



THE WESTSIDE JOURNAL

NEWS

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Before we get into this month's news, let's recap the month of April. The big event of the month was the Art show and the hs/ms fine arts show on April 25th. The art show had lots of art from all of the grades. All of the art that was displayed had their best efforts put into them, and there were many more amazing pieces of art that weren't displayed as well. The students who participated in the fine arts show did great as well. You could tell they put in the time to memorize their lines and improvise anything that wasn't quite right. They gave a good message across about how God's free gift is more fulfilling than any worldly thing ever could.

Starting off the month of May, on the 2nd, we have a fundraiser for WCA at Freddy's. Then the 12th is Mother's day, don't forget to tell her you love her. I know most of the kids will be excited that the 17th is the last day of school, and it's a half day too! Nearing the end of May, Memorial day is on the 27th. A few days later on the 29th the youth group is going to Silver Dollar City. The 16th of June is Father's day. June 15th-22 the youth group is taking a mission trip to Washington D.C. to help Whitehall Baptist with their vbs. Starting out September 2nd is labor day. Next up in the 4th of July, is independence day. If youth wanna help WBC is having vbs July 15-19th. The youth group is also going to Estes Park for youth summer camp. The MS/HS Orientation is August 8th, 5:30pm-7:30pm in the fellowship hall. The next day, the 9th is Meet the teacher from 8am-5pm. Then finally school starts on August 12th.

If you wanted to get a yearbook but for any reason you didn't get to order one we have a few extra yearbooks if you want to buy one, but be quick because we have limited supply; they are first come first serve.

By Hunter Emerson



Middle school and high school students performed The Case of the Conspicuous Cross on Thursday, April 25.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Events

Preschool Fishing Trip- May 3
Esther Trip 6-10th Grade- May 10
Mother's Day- May 12
Preschool Graduation- May 14
Elementary Awards- May 16
Last Day of School (Half Day)- May 17
Memorial Day- May 27

Birthdays!

Ruby Brockman- May 3
Elliana Thelen- May 4
Peyton Smith- May 6
Gabriel Ordonez- May 8
Ella Callen- May 10
Weston Callen- May 10
Matthew Shearin Jr.- May 10
Madelyn Cook- May 11
Landon McDonald- May 14
Maverick Luna- May 15
Dylan Parker- May 16
Andrew Bowen- May 17
Maverick Sanders- May 22
Dean Oberg- May 22
Caroline Whitehead- May 22
Zayda Bansemer- May 24
Jesse Murray- May 26
Theo Baxter- May 27
Alaysia Novak-Steward- May 27
Jim Wall- May 27
Bryce Box- May 29
Zoey Johnson- May 30

COMIC



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"True faith means holding nothing back. It means putting every hope in God's fidelity to His Promises." – Francis Chan

TEACHER OF THE MONTH



Raychel Rose

Teacher Interview

At the beginning of each month, Faith Sisco, Kiley Goldsmith, and Gavin Barnes interview a teacher, asking the same questions.

Where were you born? "Russellville, Arkansas."

What was your first job? "On my families cattle farm."

How many siblings do you have? "1 brother, Garrett."

What's your favorite Bible story? "The story of Shadeach, Meshach, and Abednego, because there are so many cool pieces of it like seeing the Son of Man and He hadn't even been born yet. It was just so clearly a God moment."

What's your favorite Bible Verse? "Luke 10:18-20."

What are some of your hobbies? "Baking, riding horses, playing baseball with Stetson." (Her son)

What's your favorite animal? "Horses and Cows."

What's your favorite candy? "Ghirardelli."

What's your favorite restaurant or fast food? "Sumus, it's a hibachi grill."

What's your favorite drink? "Sweet Tea."

What's your favorite type of food? "Chinese Food."

What's your favorite sport? "Softball."

What's your favorite store? "Goodwill."

What gets on your nerves? "Liars."

Why did you decide to become a teacher? She decided to become a teacher because, "Because I felt God was calling me into a season of being surrounded by other Godly people and pouring into other people as much Jesus as I could. Period! *With a hair flip*."

We chose Mrs Rose because she is a goofy and an amazing teacher who we have had personally. We love her for her kindness and willingness to teach. (Even if we can be brats sometimes.) She even manages to handle us and a newborn baby.

By: Faith Sisco, Kiley Goldsmith, Gavin Barnes

He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:18

ADORABLE STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Presley Watson

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Nominated and voted by teachers for their humility! Humility is recognizing in behavior and attitude that you have no special importance in the eyes of God that makes you better than others, regardless of appearance, achievement, age, or appointment. Congratulations to these individuals for their stand out character!

PRESCHOOL



Coda Brown

ELEMENTARY



Cooper Ferrell

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



Kiley Goldsmith

DEAR JOURNAL

Dear Journal:

How do I get friends?

Signed,
Lonely

Lili: "Be yourself, be kind, and don't make people cry for no reason."
 Henry: "Be yourself. Ultimately people want you to be genuine and not to put on a fake personality to try to become friends with someone. Instead you should be genuine. But you also have to seek for friends and godly relationships."
 Hunter: "To put it simply, just love on everyone."
 Gavin: "I think its all about being yourself but not worrying about if you mess up. But if you do mess up, apologies are very important in friendships."
 Faith: "I think be yourself and the right friends will come. Because if you make yourself to get into a friend group, the friends will be fake."
 Kiley: "Show people who you really are and don't be fake."
 Peyton: "Don't be someone you're not and don't care about people's opinions because they stink."
 Olivia: "If it's meant to be to have friends, it's meant to be. Let it happen. Keep to yourself and work on yourself and let people come to you."
 Nevaeh: "Basically be yourself and if people like you they'll be friends with you and if they don't, its their loss."
 The Bible says, "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Proverbs 18:24 Our focus shouldn't be on friends but on our True Friend that is closer to us than any other on earth could be: Jesus Christ. After that, the answer is in the verse! Show yourself friendly. Be the kind of person you would want to have in your own life. Do to others as you would have done to you. (Matthew 7:12) God calls us His friends in John 15 and that alone is enough to blow your mind and fill your heart and life—and cause us to bear fruit. That fruit in your life actually is so incredible that you will find yourself often surrounded by people who are attracted to it, and many of those may be wonderful friends. A lot has said about being genuine, and that is a good baseline for building any relationship. We all have different perspectives and abilities to contribute and appreciate in each other so be yourself and be loved.!

Send your question to be answered to
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Margaux Austin standing in front of the finished Eagle wings at the Art Show. Every feather was made by a student!

HOW TO

How to be open to opportunities

Being open to opportunities is hard for people that constantly stay in a box, with the mentality of, "I can't do it," or, "I'm not capable." However, if you keep this mindset, yes, you can't. You won't go outside your box therefore resulting in your lies to yourself becoming believable to yourself. Henry Ford said, "Whether you think you can or you can't, you're right." Keep yourself open minded to opportunities and allow yourself to experience life. Put yourself out there. You will not go anywhere keeping yourself in your comfort zone. Expand your comfort zone. Stretch beyond boundaries you set for yourself. Put yourself out there. You want to get a job? Put yourself out there. You want more friends? Put yourself out there. Basically you need to keep yourself involved wherever you are. Friendship, conversation, and participation opens you up to awareness of opportunities. If you listen to conversations of what someone needs, you can come up with a solution to their needs and that is an opportunity.

By: Peyton Smith



Kris, Henry, and Peyton are helping put together the wings.

DEVOTIONAL

Our Hope In Him

In the Bible there are two different types of hope. When you hope, it can either be viewed as faith that God will do what He says or as a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen. I'll start by focusing on the first definition. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." The base foundation for any relationship is hope and trust, this includes your relationship with God. When you grow in your trust with God you will only excel in your faith. One way to draw closer to Him is to abide and focus on Him and His sovereignty.

Now for the latter type of hope, the book of Revelation has many things in it that we can look forward to. Specifically in Revelation 21 it talks about the new Heaven and the new Earth. From that day on "He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever" (21:4.) What if I told you this isn't even the best part! We will be praising and worshipping God FOREVER! While this can seem too good to be true, we can have confidence this is true because it's in God's Word. This is our hope in Him.

By Henry Barnes



A tribute to Kenshin Taylor at the Art Show.



Gabriel admiring the drawings



Jonathan Sisco's created a banana for the art show.

FASHION

"...For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

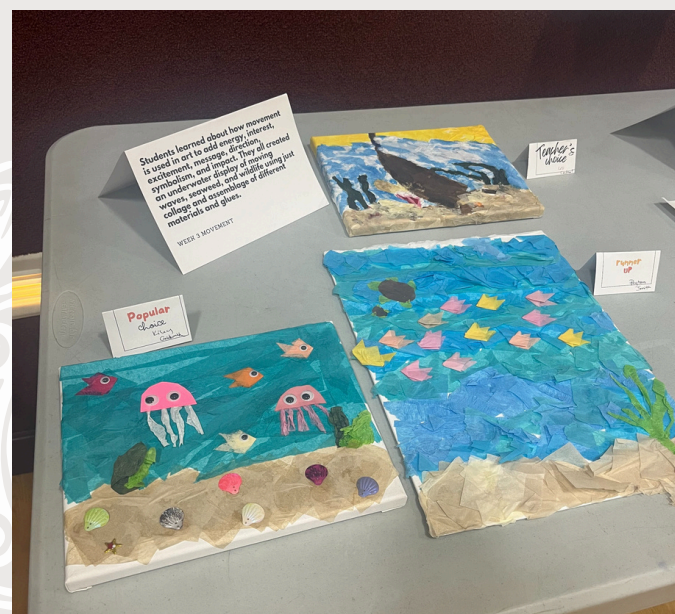
I Samuel 16:7

A Christian's view of summer fashion

- Shorts should be mid to low thigh, and t-shirts modest.

As long as you are covered and your clothing is appropriate you should be fine. Christians should cover our bodies to respect God, and the temple He gave us. Non Christians do not care about how they dress very often because they don't know Christ. Not knowing Christ makes others think that they do not need to cover their bodies.

By Nevaeh Carter



Kiley, Peyton, and Lilianna underwater pieces in the art show

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RELATIONSHIPS

Relationships

In May, we will be going over relationships between students, or youth, and figures of authority in our lives.

Adults and authority, despite how much we downplay their knowledge and experience, have lived much much longer than we have. They have gone through many more things than we, as youth, have and therefore know how to deal with things that we might not know how to face yet. This is why we need to respect our elders. They can help us through many, many things.

It is a literal commandment in the Bible, given by God, to respect your elders. Leviticus 19:32 says "Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God."

Respecting your parents can build a relationship that brings trust and love into your family. Trusting your parents and being respectful toward them will bring bigger and better opportunities for your life and things you'll be able to do. It is also the first commandment in the Bible that comes with a promise, "Things will go well for you and you will have a long life on earth." Ephesians 6:1-3

By Kiley Goldsmith and Faith Sisco