



# THE PAW PRINT

Western Middle School



Russiaville, IN

## Homecoming Week at Western

This week Western Panthers are celebrating homecoming and preparing for the high school football game against Tipton. Each day of the week, including today, held a particular theme:

- Monday Biker Day
- Tuesday Skype Date Day
- Wednesday Character Day/Dynamic Duo
- Thursday Color Wars Day  
(6th=black, 7th=blue, 8th=grey)
- Friday Western Panther Wear Day



Color Wars: 6th graders decked out in black attire (above)



Mr. Miller sporting "Biker Day" (right)



"Skype Date Day":

Dressy at the top, messy at the bottom!

Christian Wright (left); Mrs. Lee (right)



### The Principal's Corner



Fantastic Friday Panthers,

Today marks the 1/6 of a school year completed and makes me wonder, what have you achieved or completed in this time? This means some of you have made it through the start of your 6th grade year and some of you are on your way to being a freshman at the high school. Before you know it, the school year will be over, and you don't want to be standing on the last day saying, "what did I do this year". I want to encourage all of you to become involved in an activity, club, or sport. We all represent Western Middle School in or outside the school in our community. Be a part of the great things we are doing here, and ask yourself, have you contributed to the excellence at Western Middle School? Follow all the excellent things we are doing as a school by following Western Middle School on twitter at [@PanthersWMS](#).

### Top IXL Students

Congratulations to the following students for securing a spot in the top 3 this week for their grade level. If you see them in the hallway, please congratulate them!

**8th Grade:** Mona Levine  
Mason Hill  
Sydney Burk

**7th Grade:** Emily McDowell  
Ashton Ferris  
Kayden Pax

**6th Grade:** Shelby Wallace  
Miles Bowley  
Aiden Trainer



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# Remembering 9/11



"With Freedom Comes Responsibility" is the theme of the Freedom Hall's latest project on display. According to Mr. Spangler, the bulletin board was being filled with "good deeds" in honor of 9/11 Day and their organization's idea to spread goodwill on this date. Students wrote their good deeds on post-it notes for actions they completed over the weekend. This was part of a two-week study that included daily writing prompts about 9/11.

## Grumpy Old Men? More Like Hilarious Young 6th Grade Men

By Owen Moore

This group of 6th graders has created their own, *older*, character roles and their characters even have backstories. "Christian" got his name because of his religion. "Sunny Jim" got his name from movies in the 1900s, and "Hank" got his



Christian, "Hank" a.k.a. Eli, and "Sunny Jim", a.k.a. Ashton

name from a game where he was "Hank the Tank". When they were younger, they were in a lot of historical events, such as the Titanic. When the Titanic was hit, they were playing a board game. They had first class tickets, so they weren't far away from the lifeboats. When the ice was on the boat, it hit Jim in the arm and then his arm froze! They were also on the Hindenburg. They jumped off the Hindenburg and Jim crashed through a building...then landed on a mattress. When Hurricane Katrina hit, they were there. Jim had to swim 3 miles to get back to his house. They were at the earthquake in San Francisco where a bookshelf landed on Christian. Would you believe they were even at the first McDonald's? Be sure to have these three act out their characters for you!



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# Paper Caper Results: Salvation Army & Local Community Win!



On Tuesday, September 7, Western Middle School Tennis hosted Eastern Middle School and included a friendly competition to determine which team could collect the most toilet paper for donation to the Salvation Army. The ultimate winner: The Salvation Army and the local community.

Since the government does not consider toilet paper to be a necessity, it is a much-needed item for places like the Salvation Army that provide services for the needy in our local area. Western Middle School collected a whopping 860 rolls of toilet paper for the community! The tennis team is pictured below with a representative from the Salvation Army who attended the match and received the donation on behalf of the organization. The Salvation Army was exceptionally grateful for the community assistance. Way to go Panthers!



The Western Middle School tennis team, pictured with a representative from the Salvation Army (center).



The Western Middle School and Eastern Middle School tennis teams, pictured with a representative from the Salvation Army (center).



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# Fantastic Foods in FACS Class



Would you like to know how to make a Moroccan Joe with melted Gouda cheese? Just ask “creative and adventurous” sixth graders, Aidan Trainer and Ashton Justice (pictured to the right).

Mrs. Smith says, “Wow! I love to see this excitement and willingness to try new things in the labs.”

Not to be outdone, 7th and 8th grade students whipped up delicious breakfast items that rival the creativeness of our sixth grade chefs. Check out the colorful creations below!



If you see one of these friendly faces in the hallway, ask them to share some with the rest of us next time!



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# Special Feature: Making a Difference in the Community

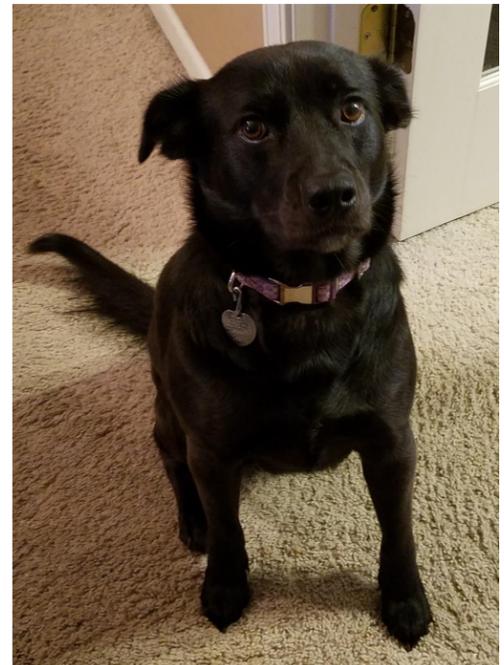


*Beginning with this issue, The Paw Print will include a special feature section on how different people, organizations, and, yes, furry friends, can make a difference in the community. Look for articles in the coming weeks from current and future Paw Print staff members.*

By Reis Beard

This article will be about dogs and how they are helpful in different situations. My three topics are going to be about household dogs, therapy dogs, and dogs who assist in crime, war, and investigations.

Household dogs, or pets, are helpful in many ways. They are companions to their owners and provide love and friendship. Household dogs can be different for each family member. They can be different things to the members of a family. For instance, a father could use the dog for hunting. Household dogs can be very helpful when disasters happen. They can use their sense of smell to find missing people or objects. They are also playful and provide comfort when members of the family are sick. They are also helpful in the kitchen when they eat the scraps that are accidentally dropped to the floor under the kitchen table.



Meet Mackey,  
the Editor's pet Labrador

Therapy dogs are used in a variety of ways. They can be trained to walk with and guide blind people. They can also be taken into hospitals or nursing homes to help the patients with depression and give them something to touch and pet. They also get licks back. Many nursing homes have animals that will visit patients in their rooms. Some trainers put on little shows and teach their dogs to do various things like pray, catch a ball, or whatever else their trainer has taught them.

Law enforcement dogs can be trained to help authorities sniff out drugs, track down criminals by smell, or even catch people on the run. During times of war, certain animals are used to sniff out bombs that are planted. They are usually assigned to a trainer so that they become attached to one another. They can also be used to guard property or stop predators in a neighborhood.

In conclusion, all the above dogs have assisted in bringing happiness and support to many people in various ways.



At WMS, we want to do our part to help those who are suffering from the devastation left by the recent hurricanes. The following grades or groups are collecting specific items.

6th Grade	diapers and baby wipes
7th Grade	garbage bags
8th Grade	toiletries
WMS Cheerleaders	water
WHS Cheerleaders	socks

Please consider what you can bring in to help support this effort for those in need!



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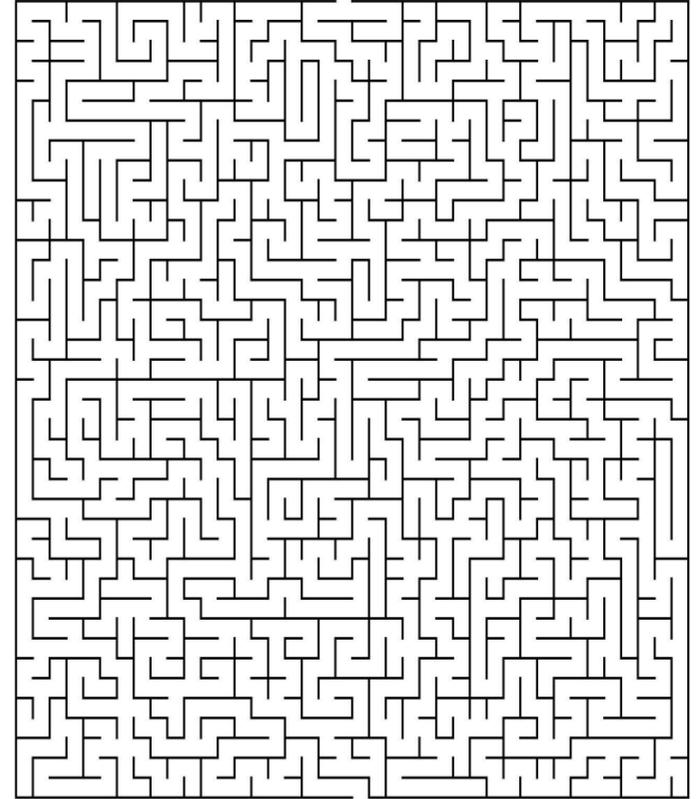
# Paw-fect Puzzles & Games



### Small Animal Pets

Find these small animal pets

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| Short Tailed Opossum | Ground Squirrel | Flying Squirrel | Sugar Glider |
| Pot Bellied Pig      | Prairie Dog     | Guinea Pig      | Hermit Crab  |
| Coatimundi           | Chinchilla      | Hedgehog        | Duprasi      |
| Gerbil               | Ferret          | Hamster         | Fennec Fox   |
| Kinkajou             | Rabbit          | Mouse           | Degu         |
| Rat                  | Skunk           |                 |              |

### Brain Teasers

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4.	5.	6.
7.	8.	9.

### Trivia Question of the Week:

What is the only man-made object that is observable from the moon?

#### The Paw Print Poll

Hey WMS!

Which is your favorite song?

“Body Like a Back Road” - Sam Hunt

“Light It Up” - Luke Bryan

“Shape of You” - Ed Sheeran

Cut out your response and drop it in the Paw Print Poll Dropbox located in the cafeteria.

Please pardon us while we train new staff members. The next issue of *The Paw Print* will be published on September 29.



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