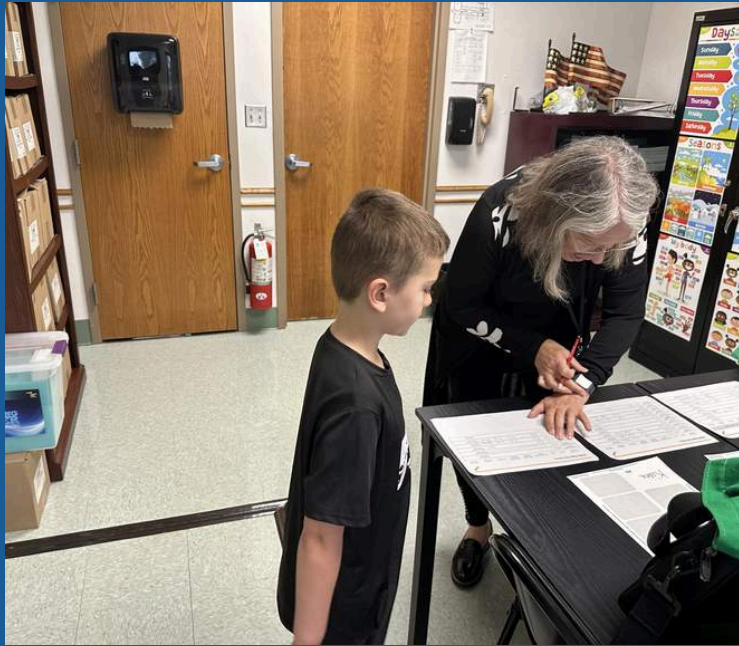


field trip





# Early Childhood Longitudinal Study

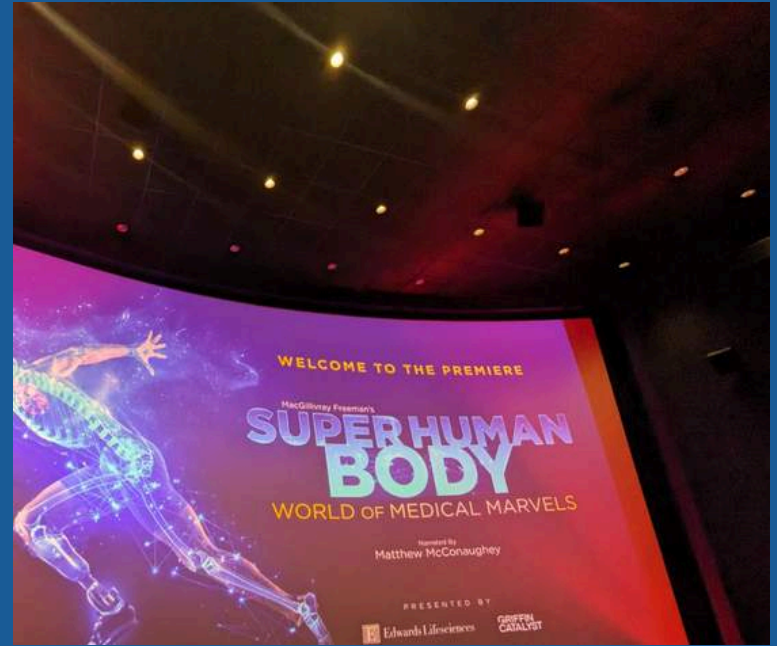




US Steel provided a grant for the Homeville students to participate in the Kids of Steel Marathon on Saturday, May 4th.







As a member of the Science Center's 2023 Teacher Advisory Committee, Mrs. Smith was invited to the premier of the new movie Superhuman Body: World of Medical Marvels. During the event, a lesson that her students piloted for the Science Center was on display. The Science Center team took the ideas, feedback, and suggestions from her class and brought them to life! The lesson on T-Cells will now be distributed in all educational packets in conjunction with the movie. Superhuman Body is being played in I-Max theaters across the country, and part of the funding for this movie guarantees that all students in Pittsburgh Schools will see it, and all teachers will receive the educational packet. This was a real honor for Mrs. Smith and her students!



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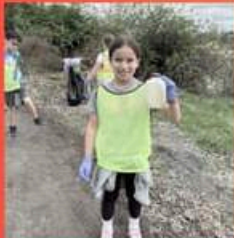
# Happy Cafeteria Workers Day!



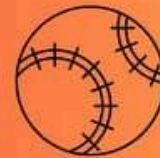


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kindness

## April Kindness Club



**GOOD LUCK  
TO 3RD GRADE  
ON THE PSSA**



The April Kindness Club meeting was full of projects to spread kindness to our planet EARTH!

The Kind Kids began painting rocks for the Homeville rock garden, made a craft with a promise to Earth, and picked up trash around our school to help keep our school grounds safe and clean.

The Kind Kids also did a bonus project to wish the 3rd Grade "Smartie Students" good luck on the PSSA tests !



WMASD Summer Enrichment Program - Click on the image above to join for free!



A colorful poster for the Titan Cyber Academy Summer Enrichment Program. The background is light blue with white clouds, a smiling sun, and a clock tower. On the left, there's a red building with a 'PHONE' sign and a speech bubble saying 'K-6 GRADE'. In the center, the title 'TITAN CYBER ACADEMY SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM' is written in large, bold letters. Below the title, a yellow speech bubble says 'FREE for ALL WM Kids'. To the left of the program details are colorful alphabet blocks (A, B, C, D). The program details are split into two columns: 'WHEN: June 10-July 3, Reading 9 AM, Math 10 AM' and 'WHERE: ONLINE'. A red button says 'REGISTER NOW'. At the bottom, a blue arrow points from the website 'www.wmasd.org' to 'Titan Cyber Academy'. On the right, a cartoon boy with glasses and a backpack is waving.

TITAN CYBER ACADEMY

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[www.wmasd.org](http://www.wmasd.org) Titan Cyber Academy



A poster for the Scholastic Home Base Summer Reading Program. The background is yellow. At the top right is the Scholastic logo. The title 'Welcome to Summer Reading on Home Base!' is in bold black text. Below it, a red line separates the title from the description. The description says: 'From May 9<sup>th</sup> through September 12<sup>th</sup>, kids can visit the summer zone in Scholastic Home Base, a completely free digital destination which offers stories, characters, games, and a community of readers. Home Base is moderated for safety 24/7.' At the bottom left is a red button that says 'JOIN NOW'. On the right, there's an illustration of a bookshelf with books, surrounded by green trees and yellow sunflowers. Two children are sitting on the ground in front of the bookshelf, reading books.

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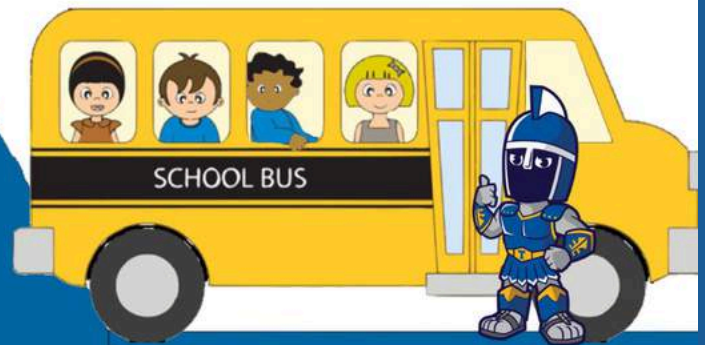


REGISTER  
NOW!

# WMASD REGISTRATION

~ Fill out Pre-Registration  
WMASD.ORG

You will receive a PowerSchool set up email. This may be in your spam folder. Follow this email to set up PS account and fill out enrollment forms.



- ⇒ **THREE** Proofs of Residence
  - ⇒ Lease or Mortgage
  - ⇒ 2 Full Utility Bills
  - ⇒ Birth Certificate
  - ⇒ Driver License
- ⇒ Immunization Records

2024–2025  
School  
Year

Contact for Information:  
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declairj@wmasd.org  
412-466-9131 x3015



Scan for resources





## When your kid's a Champ Camper, they get to solve the biggest mystery there is: Why does summer always feel too short?

Between our weekly themes and daily variety, no two weeks are the same!



### **INNOVATION WEEK: LET'S DISCOVER STEM!**

Learn by doing. Through hands-on activities, we'll plan, design, and create using STEM mindsets!



### **MOVEMENT WEEK: LET'S GO PLAY!**

Learn through the magic of healthy competition, then high-five your teammates and get your game on.



### **CREATIVITY WEEK: LET'S MAKE ART!**

Craft something inspiring and new. Maybe reveal a new skill or play a new character in a skit.



### **FRIENDSHIP WEEK: LET'S BUDDY UP!**

Explore teamwork and partnership while making new friends.



### **OUTDOOR WEEK: LET'S EXPLORE NATURE!**

Become BFFs with plants, animals, and nearly everything outside!

### **BONUS! FIELD TRIPS:**

We are still in the planning stages for field trips. More to come!!

Whether we're visiting a local zoo or bringing an exciting vendor to us, who doesn't love a good adventure?

**DATES:** May 30th, 2024 - August 16th, 2024

**AGES:** Kindergarten - 6th Grade

#### **PRICING:**

\$42/day - Customized schedules possible

\$50 Enrollment fee - **WAIVED** if enrolled by Feb 9

One Time \$50 Activity Fee for Summer

Site Director: William Rose

#### **HOURS:**

7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

#### **LOCATION:**

West Mifflin Middle School Cafeteria

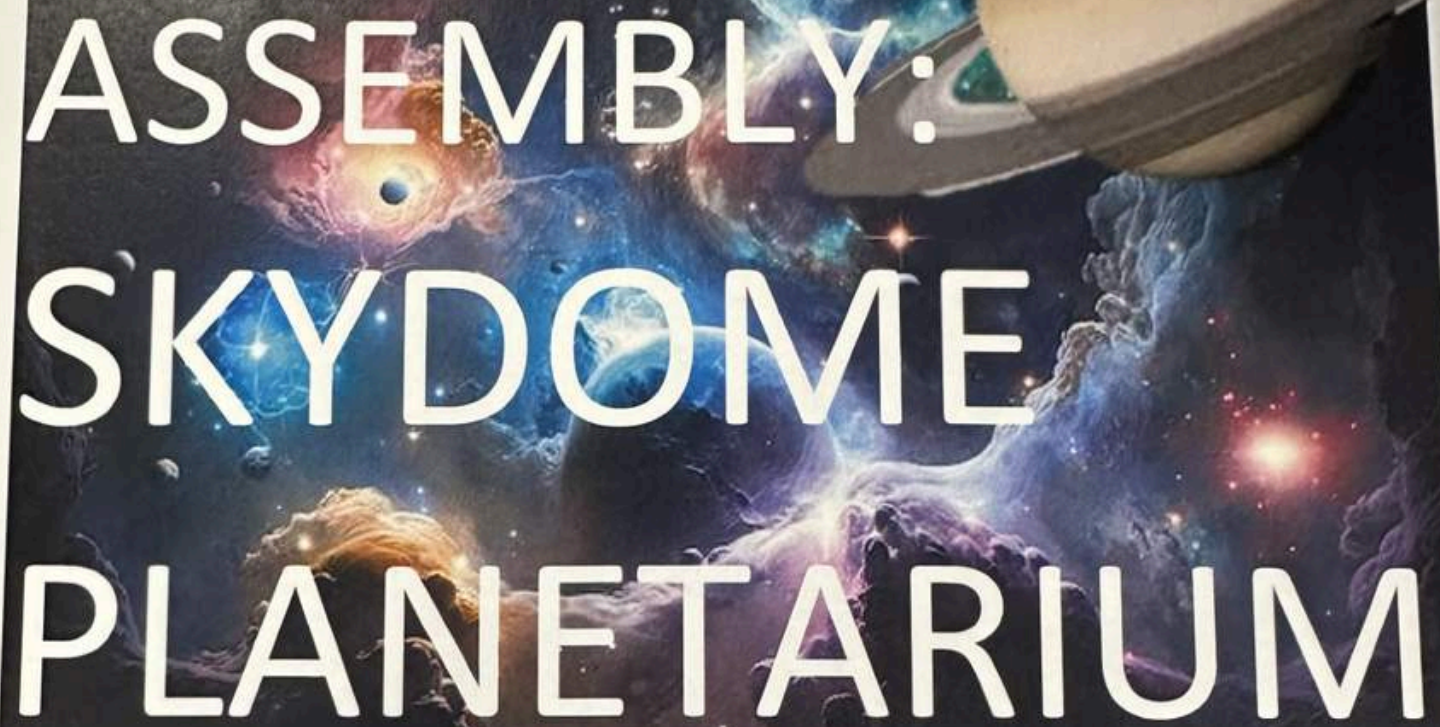
81 Commonwealth Ave, West Mifflin, PA 15122

Phone Number: 412-980-3893



# SCAN FOR A SNEAK PEEK AT CAMP (THROUGH THE EYES OF OUR CAMPERS)!





# ASSEMBLY: SKYDOME PLANETARIUM

The Homeville PTA will be bringing Mobile Ed Productions, Inc. to Homeville for this exciting educational offering during school hours.

WEDNESDAY

15

MAY

Students will tour the solar system inside the **gigantic** inflatable skydome planetarium!

Homeville Elementary  
**PTA**<sup>®</sup>  
every child. one voice.<sup>®</sup>

Questions?

Contact Ronda Mitrik 814-853-9732 or Fran Reynolds 724-331-6386





# Counselor's Corner



Lisa Stillwagon, School Counselor  
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You can help your child stay emotionally healthy with these summer activities:


- \*Give your child a new responsibility
- \*Nurture creativity with arts and crafts
- \*Keep a consistent sleep schedule
- \*Reduce screen time
- \*Think positively and be grateful to help reduce stress

## ENJOY THE SUMMER

Please contact Mrs. Stillwagon with any concerns regarding student success



# HELLO SUMMER



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May 10: 3rd grade showcase 10:00  
May 15: 3rd grade "step up" day  
May 16: Kindergarten graduation 1:00  
May 17: FUN DAY  
May 22: 3rd grade field day (with Clara Barton)  
May 23: 1st grade poetry picnic  
May 24: Last Day for students - early dismissal 12:40,  
Kindergarten testing for incoming kindergarten students



# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

## FOR APRIL



### Kindergarten

Ms. Augustine (103) Iyla Coleman  
Mrs. Hilligsberg (100B) Camden Finley  
Mrs. Banaszak (104) Thomas Scott  
Mrs. Krek (206A) Jace Kratzenberg  
Mrs. Campbell (101) Carter Unrue

### First Grade

Mrs. Truax (102) Daisy Tennant  
Mrs. Sanders (107) Landon McCorkle  
Mrs. Deasy (108) Bryce Healey  
Mrs. Didjunas (210) Kennedy Walker  
Mrs. Markiw (211) Xea Rodgers

### Second Grade

Mrs. Reisinger (204) Hunter Wilson  
Mrs. Tkach (205) Raobert (RJ) Williams  
Mrs. Crosby (206) Astyn Berry  
Mrs. Miskovic (207) Riley Briston  
Mrs. Onuffer (208) Nyla Coleman

### Third Grade

Mrs. Rader (201) Ryan Driscoll  
Ms. Newmyer (203) Sasha McCree  
Mrs. Graham (205A) Jaycee Demeri  
Mrs. Smith (213) Stephen Long  
Ms. Green (214) Devon Mitrik

## Pictured SOTM for April



Read more at:

[www.wmasd.org](http://www.wmasd.org)



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# STAFF FEATURE



Let's get to know Homeville's Staff!



Specials: Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Stupakis and Mr. Stanley



Special Education: Mrs. Galata, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Pantuso, Ms. Mackulin & Ms. Bekavac



# STAFF FEATURE



## Our Retirees



**WISH YOU  
ALL THE BEST**

Thank you for your service at Homeville!



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Let's get to know Homeville's Staff!



Custodians, Cafeteria Workers and Mr. Bill



Paraprofessionals



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PM Custodians



Security



Mrs. Miller – Secretary



Mrs. Stillwagon – Counselor