

WILLIAMSPORT AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2018

*Developing responsible citizens
through excellence in education*



WASD EDUCATION FOUNDATION CHALLENGES COMMUNITY IN 2017-2018 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Will you accept the challenge? With the backing of **three major gifts**, the Williamsport Area School District Education Foundation (WASDEF) asks the community to help champion education in its 2017-2018 Annual Campaign.

“We have a unique opportunity that can help WASDEF finish the 2017-2018 school year strong, and set us up for even greater impact than ever before,” according to the nonprofit’s President Trisha Gibbons Marty and Executive Director Greg Hayes.

The Education Foundation has been presented with a matching challenge for its annual campaign. Three generous donors have each committed \$10,000 to establish separate endowment funds at WASDEF for the district’s academic, cultural and athletic programs.

“The challenge is that we must raise \$10,000 in each of these program areas by June 30 in order for this to happen,” Hayes said.

The establishment of the endowment funds will set the stage in building a future, permanent funding source for the aforementioned programs as part of

WASDEF’s budget enhancement work for the district and the advancement of its mission, *creating powerful classrooms and inspiring futures*.

WASDEF is the recognized nonprofit affiliate of the school district.

Led by a 20-member volunteer board of directors, the Education Foundation facilitates charitable giving and permanent legacies based on individual areas of interest in academic innovation, the arts, athletics and scholarships.

For more than a decade, the organization has been supporting students and teachers across the district with the financial resources provided by donors.

Over the past five years, WASDEF has both raised and allocated more than \$1.6 million to the district. In that same time, it also has grown in asset value by \$466,000. Grants awarded to WASD during



the 2016-2017 academic year totaled \$428,795 to support capital improvement projects, scholarships, and academic, athletic and cultural programming. Funding last year had direct impact on more than 1,300 students. Total revenue, including in-kind donations and annual pledge payments, totaled \$413,094.

For more information, or to make a gift to the WASDEF’s annual fund in an area that speaks most to your philanthropic goals, visit www.wasd.org/foundation, or call 570-327-5500 ext. 40602.

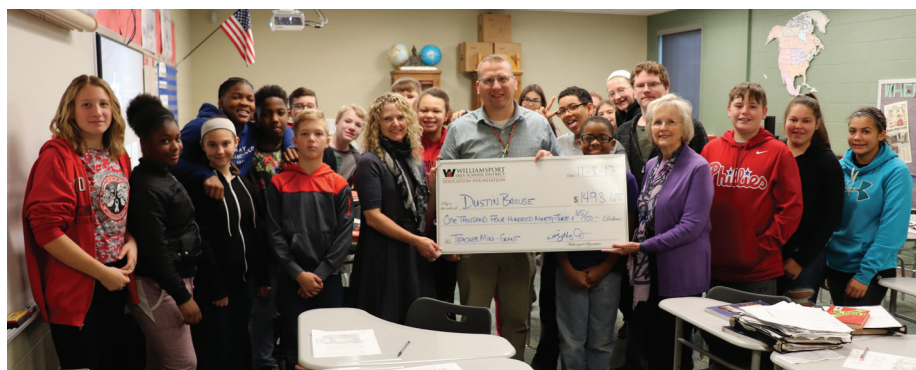
In the fall newsletter, we’ll report on the final campaign total!



SAVE THE DATE!

JUNE 11, 2018

The WASD Education Foundation will host its annual golf outing beginning at 1 p.m. on June 11, 2018, at the Williamsport Country Club. Proceeds from the event will benefit the district’s athletic program. For registration information, visit “Special Events” at www.wasd.org/foundation. For questions or more information, call WASDEF at (570) 327-5500, ext. 40602, or email ghayes@wasd.org.



WASDEF GRANTS \$6,401 TO 5 CLASSROOMS

Last fall, the WASD Education Foundation approved the distribution of \$6,401 to fund five classroom projects and programs as part of its annual Teacher Mini-Grant Program. The program is designed to give district teachers the ability to enhance curriculum and instruction through compelling, innovative programs and

projects by applying for up to \$1,500.

“The five programs awarded truly captured the intent of the grant program,” said Executive Director Greg Hayes. “Collectively, they’ll have a direct student impact on about 670 students, with an ancillary benefit to hundreds — if not thousands — more.”



Williamsport Area School District Education Foundation
2780 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701
Phone: (570) 327-5500, ext. 40602
Visit us on the web at www.wasd.org/foundation

Like us on

The WASD Education Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, is the official gift-receiving entity for WASD.



NEWSLETTER • SPRING 2018

Board of Education

PRESIDENT

Ms. Lori Baer

VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Jane Penman

MEMBERS

- Mr. Patrick Dixon
- Mrs. Jennifer Lake
- Mrs. Jerene Milliken
- Mr. Marc Schefsky
- Dr. Nancy Story Somers
- Mr. Spencer Sweeting
- Mr. Adam Welteroth

BOARD MEETINGS

- April 3
- April 17
- May 1
- May 15
- June 5
- June 19 (2018-2019 Budget Adoption)
- July 17
- August 7
- August 21

All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held in the District Service Center Board Room.

The Williamsport Area School District newsletter is published twice a year for alumni, families, friends and community. Portions of the newsletter may be reprinted without permission as long as it is credited.

The Williamsport Area School District is an equal opportunity education institution and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, and handicap, in its activities, programs, or employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX Ed. Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. For information regarding civil rights or grievance procedures, services, activities, and facilities that are accessible to and usable by handicapped individuals contact: Anne M. Logue, Director of Human Resources Williamsport Area School District 2780 W. Fourth Street Williamsport, PA 17701, phone (570) 327-5500, ext. 40210.

Thanks to Albright Studio Photography for providing selected photos for this edition!



COURTESY OF THE WILLIAMSPORT SUN-GAZETTE

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Community,

One of the prevalent topics you'll find explored in this latest edition of our newsletter is how the work of our community partnerships help to strengthen our district.

Particularly in the heart of budget season, this is an especially important piece not to overlook — financially or otherwise. The effort of our community is an essential component to how we're able to continue to deliver high-quality programming and opportunities for our students, while also maintaining and improving the facilities in which all the work happens to advance our mission.

For example, the efforts of our district team have yielded more than \$1.3 million so far this year to support programmatic and capital needs. We're thankful to have been a recent recipient of a \$1.17-million state grant to assist in funding the upcoming re-paving of Millionaire Lane this summer. We've been

fortunate to be the beneficiary of a \$200,000 grant the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank worked to secure to help expand its Backpack Program district-wide. We're also ever-grateful for the work of our own education foundation for working to attract private funds for program enhancement opportunities.

Additionally, our partnerships with a number of businesses and agencies around the area provide for an invaluable network of support for our students and key school district operations and procedures.

As always, I thank you for your continued commitment to WASD, and I look forward to seeing you at our spring events.

Sincerely,

Dr. Timothy S. Bowers
Superintendent

WELCOME ABOARD ►

The Williamsport Area School Board welcomed two new members, Mr. Marc D. Schefsky (right) and Mr. Adam C. Welteroth. The two were sworn in in December by the Honorable Nancy L. Butts for their four-year term (2017-2021), along with incumbents Dr. Jane L. Penman, Dr. Nancy Story Somers and Mr. Spencer Sweeting. In addition to the board members' appointments to a number of boards and committees, Ms. Lori Baer was elected to continue her role as President of the Board and Dr. Penman was elected as Vice President, replacing Mr. Sweeting.



around wasd



DEDICATED READERS — Students from across the district honored Williamsport Area School Board members in a ceremony held in observance of January’s School Board Recognition Month. Seventeen students presented each board member with a brand-new book for them to read before returning it for installation in each of the students’ respective school libraries.

“SOCKTOBERFEST” was held for the second time last fall at Curtin Intermediate School to launch a month-long sock drive to benefit the area’s homeless population. The school community collected more than 3,730 socks that were donated to area organizations.

WAMS teacher’s aide Jenn Gray shared the title as the Williamsport Sun-Gazette’s 2017 Person of the Year with Loyalsock Township’s Callie Cavanaugh for donating a kidney to fellow teacher’s aide and friend Jen Pick last fall. The two have since returned to work and are doing well.



BY THE NUMBERS > WASD STUDENT DONATIONS TO CAUSES

\$4,985

Hurricane Relief

Amount raised between Hepburn-Lycoming Primary, Curtin and Lycoming Valley Intermediate schools to help provide relief to ravaged schools from Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma.

\$4,177

Mental Health Research

Amount raised and donated to the National Alliance on Mental Health from proceeds earned through the WAHS drama production “In Relation to Alex” (see article below).

\$2,150

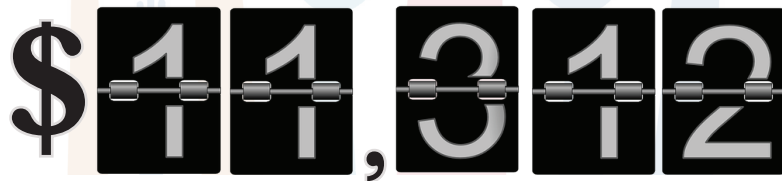
Children’s Charities

Amount raised between Jackson Primary and Curtin Intermediate schools to donate to Ronald McDonald House and Make-a-Wish Foundation.

19%

37%

TOTAL STUDENT DONATIONS TO CAUSES SO FAR IN 2017-2018



44%



STUDENT-LED DRAMA PRODUCTION RAISES \$4,177 FOR NAMI

Cast members of WAHS’s first-ever student-led drama, “In Relation to Alex,” presented \$4,177 to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) — the largest single donation the local chapter has received to date.

The one-act play, written and directed by WAHS senior **Anna Vaughn Stewart**, opens the conversation on teen suicide and depression. It follows Alex, played by sophomore **Rhamir Hatcher**, as he battles depression and contemplates taking his own

life and how his emotional state impacts his relationships with his friends and family.

The cast’s donation was a collection of proceeds the play generated between performances held on Jan. 20 and Jan. 21 in the WAHS’s Black Box Theater.

ENROLLMENT WEEK

KINDERGARTEN



WASD
Enrollment Center

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Registration will be handled alphabetically by last name. To register your child, you must attend on the appropriate day:

Monday, March 19: A-F
Tuesday, March 20: G-L
Wednesday, March 21: M-S
Thursday, March 22: T-Z
Friday, March 23: Open A-Z

It does not matter how early you arrive on your designated registration day. All students will be assigned to their home area school as long as they are registered by June 8, 2018.



**DON'T WAIT UNTIL
REGISTRATION
WEEK!**

If you have Internet access at home, you can complete registration online at home beginning February 1 and set up an appointment to complete the registration in as little as 15 minutes at the District Service Center. Please be sure to bring all supporting documentation to the appointment to ensure registration can be completed.

To register from home, visit:
<https://registration.wasd.org>



MARCH 19-23, 2018

Kindergarten registration week is your chance to get an early start on the first day of school. **All registrations for the 2018-2019 school year will occur from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Enrollment Center at the Williamsport Area School District Service Center, 2780 West Fourth St.**

Children must be age 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2018, in order to enroll.

Please bring the following documents to registration:

- Child's birth certificate
- Parent / Guardian photo ID
- Proof of residency
- Child's immunization records to-date
- Record of School-Age Dental Examination and Medical Examination, if completed. *Must be on file by Aug. 27.*

All school assignments will be based on home address, as per school board policy. All families who register will receive a free copy of our **Welcome to Your School** storybook, a family-friendly introduction to our primary schools!

Questions can be directed to Shelly McKernan, registrar, at 570-327-5500, ext. 40001.

Students registered after June 7 will not be guaranteed enrollment in their home school, and will be placed by the district.



ELEVEN EIGHTH-GRADE STUDENTS at Williamsport Area Middle School were recognized for earning Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. “The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are the nation’s longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in grades 7–12,” according to the contest’s website.



NATIONAL STAGE — Thirty-two members of the WAHS Millionaire Singers performed at The White House in December for holiday tourists. Under the direction of Mr. Kent Weaver and Mr. Samuel Robinson, the group sang a medley of holiday tunes for about three hours in the East Wing of the presidential home, the longest performance stretch in the department’s nearly two-decade history of attending.

COMMENDED STUDENTS — Four Williamsport Area High School seniors — **Caleb Hunter, Juliet Jacques, Michael LeBlanc** and **Enso Tran** — were named Commended Students in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program.



WAHS CTE PROGRAM EARNS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FROM STATE

Williamsport Area High School is among the 12 Pennsylvania schools to earn a Career and Technical Education Excellence Award from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and Gov. Tom Wolf.

The award is granted to schools that have 75 percent of its students who scored advanced on an end-of-program technical assessment. Advanced level achievement scores reflect the student’s ability to comprehend technical skills and the ability required to successfully perform the duties of an entry level job in a safe and effective manner.

Career and technical education (CTE) continues to grow as a vital and meaningful component in education today, according to Randy Zangara, principal and director of the CTE program at WAHS.

WAHS offers 15 courses through its in-house program, such as construction trades, health professions, automotive mechanics technology, commercial art, culinary arts, horticulture, and early childhood education.

“Our programs do an outstanding job of equipping all types of students with a skillset to prepare them for life after graduation,” Zangara said. “This state recognition from Gov. Wolf and the Pennsylvania Department of Education goes directly to the hard work and dedication those instructors have put in to help mold their student’s lives.

“It also validates that a comprehensive high school, like WAHS, is a very powerful tool that all families should take advantage of to put their children in the best position for future success.”



LASTING LEGACY ▲ Much like the lives of those it includes, WAHS art students have left a legacy with a new public mural. Working under the guidance of visiting Australian pop artist Johnny Romeo, the students worked to complete the 50-foot mural last fall. Described by Romeo as an “ode to learning and intellectual curiosity,” it depicts the faces of “some of the world’s greatest thinkers and leaders” in neo-expressionist pop style. The project was funded by the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania through Educational Improvement Tax Credit donations.

Introducing: 3 Principals Take on New Positions

WASD welcomed three new principals to their positions through the early winter months this year: **Dr. Justin Ross**, **Mr. Roger Freed**, and district newcomer **Mr. Tyler Barth**, shown below, respectively, from left to right.



DR. Ross now leads Williamsport Area Middle School as its head principal.

A 12-year veteran of the district, he comes to the position most recently from the Williamsport Area High School, where he served as freshmen principal since 2015.

Dr. Ross's career in education began in 2005 as an alternative education teacher at Round Hills Elementary School before becoming a special education teacher at Curtin Middle School in 2007. He later worked as a special education consultant for the district and as its secondary special education coordinator before moving into his latest administrative post.

A native of Danville, he earned his Bachelor of Science in Special Education and Elementary Education from Mansfield University, Master of Science in Educational Leadership from Bucknell University and doctoral degree in Educational Leadership

from Immaculata University. He holds K-12 principal and special education supervisory certifications.

Replacing Dr. Ross as ninth-grade principal is Mr. Freed.

Mr. Freed comes to the position most recently from Jackson Primary, where he served as assistant principal since August.

Mr. Freed's career in education began in 2011 as a math teacher at WAHS before becoming the secondary special education coordinator for the district in 2015.

A native of Rebersburg, Pa., Mr. Freed earned his Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education in Mathematics with a minor in Special Education from Lock Haven University. He also earned his Master of Science in Educational Leadership from California University of Pennsylvania, where he likewise obtained his K-12 principal certification. He is pursuing a doctoral degree in Educational

Leadership from Duquesne University.

Replacing Mr. Freed as assistant principal at Jackson Primary is Mr. Barth, who comes to the position from the Keystone Central School District, where he most recently served as assistant principal and supervisor of athletics at Renovo Elementary and Bucktail Area High School.

His career in education began as a kindergarten and first-grade teacher at KCSD in 2008 before taking on his latest administrative post in 2016. He also served as an assistant baseball coach at Central Mountain High School for nine seasons.

A native of the Lock Haven area, he earned his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and elementary teaching certificate (K-6) from Lycoming College. He also earned his master's degree in education and K-12 principal certification from the University of Pennsylvania.



MINDFULNESS IN THE CLASSROOM ▲ Dr. Peter Montminy, a clinical child psychologist and mindfulness teacher, worked with teachers, counselors and administrators from across the district recently during a professional development session, leading them through an exploration of how mindfulness can work in their classroom.



TEACHING EXCELLENCE ▲ WAHS construction trades teacher Mr. Randy Williamson was named as one of 10 national finalists in the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence. Although he didn't win the top prize, his ranking earned him a \$30,000 award, \$20,000 of which went to the school.

sport shorts



THE WAHS COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING TEAM earned a PIAA District IV Championship this at Shamokin High School in January. The team won the co-ed division championship.

FIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES so far this year have committed to playing their respective sports at the collegiate level next fall.

THE EIGHTH-GRADE WHITE TEAM OUTLASTED the eighth-grade Cherry Team in the Kyri Hall Memorial Basketball Tournament championship game at WAMS in February. The White Team beat Shamokin and Loyalsock to reach the finals, and the Cherry Team beat Bloomsburg and Danville.

Three Millionaire football stand-outs were named as **All-State selections**: offensive lineman **Kurt Danneker** (senior), selected for the second straight year; quarterback **Joseph Fagnano** (junior) for his first season starting; and tight end **Ethen Stryker** (senior) for his first full season starting. The Millionaires posted a 7-4 record this season.



Safety First: WASD Emergency Planning Team Focuses on Proactive Measures

Emergency planning is an ongoing focus that's continually reviewed and updated by school administration and local and county emergency personnel.

The district's leadership team meets monthly to focus on all areas of school safety: from transportation to building safety and intruder preparedness to weather emergencies.

These monthly Incident Command meetings, as they're called, include representation not only from the district but also personnel from local and county emergency services to help ensure WASD is always prepared for any situation.

At the building level, all schools hold monthly fire drills and, once a year, each participates in a full evacuation drill. Weather drills also are held once a year to prepare for severe weather events.

In 2015, the district adopted the ALICE philosophy as part of its active shooter training. The ALICE concepts — *alert, lockdown, inform, counter and evacuate* — ensure that our staff and all K-12 students know how to respond should such an event occur in one of our schools. The ALICE model is reviewed yearly with all staff and students.

WASD also has a dedicated, full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) from the Williamsport Bureau of Police, Jordan Stoltzfus (pictured above). Officer Stoltzfus has been at WASD for two years and is a key member of the school district's safety team. Although located at the high school, Officer Stoltzfus often can be found



doing presentations at the primary and intermediate schools during the school year, or offering his expertise in a health class at the middle school. Having a full-time SRO means the district has a police officer available at all times for any needed assistance during the day.

"WASD is proud of its efforts to protect all students," said Dr. Richard Poole, director of student services. "We will continue to monitor current research and best practices to ensure all our schools and students are as safe as possible."



CAREER CAFE ◀ Stevens Primary continued its monthly Career Cafe program for second- and third-grade students. Now in its second year, the interactive program exposes students to career possibilities by hearing from local professionals.



The Official WASD Sports Website:
athletics.wasd.org

ReadyRosie: Online Early Education, Family Engagement Tool Now Available for Free to County Residents

The Lycoming County Commissioners, in collaboration with the Lycoming County Early Learning Team, recently provided funding to give **free access to ReadyRosie for all families** living in Lycoming County.

Families and friends of children from birth through third grade can now subscribe — for free — to *ReadyRosie*, an online family engagement tool that provides simple ideas families can follow to connect fun activities with learning opportunities at home.

Lycoming County residents can register by going to readyrosie.com/register.

Once registered, video links to “modeled moments” are delivered by text or email weekly. The videos demonstrate, by selected age groups, a new learning activity in an everyday situation. In addition to the video, subscribers also will have access to an entire library of modeled moments concentrating on various aspects of child development and learning.

“We’re grateful to the Lycoming County Commissioners for their support in this initiative,” the Lycoming County Early Learning Team said. “The Commissioners were hearing from us that there’s something that they can do to make sure

our kids are showing up to school ready to learn, ready to read and ready to be curious.”

Educators and elected officials alike know that the adults in children’s lives are the key to children’s success. Everything a child experiences is a potential learning opportunity and a chance to build essential connections in the brain. Whether it’s putting on shoes, going through the produce aisle at the grocery store, or waiting for the bus, *ReadyRosie* videos model simple things parents can do every day to bring out the best in their child.

The learning team pursued funding for *ReadyRosie* knowing a child’s early years are learning years, and parents are their first and most important teacher.

“Together, using the power of technology to connect with the families to engage their children in learning,” the learning team said, “we can unlock the potential of our youngest citizens through their parents or caregivers.”



- 1 Watch a quick daily video.
- 2 Do the interactive activity.
- 3 Learn: both child and adult grow.

\$200,000 GRANT TO ASSIST IN BACKPACK PROGRAM EXPANSION ACROSS DISTRICT

The **Central Pennsylvania Food Bank’s Backpack Program**, or variations of it, **will soon be available at every school in the district**, thanks to a \$200,000 grant the nonprofit received this winter from First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania.

The food bank partnered with the district and the WASD Education Foundation to expand the program beyond its current volunteer- and student-led operations at WAHS and Lycoming Valley Intermediate School.

Between those two locations, the program currently serves, on average, more than 120 students a week.

Each backpack is filled weekly with nonperishable food items that students can prepare themselves or are already prepared to help increase the accessibility to food and nutrition on weekends and during extended breaks.

In addition to the grant, a volunteer coordinator from the food bank and a managed network of volunteers from area churches will help meet the demand and delivery of the program across WASD.



(Above) The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank’s Director of Agency and Program Services, Eric Orndorff, center, accepts the check during the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania’s grant reception in January with Superintendent Dr. Timothy S. Bowers, right, from FCFP Chairman Herman Logue.

AND THE SURVEY SAYS...

Next school year, we'll have an entirely new look online, as our district website will be undergoing a complete overhaul in the coming months. To get started on how we can better deliver an online presence to our stakeholders, we conducted a public survey to get some feedback on our current website. We received 430 responses over a three-week period. Thank you to all of you who took the time to participate! Here are some quick highlights with the top three responses to some of our leading questions:

When asked how stakeholders primarily visit our website...

- 56% — by desktop computer
- 36% — by smartphone
- 8% — by an iPad/tablet

When asked how often stakeholders visit our website...

- 30% — occasionally
- 20% — weekly or two-three days per week
- 19% — daily

When asked how often stakeholders visit an individual school webpage

- 34% — occasionally
- 18% — weekly
- 14% — two-three days per week

When asked what information website visitors primarily look for when accessing our website...

- 63% — the district calendar
- 51% — school district news
- 40% — student information system (PowerSchool)

Overall...

93% percent of our respondents use our website. Respondents also provided an average rating of 6.8 on how easy it is to navigate the site on 10-point scale (10 being the easiest).

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO END HERE! Want more? Our online presence continues to grow! Keep up-to-date with announcements, photos, news and events happening around the district on a daily basis by following us on social media. Join the conversation and become a part of the WASD online community that has grown to nearly 5,200 people!



FROM THE VAULT ▼



Earlier this year, the WASD Education Foundation received a donation of Williamsport High School memorabilia — dating back more than 100 years!

As we head into the spring sports season, we thought it'd be appropriate to show off the high school baseball team from 1913. This team pre-dates the current "Millionaires" moniker as we know it today, and was probably referred to as either the Wolverines, Billtowners or the Black Shirts.

The district's current "Millionaires" mascot wasn't granted until sometime in the mid-1930s.

Not only did the team above come before today's modern-day mascot but it also pre-dates the construction of the "old" Williamsport High School along West Third Street by about year. At the time, these young men attended a Williamsport High School that was built in 1877 and located along on West Third and Walnut streets. That school was destroyed by fire on Saturday, April 4, 1914.



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST GET WASD NEWS IN YOUR E-MAIL

SIGN UP BY TEXT

Text **WASD**
to **22828**

SIGN UP ONLINE

Go to wasd.org and
sign up using our
online form.

THOMAS KELCHNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE ARTS

It could be said that **Caitlin Winner's future as a product designer for Facebook began on accident during her junior year at WAHS**, when she “stumbled into photography class with Mr. Kelchner.”

It was then that the 2001 grad was introduced to an early version of Adobe Photoshop, which captivated her interest to the point that she actually skipped health class to spend hours “painting” in the computer program. Her final two years at WAHS sent her on a trajectory to a career she ultimately credits to her late art teacher, Mr. Thomas Kelchner.

Kelchner, a 22-year veteran of WASD, passed away in 2006.

“Students were exposed to the history of a given discipline as well as the most modern tools available,” Winner remembers. “We studied *Casablanca*, *Fantasia* and Hitchcock films, and we spliced VHS tapes by hand. We learned how to develop black-and-white film in the dark room, but we also had access to a large-format digital printer and, later, a brand-new digital video editor.”



Winner said Kelchner “bravely brought these cutting-edge technologies into his classroom knowing that he would be learning the tools right alongside his students.”

“As a high school student, the competitive advantage that came from knowing how to manipulate images on a computer earned me my first part-time job editing logos to be printed on corporate merchandise,” she said. “During college, I taught myself how to build

websites and program Flash animations. Later, I became a full-time designer, co-founded a startup, and eventually was hired by Facebook as a product designer, where I still work today.”

She said she attributes much of her success to the things she learned from Kelchner, such as “how to be excited by, and not afraid of, new technologies, and, most importantly, to be confident that I could figure things out along the way.”

To honor his memory and his “open-minded and forward-thinking approach to teaching art,” Winner endowed the Thomas Kelchner Memorial Scholarship for the Arts. The fund will provide financial support to graduating seniors in good academic standing who have demonstrated outstanding aptitude in the visual arts. It’s Winner’s hope that the scholarship will help recipients realize their own successes in the discipline.



#SLAMTASTIC ▲ The Harlem Wizards paid their last visit — at least for now — to WAHS in February, going up against district teachers, principals, staff and students. The event raised more than \$10,400 for WASDEF, with more than 1,300 people in attendance. Since 2014, the event has generated more than \$54,000 for the education foundation and has collectively entertained about 8,900 people.



PHOTOS USED COURTESY OF ALBRIGHT STUDIO PHOTOGRAPHY



Williamsport Area School District Education Foundation
 2780 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701
Phone: (570) 327-5500, ext. 40602
Visit us on the web at www.wasd.org/foundation

Like us on 

The WASD Education Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, is the official gift-receiving entity for WASD.

Become a substitute teacher!



The Williamsport Area School District is seeking substitute teachers in all areas of certification. The district also is seeking non-certified substitute teachers with a bachelor's degree.

Find out more about the opportunity to work with our students:

To apply or for more information, please email our Human Resources Department at jobs@wasd.org, or visit www.wasd.org.



www.wasd.org

The Williamsport Area School District is an equal opportunity education institution and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, and handicap, in its activities, programs, or employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX Ed. Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. For information regarding civil rights or grievance procedures, services, activities, and facilities that are accessible to and usable by handicapped individuals contact: Anne M. Logue, Director of Human Resources Williamsport Area School District 2780 W. Fourth Street Williamsport, PA 17701 Phone (570) 327-5500, ext. 40210.