



# DID I TELL YOU...

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## Dates to Remember

- Nov. 19-23 Thanksgiving
- Nov. 26 School resumes
- Dec. 21 12Noon Dismissal
- Dec. 24-Jan. 1 Semester Break
- Jan. 2 School Resumes

## SPECIAL THANKS TO:

**Mr. Klim** for installing our new drinking fountain.

**Mr. Marich** for providing and installing the stainless steel splash-guard around the new drinking fountain.

**Mr. Shiner** for updating our computers and installing software.

**Mr. Nova Sosa** for keeping our school clean.

**Mrs. Alexander**, Home & School Leader for extraordinary efforts in fundraising.

## WVSDAE Receives Grant from AWHN

*Adventist Whole Health Network* offered a limited number of “Health to Learn Schools Grants” to schools in the Pennsylvania Conference. This grant opportunity is an extension of AWHN’s commitment to serve schools by offering consultation and other health ministries services to promote healthy living among the students and other members of the school community. Our school applied for one of the grants offered.

*Adventist Whole Health Network* approved our grant application and has granted our school \$2,580.00 to be used in very specific ways to improve health in our school community. We will be purchasing a new drinking fountain that cools and filters drinking water. This is very exciting for those of us who “live” and work at the school every day. Drinking plenty of good water is so important to optimum health. There is also money in the grant to purchase additional teaching materials that promote healthy living. A community cooking demonstration/class is being planned for the public and church members in partnership with local churches. We are also expanding our hot lunch program at the school to offer healthy vegetarian lunches to the students several times per month.

In addition to healthier eating and drinking, students are also partnering with the Heart Association to improve general physical fitness. Students are participating in PE activities sponsored by the Heart Association and are also working on national physical fitness standards.

We are working to transform our lives with God’s prescription for wellness by following the **Creation Health Principals**: CHOICE, REST, ENVIRONMENT, ACTIVITY, TRUST, INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS, OUTLOOK, NUTRITION.

Special thanks to AWHN for approving our grant application and to our grant writer, Amy Marich, for writing our grant application and working with AWHN throughout the grant process.

## PIE, Anyone!

We students wanted to support our school by creating a fund raising project that would not only raise money, but be a learning experience for us and a benefit to the school and the larger community. After several class meetings, we decided to bake and sell pies. None of us had ever baked pies from scratch. Most of us had never peeled or cut before. We had never made or rolled pastry dough! Making pies would help us learn all of these skills and more—teamwork, cooperation, work ethic, measuring, following exact directions, some things about chemistry in the kitchen, and math.

With our teacher, we decided to make four kinds of pies: double crust apple, apple crumb, pumpkin, and peanut butter. None of us had a clue how big our project would become!

Over the course of seven days, along with doing most of our regular school work, we made 73 pies! The best part was that most people bought one pie at first and came back and ordered more. We received many comments like: “Best pie I’ve ever eaten!” “These pies are better than bakery pies!” Wow, delicious!” “Great pastry, just perfect!”

Ethan says, “Baking pies was a really awesome experience for us! We learned step by step how to make each pie. We took turns on each pie so that we could all master the techniques in order to make each specific kind of pie. We loved each pie, but our favorite is the peanut butter pie. I think that this fundraiser was my favorite!”

We wish to thank all who supported our fundraiser by purchasing pies, shopping for us, and donating ingredients. We had lots of fun, worked hard, and learned a lot! Most of our pies went to people in the greater community along with fliers telling about our school and website.



More pictures on our website.

## Seventh-day Adventist History Week

Why and how did the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination begin? We addressed these questions during Denominational History Week, October 22-26. It was exciting to learn about the early Adventist pioneers such as Miller, Loughborough, Bates, Oakes, and the Whites. These early founders were diligent students of the Bible. They prayed continually for God's guidance and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They came from many backgrounds, but had one purpose. They realized that Jesus was coming soon and they wanted to prepare their own lives and help others to do the same so that they would be ready when Jesus appeared.

God revealed His will and made prophecies clear as people studied. He gave Ellen White visions that revealed many truths. It became clear to these people that they needed to separate from their former churches and become a unique denomination based on the new understandings that God had given them regarding the Sabbath, His soon coming, the Three Angles Messages, prophecy, the Sanctuary, and health principles.

Our denomination was born, and we are excited to be Seventh-day Adventist with the same vision—Jesus is coming soon!



## Home & School

Thanks to the efforts Pastor Andrade, Ms. Baker, our Home & School Leaders, and School Board, our school has a beautiful new crest and logo. We especially want to thank Pastor Andrade for perfecting the design and contributing the artwork. Great effort has gone into this project.

Very soon, the Home & School will be offering for sale, items featuring our logo and crest. A catalogue will be provided for ordering. Polo shirts, hoodies, cardigans, windbreakers, water bottles, lunch bags, and totes will be among the items available. All proceeds from the sales will benefit our school.

We are very proud of our school, our unique Seventh-day Adventist world view, our spiritual climate, our academic standards, and our missional focus. We hope you will join us in promoting WVSDAE by wearing items with our crest and logo.



Be sure to check out our website for the latest pictures and information!

<https://www.wvsdae.com>



## Channel 16 WNEP Field Trip



We had the privilege of visiting WNEP and spending several hours with Kurt Aaron the lead meteorologist in October. We toured the entire studio and learned about the many operations needed to produce the programs that we see on Channel 16. People with many skills and educational backgrounds work together to schedule, produce, and find sponsors for all of the airtime.

Of course the highlight of our visit was learning about the weather and the work of the meteorologists. Mr. Aaron showed us the satellite generated weather maps and explained how he uses the information to formulate the weather forecast. We went to the garden area and were on television during the noon weather segment.

The studio from which the news is presented was really interesting. We got to sit in the announcers' chairs and see the cameras and teleprompters.

## Tree Honor: Guest Forester Robert Monroe

Science in the field is a fun a natural way to learn. As part of our science class about trees, we visited the arboretum at Mary Wood University. Forester Monroe guided us through the arboretum, helping us identify the trees and shrubs. We learned the uses of many of the trees and how to identify them from the leaves, shape, and bark. We made a leaf collection as we studied.

Back in the classroom, we pressed our leaves and later made a booklet featuring the trees that we had studied and their leaves.

