

## MONTHLY NEWS

# Spring Has Sprung!

The month of March has included multiple field trips, community service projects, awards won in class and out, Read Across America week, Spring Break, end of the quarter, fundraisers, science projects, and new beginnings of all kinds like hatching baby chicks in PreKindergarten! It has been a busy time for learning and growing for all. Sales for the Yearbook are open and you will want to snatch one up this month! Students are solidly in their groove as we head all together into the last quarter of the school year. Please take a look at what's coming up as well as what has happened.

"KIND WORDS CAN BE SHORT AND EASY TO SPEAK, BUT THEIR ECHOES ARE TRULY ENDLESS."  
-MOTHER THERESA



Librarian Dan Barnes acting as Cat in the Hat for Read Around America Week as Cody Heberling, 6th grade, reads to PreK4

## Students of the Month

Each month students of the month from high school, middle school, elementary, and preschool are nominated and voted in by teachers. This month's character quality is Confidence. Someone who is confident "trusts God in pushing ahead as an individual, daring to be different, trailblazing without holding back, knowing that God gives them what it takes to speak out and do what they cannot without Him." Other nominations included Simon Kamaru, Adele Weir, Elaine Parks, Jacob K. Johnson, Kopelyn Neville, Ruby Brockman, Jesse Murray, Cody Heberling, and Olivia Montgomery. Next month's character quality to exemplify for student of the month recognition will be the quality of Determination. Read about determination in our devotional this month!



Preschool -  
Carolina Perez



K- 2nd -  
Josephine  
Murrieta



3rd - 5th -  
Elijah Mansour



Middle School -  
Mykal Walsh



High School -  
Gavin Barnes

## Dear Journal,

**How do you cope with the stress of multiple deadlines happening at once?**

**Mykee:** "I list the deadlines out, numbered by which are more important or sooner than others, and do them in that order. I do that to help my procrastination problems."

**Miya:** "Cry, have a panic attack, and then sleep."

**Izabella:** "I try to do as much as I can but I don't. The closest way of doing that is crying inside and I try to pray but truthfully and honestly, I don't. But I'll try!"

**Liam:** "I don't. I cry."

**Olivia:** "I pray and persevere."

**Michael:** "I don't."

**Niya:** "I try to focus on one thing at a time and listen to music."

**Adrienne:** "I don't."

**Mrs. Austin:** "It is easy to get overwhelmed! It happens to everyone sometimes. The first thing I have to do is make a to-do list and make sure it is small tasks with the deadline next to it. I even write down things I have already done and check them off because it helps me handle the mental load. The writing-it-down process gives me a chance to think through my timeline and prioritize tasks so everything gets done! The other thing to be sure to do is to still take care of yourself in the meantime. My husband helps me remember to eat, drink water, and get enough sleep. It's good to have a friend or loved one to help you keep on track like that no matter how old you are!"

## Upcoming Events

April 2 - Children's Picture Book Day  
 April 2 - World Autism Awareness Day  
**April 3 - Culver's Fundraiser 5-8pm**  
**April 4 - PreK4 Zoo Field Trip**  
**April 4 - Last Day to order Art to Remember**  
 April 6-12 - National Library Week  
**April 8 - WCA Board Meeting**  
**April 7-17 Iowa & CogAT Testing**  
 April 12 - Passover Begins  
 April 13 - Palm Sunday  
**April 15 - Elementary School Program 6pm**  
**April 17 - Egg Hunt PreK3**  
**April 18 & 21 - Easter Break NO school**  
 April 18 - Good Friday & Seder Supper 5-7pm  
 April 20 - Resurrection Sunday  
 April 20 - Easter Breakfast 9:45am  
**April 22 - 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Capitol Field Trip**  
 April 22 - Earth Day  
**April 24 - Easter Program**  
**April 24 - Fine Arts Night & Art Show**  
**April 24 - Science Fair**  
**April 25 - PreK3 Zoo Field Trip**  
 April 26 - Preschool Playdate 10am  
 April 26 - Westside Youth Garage Sale (accepting donations April 24-25 8am-7pm)  
**April 29 - High School Food Bank Volunteers**

### Monthly Observances

Autism Acceptance Month  
 Financial Literacy Month  
 National Poetry Month  
 Month of the Volunteer  
 School Library Month

## Birthdays

Jaxon Mason - April 1  
 Mrs. Vera Milliti - April 2  
 Micah Orozco - April 3  
 Ms. Allie Rogers - April 5  
 Mrs. Jennifer Weir - April 6  
 Ariana Parks - April 8  
 Simba Sinclair - April 8  
 Austyn Abbruzzese - April 9  
 Elias Gray - April 10  
 Ranger Sherwood - April 11  
 Miss Jaden Jones - April 12  
 Blake Williams - April 13  
 Ellie Weaver - April 16  
 Wesley Hatchel - April 19  
 Xzander Burkey - April 23  
 Vivian Earl - April 23  
 Arthello Brooks - April 24  
 Natzu Biggerstaff - April 28



# Teacher of the Month

## **MRS. DANIELLE WILLIAMS**

Every month, students select a teacher to be Teacher of the Month! This month we chose Mrs. Danielle Williams. We hope you enjoy getting to know her a little more as much as we have! She is a teacher who is adored by her class and treats everyone with kindness, love, respect, and patience.

Mrs. Williams was born in Louisville, Kentucky. She has one sibling named Christin Carver. She has 4 kids named Madisyn, Ryan, Blake, and Emilee. Her and her husband's first date was at Taco Bell and she knew her husband was the one by the second date. Mrs. Williams believes the people who have impacted her life most are her husband and kids. Reason being, her kids have had to move 9 times but through it all they stayed positive and strong. Her husband inspires as he is the strength of their family.

Some of her favorite childhood memories are going to her family's farm in Kentucky. Going to the river there as well as exploring with her cousins are special memories for her.

Her perfect day would be sleeping in, then cuddling up in a blanket, watching TV, then taking a nap. She would also play with her dogs then play on her Nintendo switch too. Her favorite place on earth is Hawaii and her very first job was at Arby's but she has also been a SAHM, and a substitute teacher. She thinks the perfect date would be sleeping in late, going to the beach, to a nice dinner, then going home to sit by a campfire. One tradition she still upholds from her childhood is on Christmas Eve they read *The Night Before Christmas* then on Christmas day they read *The Christmas Story*.

She originally got her bachelors' degree because she wanted to be a nurse, but her friend told her she should be a substitute teacher. She didn't think she would like it but the first day she went home and enrolled for her master's degree to teach. We think she made the right choice!

Her cousin invited her to church on Wednesdays and Sundays starting in 7th grade by the end of



Mrs. Danielle Williams – 1st grade teacher

grade 8 she felt God was replacing the voids and holes in her life. Later in 8th grade she got saved but she did say high school was a test of faith.

The hardest thing she has ever been through when her son was born he had was born he had failure to thrive and she couldn't go home until she could learn to put in his feeding tube. It was really difficult!

If she could get an answer to any question she would ask, "What would my shortcomings be as a mom so can fix them before it happens."

The way she keeps a good mindset throughout the day is a lot of prayer and trying to be the person she needed at that age.

# Staff Member Highlight of the Month

## **MR. MARTIN DAVY**

Each month we choose a standout individual to be our staff member of the month. This month, we chose and interviewed our school's before and aftercare staff member, Martin Davy, and we got a bunch of cool info about him!

Martin Davy was born in London, England, to parents from Panama and Jamaica, but was raised in New York because he immigrated with his family at age seven. He has one brother now in Washington state and a sister in London. His childhood best friend was James and he has the best memories with him. He misses him and wishes he could find him again! He was raised in a Christian household and says his parents' prayers have had the biggest influence on his life. "I thank God for a praying Mom and Dad," he says. His parents' faith is the basis of his beliefs and traditions now. But he openly shared as part of his testimony that after he moved from London to the Bronx it was a bit of a culture shock and in an attempt to find a way to fit into the change, he jumped into doing a few things he regrets, like anyone can do.

His first job was a paper boy at 12 years old, followed by working at a bakery in the Bronx, Wall Street, and eventually working at a job in Manhattan where one day, a military man stopped by for a meal. Martin was impressed by how sharp his uniform was and asked about joining the military too! That led to 20 years of serving in the military in the pharmacy. He is glad he made that momentous choice. After retirement, he took an aptitude test that drew him to Social Work and into earning his Master's of Social Work. Martin Davy is currently dating a wonderful woman, Lauren, and is excited for their future together. He has known she was the one for 23 years and believes choosing a spouse is the second biggest decision you can make after the one about where you will spend eternity.

Martin says, "I seek the Kingdom in my walk and keep God first—in serving others. People may pat me on the back for that, but I say that doing this is a two-way street for sure. The kids bless me." He enjoys hanging out with the kids and being a part of a community. In addition to working at WCA in before and after care, he is helping many through his court-appointed advocacy job for foster children. He says he loves his job and spending time with the three kids he is assigned.



Mr. Martin Davy-  
Before/After Care & Substitute  
Teacher

He also works for Meals on Wheels to serve the older generation. His favorite place on earth is right here because he's very content right here. Leaning back in his chair and rubbing his hands together thoughtfully, Martin says, "We are here for a reason. In this moment, God is here...That makes for a pretty good day."

We really enjoyed interviewing him and we hope you enjoyed getting to know him a bit better through this article. One thing he said during the interview was "God will put people in your life for reasons and for seasons," and that is a great word upon which we should all reflect.

*Interview by Olivia Montgomery, Liam Ordonez, & Michael Parker, Adrienne King, & Niyana Fox  
Article by Olivia Montgomery and Mrs. Austin*



# Devotional **DETERMINATION**

But the one who  
endures to the end will  
be saved.  
MATTHEW 24:13



“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

Galatians 6:9

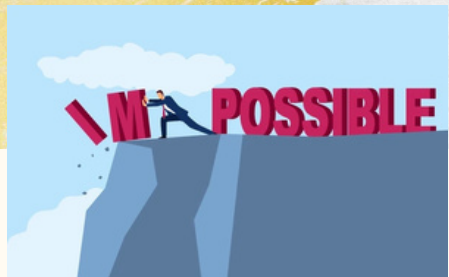
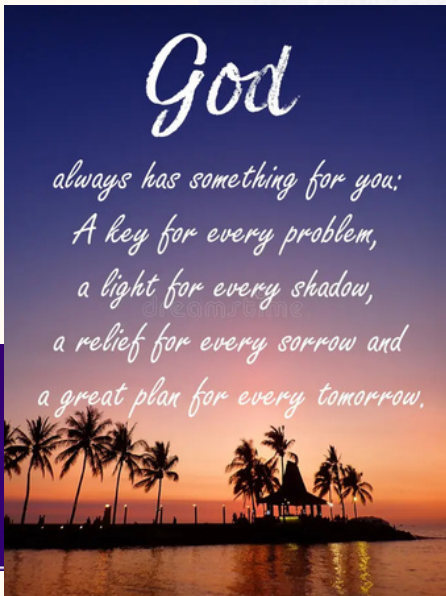
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And I am sure of this,  
that he who began  
a good work in you  
will bring it to  
completion at the day  
of Jesus Christ.  
PHILIPPIANS 1:6



“  
Blessed is the man who  
remains steadfast  
under trial, for when  
he has stood the test he  
will receive the crown  
of life, which God has  
promised to those who  
love him.  
JAMES 1:12

Therefore put on the full armor of God,  
so that when the day of evil comes,  
you may be able to stand your ground,  
and after you have done everything,  
to stand.

EPHESIANS 6:13



We are assured that God is a gracious teacher. What might God be teaching you in this season?

“FINALLY, BROTHERS, WHATEVER IS TRUE, WHATEVER IS HONORABLE, WHATEVER IS JUST, WHATEVER IS PURE, WHATEVER IS LOVELY, WHATEVER IS COMMENDABLE, IF THERE IS ANY EXCELLENCE, IF THERE IS ANYTHING WORTHY OF PRAISE, THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS.” PHILIPPIANS 4:8 ESV

# SEEN and HEARD

## Good Reports WORTHY OF PRAISE

- Mrs. Hulst said Piper has made a friend with Avery and Avery has welcomed her into the school.
  - Silas is getting along with everyone in the classroom.
  - Piper helped Avery with her assignments in the class.
  - Shai always gets milk for the students who can't reach it.
  - Maley helped sharpen pencils
- Mrs. Weir said the 5th graders helped clean up the mess from art for Mrs. Weaver.
  - When Phoenix was feeling sad, Allie, Chloe, and Kopelyn helped her to feel better.
  - Students behaved well when they had a substitute.
- Mrs. Conner said when Zipporah was sad Ayden, comforted her.
  - Caleb helped Zariah by lending her his jacket when she was cold.
- Mrs. Green said Amora helped clean up the block area
- Miss Mary said Gavin fixed the trash without getting asked at lunch.
  - The 5th graders did an amazing job while their teacher was out.
  - Ethan has done a very good job as a youth ministry leader.
- Mr. Morrison said Mr. Hulst has been very helpful in the classes
- Mrs. Austin said that Mrs. Weir threw a lovely baby shower for Mrs. Conner
  - Ms. Rogers gave all the teachers Dr Suess pens on his day.
  - Ayden, Gavin, Henry, and Hunter help clean up after lunch.
  - Mr. Davy shared his testimony with Yearbook class and it was very powerful.
  - Mrs. Timko took initiative to start Student Council



3rd grade students on a field trip to Laura Ingalls Wilder museum



High school students putting together packages for Good Samaritan Food bank

Please share your Good Reports with Adrienne King, Mykee Walsh, Miya Summerhill, Niya Fox, and Izabella Torres to let the good be seen and heard!



High school students and teachers will especially miss Mr. Eberharter. His last day was April, 1.





# Classes *AT WORK*



PreK3 students pray with Pastor Morrison and PreK Ministry Director, Michaela Allen together in Chapel



PreK learned about John the Baptist and his diet



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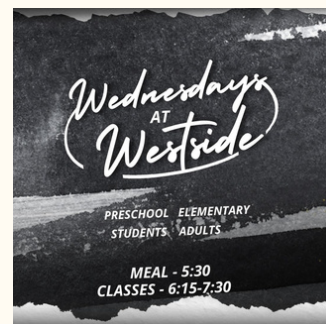
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2025**



JUNE 16-20, 2025



Hunter Emerson, 9th grade, sets six state records for lifting on March 15



Spanish class ordered a meal in Spanish!



**VBS JULY 21ST-25TH  
AGES 3 YEARS OLD-6TH GRADE**



Mrs. Laura Murrieta and Miss Dillon Woods get ready to eat some locusts in Chapel!





PreK aides Mary Barnes and Heather Goldsmith enjoying a beautiful day with their classes

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# Classes AT THE SINKHOLE



4th grade working together on their field trip to the sinkhole



HS & MS do a trust fall with Niya Fox



Dr. Hartley starts a crew team on a log



Mrs. Cozner's  
4th Grade - Sink Hole  
3.7.25

4th Grade at the Sinkhole



Pastor Mark Morrison directs 6th grade as they work on teamwork at Dr Hartley's Farm



4th graders work with Mr. Morrison to slack line as a team



5th grader Phoenix Smith on the field trip



Dr. Hartley relaxes at the Sinkhole



# Classes



PreK3 watches a video for a special day



HS & MS MAACS Competition Awards



Mykal Walsh's award winning mixed media artwork



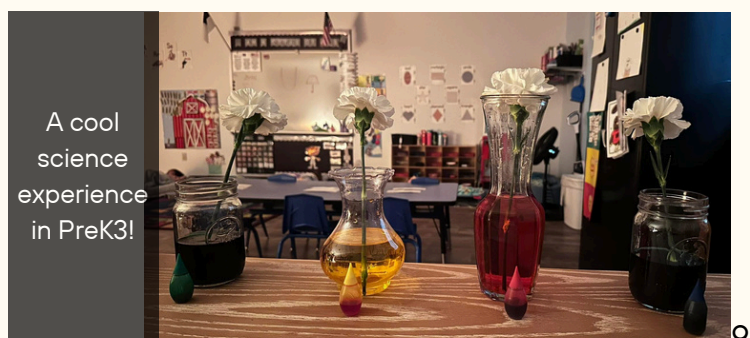
HS Boys with Pastor Morrison and Dr Hartley cleaning up tornado damage in Rolla, MO



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PreK4 coloring in class.



A cool science experience in PreK3!



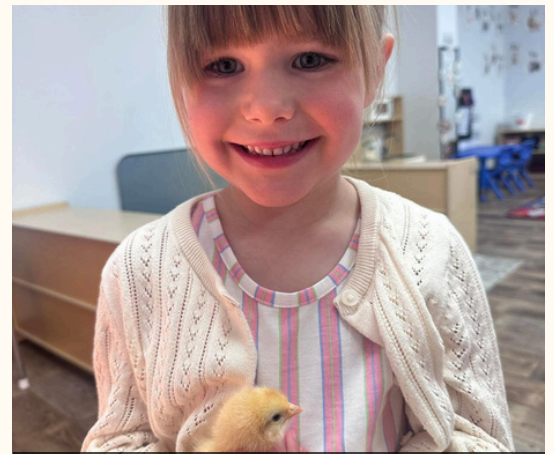
# Classes



Chicks Hatching in Mrs. Wagoner's PreK3 on March 26



Ace Keys in PreK3 with a newly hatched chick



Another sweet student and baby chick!



Mrs. Hulst leads 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and families on a Little House field trip in Mansfield, MO



Silas, Scotty, & Ryder look at maps at the Laura Ingalls Museum



3rd Grade playing in front of Laura & Almanzo Wilder's home



3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and families on a scavenger hunt in a museum





pre-K student students watching the chicks hatch from the incubators!



Baby chick hatching in pre-kindergarten!



Dianna Oberg in pre-K3 holding a newly hatched chick as preschool director Mrs Morrison looks on

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