



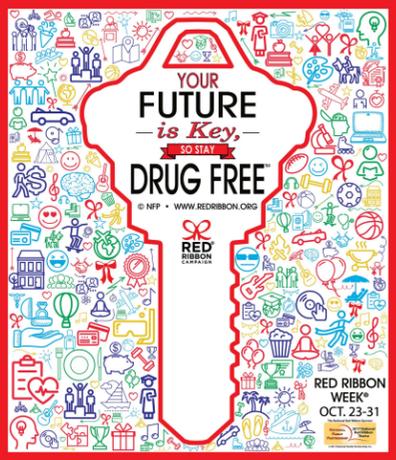
# THE PAW PRINT

Western Middle School



Russiaville, IN

## Special Halloween Edition



### WMS Celebrates Red Ribbon Week: "Your Future is Key, So Stay Drug Free!"



Western Middle School celebrated Red Ribbon Week this week with the following activities:

- Monday:** "United We Stand Against Drugs" - Poster contest kick-off
- Tuesday:** "Build Your Future and Be Drug Free" - Stickers at lunch, banner signed
- Wednesday:** "Panthers Rallying For a Drug-Free School!" - Wear Western gear
- Thursday:** "I Am "Red"y to Say No to Drugs!" - Wear red in support of a drug-free school
- Friday:** "Respect Yourself and Be Drug-Free!" - Wear favorite color/shirt



## THE BLACK CAT BALL



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# National Junior Honor Society



The National Junior Honor Society Induction was held this past Tuesday, October 24. In order to become a member of NJHS, a student must be selected as a candidate. Candidates must meet the cumulative GPA requirement, as well as exhibit excellence in service, leadership, citizenship, and character. Mrs. Engle heads up the WMS chapter.

Pictures from the ceremony are below. Congratulations to all of our 2017 National Junior Honor Society members!



**CONGRATULATIONS PANTHERS!**

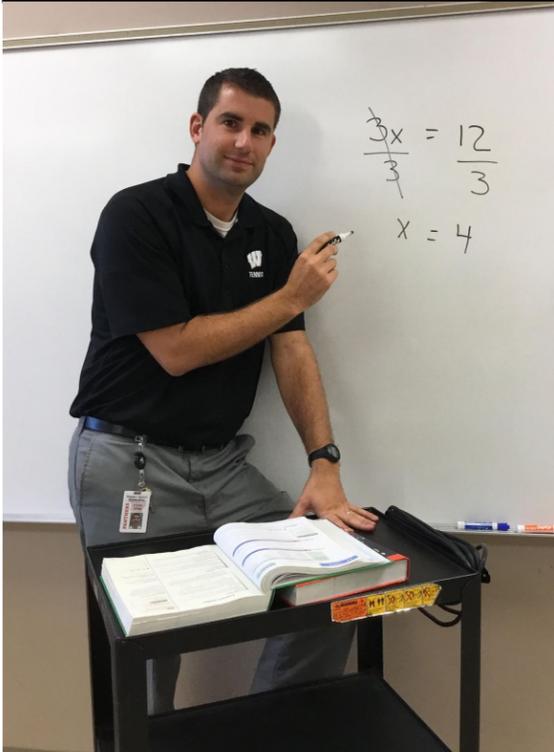


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## Teacher Feature: Mr. Miller



By Emilee Glaze and Mackenzie York

Mr. Miller is the 6th grade math teacher in Navigator Hall. This is his fourth year at Western; his third year in 6th grade. He has not always been a teacher. Previously, he was the Director of the Howard County Indoor Tennis Center, a waiter at Cracker Barrel, and Executive Director of Preserve Marriage Ministries at his church.

One special thing about his classroom is a sign that says, "Did you compliment your wife today?" Mr. Miller has that sign because it reminds him to confirm his wife on a daily basis.

He started teaching because he wanted the chance to impact children inside and out of school. Mr. Miller has three children of his own and all three are age five and under.

Mr. Miller's his favorite books are the *Ashfall* trilogy. He also has a favorite movie, it's called *Inception*. Most people think Mr. Miller's favorite sport is tennis because he coaches high school tennis. However, his favorite sport is actually basketball.

His biggest accomplishment in 2017 so far is that he graduated from Fight Club twice. Fight club is a men's group consisting of weekly and 10 week-long goals. The focus areas are mental, physical, and spiritual. If you get three strikes you're out.

On November 4, he will complete a Spartan Trifecta, which is an obstacle course race. He will have then completed all the Spartan Trifecta races in 2017. The three races of the trifecta are the sprint, the super, and beast.

## Don't Forget to Look for the DGU Paw Print in the Paper Each Week!

By Emilee Glaze

DGU stands for "Don't Give Up", and it is a special paw print in the paper! Search for the paw print, find it, and get a reward! When you find the paw print, take a picture and email it to Mrs. Sipes at [lsipes@western.k12.in.us](mailto:lsipes@western.k12.in.us). The first person in 6-8th grade to find it and send it in will win a gift card. Even the staff can earn a reward for being the first staff member to find the paw print. Get your glasses on and search for it!



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# THE BLACK CAT BALL



By The Paw Print Staff

The Black Cat Ball, one of the favorite dances of the year, was held this past Wednesday. The categories for the Costume Contest included: Disney, Best Group/Pair/Theme, Monster Bash, Most Creative, and Time Warp/Time Machine. The winners are pictured below.



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**THE TEACHERS ALSO JOINED IN THE FUN!**



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## The Paw Print Staff Shares Fall Break Highlights



### Owen Moore:

During Fall Break I had a great time. I was able to stay home with my family and have a break. I didn't go anywhere, but that's alright. I still had fun until I heard that my Grandpa was really sick.

We visited him almost every day he was in the hospital. He was only in there for five days. We went three times during that time period. My grandpa always tries to stay in shape, so when he got home he did a whole bunch of work. My grandma was worried so she called us. We got there and helped him all day.

We then went to Castleton and ate at Red Robin. After that we got ice cream, and it was really fun.

The rest of the week I hung out with some of my friends. We went bowling and we watched "Lights Out". The next day we hung out all day until it became dark. We went to watch a horror movie called *Happy Death Day*. It was so FUN!

### Isaiah Ross:

Over Fall Break I played GTA5 until I earned the minigun. I also went to a Halloween party where all the kids had fun "attacking" my dad.

### Mackenzie York:

During Fall Break I went to Kalahari. Kalahari is a huge indoor water park. When I got to Kalahari I saw one of my friends. We rode a lot of rides together and it was really fun.

One thing I did not like was getting stuck on a ride. We were coming up one of the hills on the ride and the ride had just stopped. My friend and I wondered what happened. It was super scary, although that had happened my favorite ride, The Cheetah Race.

The Cheetah Race is a 4 person ride with a big drop. It's fun, but the first time you ride The Cheetah Race you might be a little scared. After a while you get used to the ride and it becomes the best ride ever.

### Emilee Glaze:

For my Fall Break I went to the movies with my friend Lil and stayed with her for two days. On Monday, she left for Kalahari in Sandusky, Ohio. On Tuesday, I left. Then on Wednesday, I found my friend Mackenzie there. We went on all the rides and activities. We even got stuck on the water coaster! It was scary. We were up on the hill and Mackenzie almost fell off! We got rescued after five minutes and had to walk to the nearest rescue staircase. Then we dried off and went to the arcade. We played laser tag with our brothers then some games. The next day we went surfing and went on the slides again, along with the wave pool. We stopped by the candy hut and then went home.

Friday was my brother's birthday party and we went to Sky Zone. My sister and I, along with and her friend, played dodgeball and I was almost always the last one standing!

The next day we went to my sister's softball tournament and she was undefeated until the championship game. We got home late and went to bed really quickly!

### Peyton DeWeese:

Over Fall Break I played baseball. I also baked cookies. I went to this place called Jump and Play and jumped and did backflips. When we were playing baseball, I hit a car with the ball.

### Eli Cardwell:

I went to see *Happy Death Day*, and went to a Halloween Party. I had fun over Fall Break.

I played some cool Hide-and-Seek at night. We had an Airsoft War with BB guns. I had a fun time and it hurt. I wrestled and tied with my friend because we didn't finish the match.

### Michael Foutch:

Over Fall Break I had a party at the Milwaukee Iron Clubhouse. Two of my friends stayed over and we were up all night. We ate candy and played my PS4 when we were bored. We also had Nerf wars and played Hide-and-Seek.

I also spent the night at my friend's house. We watched *Logan* and *Daddy's Home*. We also played on the trampoline. That was what I did over break.



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## Special Feature: Firefighters and How They Make a Difference in Our Community



The Paw Print periodically includes a special feature section on how different people and organizations can make a difference in the community. Look for articles in the coming weeks from past and current Paw Print staff members.

By Kelsey Bartley

I think the fire department makes a difference in the community because they are role models and they save lives. I don't know what we would do without them. They step up, are brave, and save lives everyday.

Firefighters and the fire departments are role models because they give us an example of what it means to work hard. They save lives and encourage us to make a difference.

The fire department is also really good at making food. They have a special day for sons and daughters of the firefighters. The children get to go to the store to pick up the ingredients to help make a big meal for the whole department.

Firefighters risk their lives everyday for someone else. They save people from fires, car wrecks, and all kinds of accidents. They take time in their day to help others and to protect them.

Firefighters save lives, serve as role models, and are also good at making food. They are heroes who help the community. My dad is Landon Bartley and he is a firefighter.



## Día de los Muertos

By Isaiah Ross



Día de los Muertos is known as Day of the Dead, and it is the day many Hispanics remember those who have died. It is celebrated on November 1-2. Día de los Muertos is a time to show respect for deceased loved ones, often by placing something at an altar for them. Students in Mrs. Lee's Social Studies class will be doing some special activities on November 1 to learn more about it.



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*6th Grade Navigator students were challenged to a writing contest upon their return from a field trip to the Indianapolis Zoo. The following story won the contest.*

## **THE ZOO AFTER DARK**

By Lauren Bradley (Recorder), Kelsey Bartley (Organization Guru), Tate Heston (Word Choice Monitor), and Grayson Neer (Idea Master)

Kacey was so excited; today was her birthday! She woke up in the morning at 4:00 a.m. because she was so exhilarated! Kacey quickly got dressed and hurried downstairs to eat breakfast. Her mom was in the kitchen making pancakes when Kacey walked in.

“Good morning sweet heart!” her mom said in delight. “Are you excited to go to the zoo today?”

“Yes!” Kacey exclaimed.

Her mom served the pancakes with syrup, and went to start the car. When Kacey’s mom came back into the house, Kasey had already finished her breakfast and was putting away her plate.

“Okay honey,” Kasey’s mom said politely, “Ready to go to the zoo?”

“Yeah!” Kasey exclaimed, and they leapt excitedly into the car.

An hour later, Kasey and her mom were at the zoo, pulling into the parking lot. Kasey was singing along to the ABC song when something large hit the car window. She stared intently at the front window, but nothing happened. She shrugged it off, and noticed that her mother was not in the car. Kacey stared out her window and saw her mother standing by the car window texting on her phone. She unbuckled her seatbelt and leapt out of the car. She looked up into her mother’s eyes and noticed they were a different color.

She held her mother’s hand as they started to walk toward the entrance. Kacey and her mom entered the park and lightning struck three times, although there was no cloud in sight. Kacey ignored it, and the fun began.

Kacey and her mom went around the park to each attraction, but her mother said nothing while Kacey walked around in awe of each animal. When they finished, it was almost closing time. Kacey almost walked out the entrance when she noticed that her mom was gone. She scanned the exciting crowd, but did not see her. Kacey started walking back into the zoo, when she saw her mom standing in front of the lion exhibit. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 10)



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“Mommy!” Kacey screamed with relief. She ran over to her mom and gave her a hug.

Instead of giving her a hug back, her mom muttered, “Get out of here.”

Kacey stared at her mom in confusion. She backed away from her mother, as her mother started to glow. Her mom became more red, and more red, and then Kacey’s mom melted away to reveal a phantom. The phantom threw its head into the air and laughed maliciously.

“Finally!” It exclaimed. “I haven't been out in ages!”

Kacey backed away from the phantom and screamed. She ran toward the exit, but the phantom cut off her path.

“Where are you going, little girl?” The phantom sneered. Kacey ran further into the park. “Meet my friends, little one.”

The phantom lifted her hands toward the desert biome area and the cage opened. Vipers, pythons, boa constrictors, and a Red Spitting Cobra slithered quickly out of the exhibit and started heading toward Kacey. She ran toward the plains biome exhibit. She looked behind her and saw an African Plated Lizard, an Agama Lizard, a Colorado River Toad, colubrids, iguanas, meerkats, and turtles and tortoises now coming after her. All of the desert animals were now loose.

Kacey ran into the plains biome exhibit entrance. She looked up and the phantom was staring down at her, waiting.

The phantom said eerily, “Now we’re having some fun.” The phantom circled her hands around in a half circle, the whole plains area.

Kacey started running toward the exit, but the desert animals were keeping her in. Kacey backed away while the phantom said, “Now you're the prey, while I'm the predator!”

Kacey turned toward the lion cage and saw three lions climbing out of the hole in the cage. Addra gazelles, African crested porcupines, African elephants, African lions, cheetahs, East African gray-crowned cranes, warthogs, and ostriches started coming around the corner and stopped behind the elephants. Bats flew through the air and cast shadows over the ground. Spiders started crawling down the walls of cages.

Kacey started hyperventilating. She kept looking side to side, not knowing what to do. She closed her eyes tight and let her knees buckle beneath her. She willed for it to stop, she willed for the day to be over. She willed to be back home under her bed covers, with her mom kissing her forehead saying, “It’s all going to be all right.”

Kacey opened her eyes and found out, it was all a dream. She closed her eyes and sighed a breath of relief, but a voice beside her said, “ You can't get rid of me.” Kacey turned to her left and saw the phantom staring down at her. Kacey screamed so loudly that the glass in her window broke, while the phantom cackled and pointed her hand at Kacey. The phantom muttered something under her breath and...



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# Paw-fect Puzzles & Games



## Halloween Word Search

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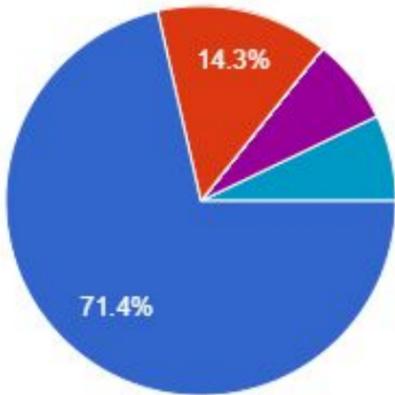
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| SCARY   | MUMMY     | NIGHT          |
| CANDY   | COSTUME   | OWL            |
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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



### Poll Response from October 13: Which Horror Movie is Your Favorite?



- It
- Scream
- Carrie
- Insidious
- Poltergeist
- The Shining

### Word of The Day

*Nyctophobia*

Nyctophobia is an abnormal fear of night or the dark. Do you have this fear?

## THE PAW PRINT POLL

Hey WMS! Which Halloween Meme is Your Favorite?

Click [HERE](#) to submit your response online.



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