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Western Middle School



Russiaville, IN

Military Appreciation Spotlight: Mr. Sylvester



By Christian Wright and Matthew Sipes



Mr. Sylvester,
7th grade Social
Studies teacher in
Liberty Hall

Mr. Sylvester was a sergeant and he went through an interview with two captains and a major. He was stationed at Fort Knox, Fort Benning, and Fort Bragg.

Mr. Sylvester has never seen combat because he had a tumor behind his tibia and fibula and had to be sent home because of it. His task as a recon scout was to be proficient with 8 different weapon systems. He had to be able to break them down and put them together in perfect condition ready to fire if needed. He was trained by a marine sniper who taught him how to be stealthy and stay hidden. As a recon scout, he had to go in first to gain intelligence on the enemy. He was also trained as a paratrooper, and he had to be prepared to jump behind enemy lines. At one time he was in charge of 8 million dollars in weapons. They had a pretty big armory. Mr. Sylvester had planned to stay in the military for 30 years before he found the tumor. He learned how to persevere and to make the best out of a bad situation. Lastly, he learned how to be physically and mentally tough.

The Principal's Corner *IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A PANTHER!!!*



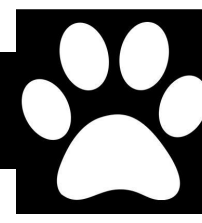
By Mr. Horrell

What do Excellence and Integrity look like? Where do you exhibit and display these qualities? There are 3 main areas: home, school and the community. You should represent yourself the same way no matter in which area you are present. Do you act the same at home as you do at school? Do you act the same way at a community event, such as a football game or an athletic event, as you would in a classroom?

My ultimate question (for you 8th graders): Do you act the same in the lunchroom as you would in your home with your parents? Displaying excellence and integrity takes commitment to reminding yourself how to act, what to say, and how you represent yourself when you think nobody's watching. Because somebody is always watching and noticing when you least expect it. Whether it's a parent or guardian, or a little brother or sister, people are noticing your actions. Your actions and behaviors tell people a story about you and what you stand for. So, what story are you telling or how can you change your behaviors to display a story of excellence and integrity?



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Editorial: Sports vs. Military Salaries

By Cameron Young and Eli Vandembosch

The salary difference between the military and the NFL is very unacceptable in our opinion. We think that the military should be paid more. The NFL's most recent highest paid player was Peyton Manning and he made \$248.7 million a year. The highest paid army person is paid \$87,404 a year.

We believe this is unfair because the NFL's highest paid player made 248 million dollars more than the highest paid army person. The lowest paid NFL player last year made almost 1.6 million dollars and the lowest paid army person was paid \$1,402. The lowest paid NFL player was paid nearly 1.55 million dollars more. We think this is unfair mostly because the NFL is paid so much more than the people who risk their lives for us. All the army personnel need to be paid more or the people in the NFL need to be paid less. Here are some examples of sports players' salaries down below.

Stephen Curry	34.68 million USD
Clayton Kershaw	32.00 million USD
LeBron James	30.96 million USD
Russell Westbrook	28.53 million USD
James Harden	28.30 million USD
Jon Lester	20.00 million USD
Kevin Durant	26.54 million USD
Mike Trout	15.25 million USD
Jason Heyward	15.00 million USD
Bryce Harper	13.62 million USD
Anthony Rizzo	10.70 million USD
Jake Arrieta	5.00 million USD
Donovan Mitchell	2.62 million USD
Kris Bryant	652,000 thousand USD
Javier Báez	521,000 thousand USD



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President Trump Signed the Vietnam Veterans Day Act



By Emilee Glaze and Mackenzie York

On March 28, 2017 President Donald Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 to officially recognize March 29 as a special day. This was created to honor the vets in the Vietnam War. This means every year on March 29 there will be a day just for Vietnam Veterans.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), "March 29 is generally viewed as an appropriate date. On that day in 1973, the last combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam and the last prisoners of war held in North Vietnam arrived on American soil." It is also the date President Nixon chose for the first Vietnam Veterans Day in 1974.



The statue to the right is known as The Three Soldiers Statue. It is part of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Local Army Mom Shares Family Story

By Shiloh Sappington

I recently interviewed my neighbor, Mrs. Nikki Evans, about her son, SFC Cuba Evans. SFC stands for Sergeant First Class. She said her son Cuba is in the army. She is extremely proud of her son for being an U.S army soldier and she said it takes a lot of bravery for him to sacrifice his life for the sake of our country.

Mrs. Evans' grandfather was a soldier in WWII and her father is a Vietnam Veteran. Her brother is also a Marine who served in Desert Storm.

SFC Cuba Evans has been in the army for two years. He is currently stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany after serving one year in South Korea.



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Western Middle School Spell Bowl is Going to State!



By Jeffrey Raines

Western Middle School Spell Bowl is going to State! At regionals, the team spelled 70 words correctly out of 72, and they were number one in their class division. The team will compete this Saturday, November 11, at Purdue University.

The spellers for spell bowl are Jace Rayl, Dylan Hightower, Niah Patel, Abigail Origer, Dylan Collins, Lucas Pitzer, Miles Bowley, and Sophie Kelly. The alternatives are Matthew Sipes, Grayson Key, Lily Long, and Cayden Calloway. The manager is Clayton Kelly and the coach is Mrs. Lazar.

The “Selfie Tradition”

Did you know that it is a tradition to take a selfie with Mr. Horrell when you win a competition?!



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Teacher Feature: Mr. Tuberty



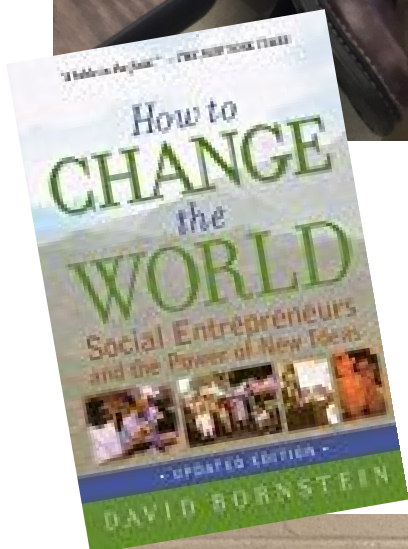
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Mr. Tuberty has been teaching for 14 years. He taught one year at Peru High School and has taught thirteen years at Western Middle School so far.

He has not always been a teacher. He also worked for a sports marketing company in Dallas, Texas. From there, he worked at the University of Notre Dame selling sponsorships for the athletic department. His next job after that was working as a supervisor at Chrysler, where he worked for three years.

Mr. Tuberty started teaching in 2004. He became a teacher because he was ready for a change. His daughters were young and he enjoyed working with them on their academics and athletic teams. Working with them sparked his interest in teaching and coaching. Mr. Tuberty has two daughters. One of his daughters, Morgan, is a freshman in college. His other daughter Meg is a sophomore at Western.

Mr. Tuberty's favorite book is *Start Something That Matters* by Blake Mycoskie. His favorite movie is *Cool Hand Luke* with Paul Newman. Mr. Tuberty's favorite sport is softball. He has been coaching softball for 14 years and he is currently the varsity softball coach at Western.



Student Spotlight: Kadin Dempsey



By Guy Smith-Knight and Peyton DeWeese

Kadin Dempsey is a 6th grader in the Explorer Hall. This fall break Kadin said that he mainly hung out with some of his friends.

Kadin said he normally participates in two different sports, baseball and football.

His favorite animal is a monkey because they're silly. According to Kadin, his favorite subject is math, since he's really good at it. It's really fun and also easy according to him.



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A Word about a Rivalry



By Meridith Williams, Ethan Chapin, and Aiden Phillips

For many years Western has been in a rivalry with Eastern. Western and Eastern each always bring out an enormous amount of people to their games. The overall stats in all sports for the Eastern Comets versus the Western Panthers, are 49-18-0 and 18-49-0. Fly the W Western!

Western's Current Stats:

Boys Football: 2-9-0! Win!

Boys Baseball: 0-6-0! Win!

Boys Soccer: 3-2-0 Lose

Girls Softball: 1-3-0! Win!

Girls Soccer: 1-1-0 Tie

Girls Basketball: 5-13-0! Win!



Top Students

Congratulations to the following students for securing a spot in the top 3 this week for their grade level. If you see them in the hallway, please congratulate them!

8th Grade: Eliza Lutgen
Abigail Origer
Gavan Davis

7th Grade: Natalie Nutt
Jace Rayl
Jenna Yazel

6th Grade: Ethan Fisher
Braylee Acord
Lauren Bradley

Meet the New Paw Print Staff



With the start of a new term this week, we welcome the following 6th grade students to the staff of The Paw Print:

(Front Row, L-R) Lena Chapel, Ethan Chapin, Jeffery Raines, Habiba Moawad, Shiloh Sappington, Ni'Yeare Jones, and Meridith Williams. (Back Row, L-R) Nas Wade, Eli Vandebosch, Matthew Sipes, Aiden Phillips, Christian Wright, Eve Martin, and Cameron Young.



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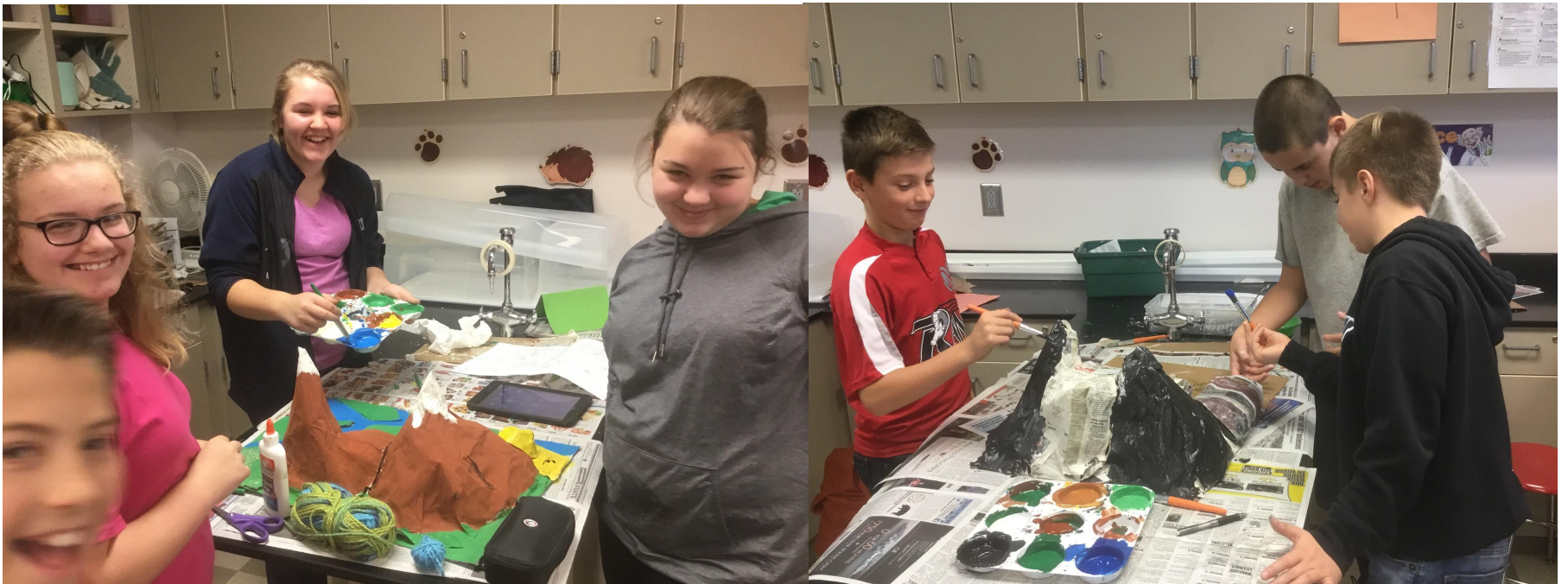




Mrs. Coulson's 7th Grade Landform Lab



7th grade students in Mrs. Coulson's science recently completed a landform lab. Needless to say, things got a little messy!



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Paw-fect Puzzles & Games

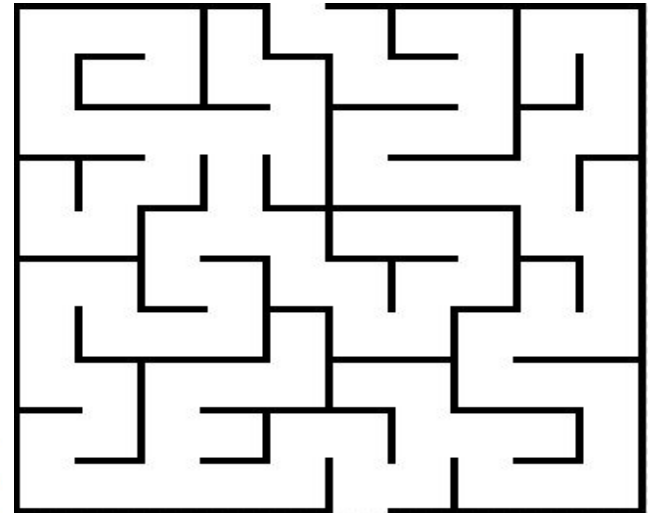


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Veterans Day Word Search:

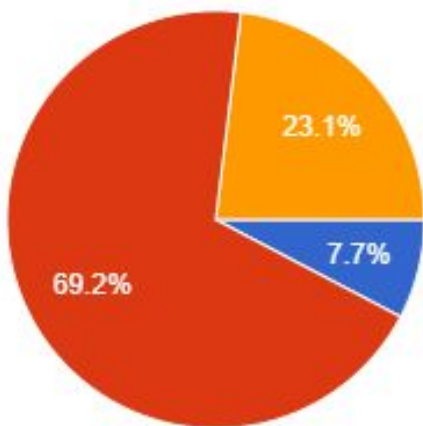
Can you find all the words in the search?

- ARMY
- NAVY
- PARACHUTE
- COAST GUARD
- SEALS
- AIR FORCE



HEY SOLDIER! CAN YOU HELP ME FIND MY TANK?

Poll Response from October 27: Which Halloween Meme is Your Favorite?



- Option 1
- Option 2
- Option 3



THE PAW PRINT POLL

Hey WMS!

If you had to choose one branch of the military, which one would you choose?

Click [HERE](#) to submit your response online.



- United States Coast Guard
- United States Marine Corps
- United States Army
- United States Navy
- United States Air Force



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