

**UP-COMING EVENTS****APRIL 3**—PTSO Meeting 5:15 PM in the Art Room**APRIL 4**—Spring Pictures**April 5**—Literacy Night “Kingdom of Kindness”

5:00—7:00 PM at TIS

**April 6**—Early Dismissal**April 7**—No School**April 10 & 11**—No School—(Snow Make-Up days)**April 24—27**—Mobile Dentist**April 26**—2nd Grade Field Trip**April 28**—1st grade field trip

# Autism Awareness at WRC



## Way to Go!!

**W.R. CROMAN MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH****Kindergarten:** Emma W., Ava C., Kuyler Y., Kamden B., Miles M., Bentley H.**First Grade:** Robert D., Dylan R., Oliver L., Luna C., James W.**Second Grade:** John W., Weston J., John B., Dylan R., Joel J.

# March Spotlight... Kindergarten Teachers



Mrs. Bellitto lives in Ulster with her husband, her two children, Oliver and Elsie, and their two dogs, Hank and Otis. She went to high school in Athens and graduated from Lock Haven University. She has been a teacher at WR Croman for 1 1/2 years and enjoys running, shopping, and going to the park with her kids. She loves being a teacher and her favorite thing is when a student finally "gets it" and it all clicks for them.

Mr. Herbst lives in Blossburg with his three cats, Mamba, Melo and Mo. He went to North Penn Mansfield High School and graduated from Mansfield University. He enjoys working out, car restoration, and coaching. This is Mr. Herbst's second year teaching in the district and he loves seeing how the kids think, seeing the light bulb go off in a kids head, and watching them grow and change. He also loves having kids he worked with in years prior coming back to visit him.



Mrs. Scrivener lives in Sayre with her husband and two dogs. She went to Athens high school and graduated from Mansfield University and got her Masters Degree from Wilkes University. She has been teaching in the district for 20 years and enjoys visiting casinos and riding side-by-side. Mrs. Scrivener has 4 children, 2 bonus children and 1 in-law. Her favorite thing about teaching is watching these kiddos grow academically and socially. Not to mention all the laughs!

## Thank you

Mrs. Swain lives in Troy with her husband, Gordie. She has two married sons with one grandchild on the way. Mrs. Swain has been teaching in the district for 16 years and enjoys baking and doing crafts. The thing she likes most about teaching is watching the kids grow and learn.



Mrs. White lives in Gillett with her husband, two daughters, Annika and Ellianna and their chocolate lab Tilly. She went to Troy High School and graduated from Mansfield University. She enjoys coaching basketball, softball and soccer and spending time at the lake. Mrs. White has worked in the district for 18 years and enjoys the kids smiles and hugs!



Mrs. Wright lives in Gillett with her husband and their dog Ruger. She went to high school in North Pocono and graduated from Lock Haven University. She enjoys snowmobiling and photography. Mrs. Wright has worked at WR Croman for 4 months and she enjoys seeing the "light bulb" moments that the kiddos get when they learn something new.



# What Do You Want to be When You Grow Up?



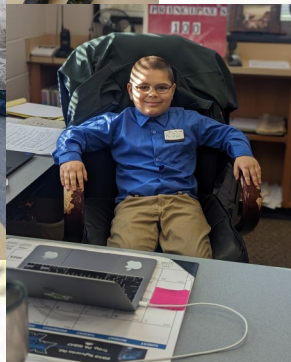
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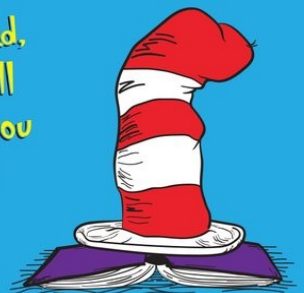
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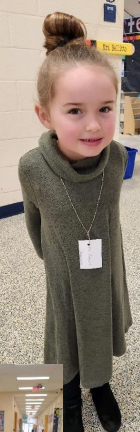
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The more that you read,  
the more things you will  
know. The more that you  
learn, the more places  
you'll go.

—Dr. Seuss



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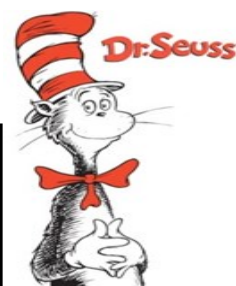
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# READ-A-THON



On Wednesday, March 2, 2023, the students, staff, and volunteers at W.R. Croman Primary School had a Read-A-Thon. The students enjoyed listening to our many guest readers; including parents, grandparents, and retired employees. Thank you to the PTSO and staff for all of their donations of time to make this a successful Read-A-Thon!! Students received a ticket for each book they read and the tickets were chosen randomly with the winners announced in a school assembly.

## Read-A-Thon Winners

**Bike: K—** Sunni S. & Aiden W.

**1st—** Charlotte C. & Kayden K.

**2nd—** Gabriella F. & Thomas H.

**Baskets:**

**Kindergarten —** Hoyt S., Auburn W., Wesson M., Jazmin C., Jenson B., Nova H., Hunter C., Emma B., Miles S., Jessie S.

**1st —** Logan M., Lilliannah M., Garrett L., Tesla H., Aaron S., Everleigh B., Kolton N., Vada P., Auden Y., Marissa B.,

**2nd —** Corban H., Cerianna D., Michael B., Layla L., Brennan S., Bailey N., Aiden D., Makenzie B., Noah C., Ellie W.



**The students did an  
FANTASTIC job with the  
number of books they read...**

**Kindergarten—1326 books**

**1st Grade —1720 books**

**2nd Grade—1982 books**

**Total—5028**

## Top Readers



**Kindergarten**

Sunni S. & Ira K.

**1st Grade**

Lottie S. &  
Logan M.

**2nd Grade**

Loreli W. &  
Thomas H.



## Read Across America

Launched in 1998 by the National Education Association (NEA), Read Across America Day was created to encourage kids of all ages to read. Today, the NEA focuses on motivating young children and teens to read through various resources, events and partnerships. Celebrated annually on Dr. Seuss's birthday, Read Across America Day continues to make even adults who are kids at heart smile and dive into a book.

### Here are some of the ways student literacy impacts a young mind.

#### Self Esteem

This might be the most important area of all. The sooner students develop reading skills, the more they gain ground in the areas listed below. That leads to more assurance in how they speak and write, as well as giving them the confidence of an expanded knowledge base. When students start at an early age to read about diverse people, distant places, and historical events, they become more creative and open. Also, those who have read a lot will naturally be asked to answer more questions – another confidence builder for a young student.

#### Improved Concentration

An emphasis on reading and student literacy helps develop higher levels of focus and concentration. It also forces the reader to sort things out in their own mind – including topics that might not be familiar to them at all (Paris at the end of World War II, for example, or another planet in a science fiction novel). This type of concentration on one topic – rather than trying to do many things at once – leads to better focus even after the book is put down.

#### Critical and Analytical Thinking Skills

The classic here is when a young reader becomes absorbed with a mystery book – Hardy Boys or Nancy Drew were examples for generations of Americans – and manages to solve the mystery in her head before the books reveal it. That's a simple example of how reading helps students develop better critical and analytical skills, something that carries over even after they have put the book down.

#### Stronger Memory Skills

Think about reading. Even an elementary age child with a relatively simple book must keep in mind a group of characters, the setting, and past actions. Reading helps to strengthen memory retention skills. That's a powerful tool for young students – and older adults, as well.

#### Expanded Vocabulary

How many times do we all search for just the right word to express what we're trying to say? Readers do that less. They have a larger vocabulary, and the words that young readers learn in a book will eventually make their way into their speech.

These are some of the most powerful ways that reading is important for student success. For those who have decided to teach children at the elementary school level, the impact they make on students in this vital area can resonate throughout the rest of their lives.

### Book Donation

**Bradford Sullivan County Farm Borough donated the book, "From Seed to Plant" by Gail Gibbons to W.R. Croman. The book introduces young readers to the processes of pollination, seed formation, and germination.**

**The Farm Bureau is an organization representing farm families engaged in all types of agriculture—**



Principal—Mr. Brian Wilcox

W. R. Croman Elementary School

March 2023

# St. Patrick's Day

