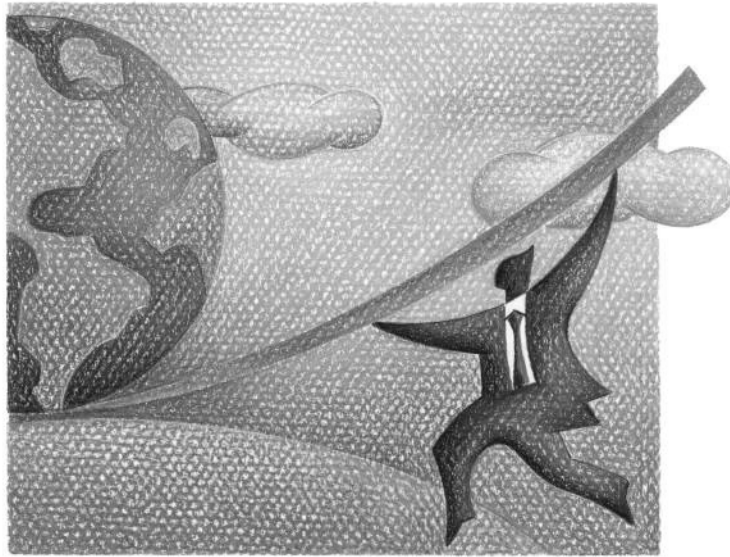


# **2009-2010 Annual Report**

**Students Deserve It \* The World Demands It**



**PRESTON COUNTY SCHOOLS**

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# Superintendent's Message

The Employees of the Preston County School System continue to believe that to get somewhere, we should first know where we are going and that expressed goals must be pursued to reach a destination. The goals are set forth in the past Office of Education and Performance Audit Review.

This report includes Board of Education accomplishments, the Central Office staff with its stated commitment, budget/levy information, maintenance projects, programs, recognition academic competitions, and a closing section that features each of our schools.

Ownership and commitment from the citizens of Preston County and each individual school system member will make the essential difference in a high-quality educational program. We are a total team in which the continued cooperative effort of all is necessary. Every contributor is invaluable. Together we can make a difference.

Please remember success should not be taken for granted. To maintain our accomplishments and improve, we must commit to quality performance every day. We can be successful in our pursuit. I ask that you continue with me in this total team effort for all Preston County Students. Our positive role model and educational commitment will assure that each student receives a quality education.

Dr. Larry E. Parsons, Superintendent

# **Preston County Schools Board of Education**

**Jack Keim, President**  
**Jane Crogan, Vice-President**  
**Robert McCrum**  
**Guy Cox**  
**Kathy McNeill**

“Students Deserve It \* The World Demands It” is the theme that drives the action of the Board of Education members. Countless hours have been spent carefully monitoring and implementing policies and programs that result in positive environments for the students of Preston County.

Accomplishments for the 2009-2010 fiscal year are recognized below:

- The first School Building Authority American Relief and Recovery Act funded roofing project in West Virginia occurred at Preston High School in excess of \$400,000.
- The 2010-2020 Comprehensive Education Facilities Plan was completed by a representative countywide committee.
- A three-year \$1,500,000 annual excess levy was renewed. The excess levy transitioned from a maintenance only focus to both maintenance and system operational costs being supported.
- Free vendor-supported community dinners were held near Christmas at each school. Employees of the system countywide participated.
- Countywide morale and trust were regained.
- Numerous policies were reviewed and updated.
- Financial gains were made in balancing the school system budget. Audit reports reflected positive progress. Renovations in spending patterns were coupled with accountable revenue received.

- Staff employment and reductions were made in agreement with OEPA recommendations.
- Energy saving measures and contracts were activated to reduce unnecessary spending on utilities.
- Planning commenced for a \$39,600,000 community-schools-focused bond.
- An SBA Needs project for the South Preston area Pre-K – 8 school was funded contingent upon the passage of a bond.
- An SBA combination MIP and Emergency grant was funded to correct water penetration problems and build three new classrooms at Preston High School.
- Modular classrooms were moved from Preston High School and set up to serve South Preston Middle School students at Tunnelton-Denver Elementary School.
- Bidding procedures were put in place to assure competitive involvement and acquire accountable awarding of contracts and services.
- An agreement was signed with the North Central Trades Council to assure that prevailing wages were paid on school system project work and that students could access employment through apprenticeship involvement.
- Local School Improvement Councils became involved in prioritizing remaining excess levy funds to address project work at each county school.
- Remaining excess levy funds were utilized to complete projects or encumbered to meet project requests.
- Legal action was undertaken to bring closure on the levy funds obligated to Central Preston Middle School.
- An opening-day program was re-initiated for employees.

# **Preston County Schools Central Office Staff**

**Dr. Larry E. Parsons, Superintendent**  
**Dr. Michael Teets, Assistant Superintendent**  
**Dr. Teddi Cox, Director of Title I**  
**Phyllis McMillion, Coordinator of Curriculum**  
**Katherine George, Director of Special Education**  
**Donald Harding, Coordinator of Attendance**  
**William Helmick, Coordinator of Transportation/Maintenance**  
**Neal Likins, Assistant Coordinator of Transportation/Maintenance**  
**Robert Ridenour, Coordinator of Technology**  
**Carol Riley, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent**  
**Kenneth Rodeheaver, Treasurer/CFO/Director of Purchasing**  
**Charlene Strahin, Coordinator of Food Services**

The commitment of these dedicated Administrative Leaders and the Board of Education members contribute much to our vision in the Preston County School System. Commitment must be present for the accomplishment of goals.

Commitment is defined by the following statements:

- It is what transforms a promise into reality.
- It speaks boldly of intentions and the action which speaks louder than words.
- It is making time when there is none.
- It is the cornerstone from which character is built.
- It is the special power to make change.
- It is the daily triumph of integrity over skepticism.
- It is the foundation of visionary conviction that allows one to persevere while standing against adversity.

Commitment may be found as a quality in people of any age but never in an individual without true cause.

# FEDERAL PROGRAMS

All Federal Programs are required to supplement services and not to supplant local or state funding to provide these services. Preston County administers Special Education (I.D.E.A., federal and state), Title I, Title II, Title III, and Title IV.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special Education services, with a budget in the amount of \$1,100,000.00 from federal and state sources, are made available to individuals with disabilities between the ages of three and twenty-one, gifted students in grades one through eight, and exceptional gifted students in grades nine through twelve. Following is a list of special education services that Preston County offered during the 2009-2010 school year.

Autism	Behavior Disorders
Blind and Partially-Sighted	Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Deaf/Blind	Mentally Impaired
Gifted	Other Health Impaired
Orthopedically Impaired	Visually Impaired
Preschool Special Needs	Traumatic Brain Injury
Specific Learning Disabilities	Speech/Language Disabilities

During the 2009-2010 school year, approximately 1,150 students received Special Education services. In addition, staff development was provided by the county to all personnel. Special Education staff received training on Positive Behavior Support, TEACCH training, Differentiated Instruction, Autism Mentor training, Preschool Curriculum, and IEP development. Several Special Education teachers have attended conferences and workshops pertaining to their job responsibilities.

## TITLE I

The purpose of Title I is to provide opportunities for children in economically deprived areas as determined by the number of students receiving free and reduced meals. The intent of the program is to acquire mastery of basic reading and math skills. Preston County's Title I funds are distributed to each individual Title I school with funds budgeted to each school according to the results of each school's needs assessments.

For the 2009-2010 school year, seven elementary schools were school-wide Title I projects. Title I funded 27 positions to provide administrative, counseling, teaching, and early intervention services to Preston County students.

Staff Development and Parent Involvement are major components of Title I programs. During 2009-2010 Title I teachers received staff development on the requirements of No Child Left Behind, strategies for helping parents help their children with reading and math at home, phonemic awareness, scientifically based reading research, and math intervention strategies. Title I staff also attended local, regional, state, and national conferences on best practices for improving student learning. Preston County's Title I Program also funds:

- A Parent Advisory Group
- Parent Coordinators for each elementary Title I school

It is further noted that all Title I program planning is driven by comprehensive site-based needs.

## **TITLE II**

The Title II funds were used to provide stipends and expenses for professional staff development.

## **TITLE III**

Title III is mandated for an Alternative Language Program or English as the Second Language Program.

## **TITLE IV**

The Preston County Safe and Drug-Free Schools initiative is a countywide safe school program committed to providing programs to prevent violence in and around schools and to prevent the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. The initiative is supported by federal funds and monitored by the West Virginia Department of Education.

## **PRESTON HIGH GEAR UP**

GEAR UP is a federally funded grant which offers students and parents exposure to higher education opportunities. Preston High's graduating classes of 2010 and 2011 are members of the Fairmont State GEAR UP partnership.

During the 2009-2010 school year, GEAR UP students were able to participate in a variety of activities including: after-school tutoring in core subject areas; ACT Prep courses for which they received a graphing calculator and an ACT test fee waiver; college and educational trips to West Virginia University, Fairmont State – Shakespeare

production, Alderson-Broaddus, Wheeling Jesuit – Challenger Mission, National College Day – Pittsburgh, and New York City – Columbia University; AP Exam and Dual Credit enrollment fee waivers; school assemblies like the pre-prom with Chris Sandy; GO Center which provides college information and applications; summer camps such as CSI, sports, College Matters; and the Computer Scholarship Awards (11 PHS students received a laptop, printer, and Internet access for the family).

Additionally, parent involvement is an important element of GEAR UP. Parents are encouraged to participate in school related activities, workshops, and trips. A newsletter highlighting Preston High GEAR UP and school events is mailed to each participant's home monthly. During the 2009-2010 school year, parents attended monthly parent meetings, workshops on such topics as college awareness, financial aid, scholarships, internet safety, health safety, as well as the parent breakfast for their child's respective grade level. Preston High also named a Parent of the Year as a part of the Fairmont GEAR UP partnership.

GEAR UP also provides funding for academic classroom support such as computer programs, equipment, and supplies.



## PRESTON COUNTY SAFE SCHOOLS

The Preston County Safe and Drug-Free Schools initiative is a county-wide safe school program committed to providing programs to prevent violence in and around schools and to prevent the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. This program is supported by federal funds and monitored by the West Virginia Department of Education.

Based on the Federal Government's Principles of Effectiveness, Preston County Schools bases its Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program on a thorough assessment of objective data about the drug and violence problems in the schools and communities served. With the assistance of a local advisory council, the Program has established a set of measurable goals and objectives to reduce or prevent drug use, violence, or disruptive behavior among youth. Our program is supported by research that proves that such programs are effective.

The Safe Schools legislation passed by the West Virginia Legislature in 1995 provides support in dealing with Preston County's disruptive youth and protecting the learning environment. While most schools are relatively free from serious violent behaviors, no school is immune. There are conflicts and disagreements in all schools. The Safe Schools bill requires the collaboration of school and community. The bill requires a safe school plan and prevention programs to enhance school safety.

Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and covers all education institutions that secure federal financial assistance. This federal statute is enforced by the Office of Civil Rights (OCR), which is part of the U.S. Department of Education.

The Racial, Sexual, Religious/Ethnic Harassment & Violence Policy (2421) was effective through state legislative rule in 1997. It sets the requirements for schools in West Virginia to be nondiscriminatory, and harassment- and violence-free.

In support of the legislative initiatives described above and to enable our students to have the safest school environment possible, Preston County Schools provides or supports the following programs for Safe Schools in coordination with other local prevention efforts in the community and state.

- Drug prevention/education curriculum
- Violence prevention/education curriculum
- Peer mediation
- Emergency Management Plan
- Surveys
- Conflict Resolution
- Responsible Students Program with positive behavior supports
- Life Skills/Too Good for Drugs and Violence
- Nonviolent Crisis Intervention
- Assertive Discipline
- Multicultural Education
- Student Assistance Teams
- Project RIDE
- Athletic Code of Conduct
- Student Code of Conduct
- Employee Code of Conduct
- Alternative In-School Suspension Program
- Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth
- FERPA
- Discovery Education
- Medication Policy
- Wellness Policy
- Comprehensive Development Guidance and Counseling
- Hazelden's No Bullying Program
- E-Walk Curriculum Monitoring
- Safe Schools Plan
- West Virginia Safe Schools Hotline (1-866-SAFEWVA)
- Internet Acceptable-Use Policy
- Handbook: Student Rights and Responsibilities
- Drug-Free Workplace Policy
- Substance Abuse and Tobacco Control Policy
- Bus Safety Procedures
- Dress Code Policy
- Racial, Sexual, Religious/Ethnic, Harassment & Violence Policy
- RAZE (Anti-Tobacco Program)
- T.A.T.U. (Teens Against Tobacco Use)
- Character Education
- Respect and Protect
- Caring Habits
- Registered Sex Offender Policy
- Homeless Policy
- Health Nurses
- Security Cameras
- Walkie Talkies

Community, parent involvement, and support are vital to the goals of the Preston County Safe Schools Program.

**PRESTON COUNTY SCHOOL'S  
MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

Preston County's Maintenance Department, funded by state and local monies, addresses the requests of the Local School Improvement Councils, and performs general maintenance that contributes to optimal learning environments for Preston County students. A nine-man crew, one part-time coordinator, one full-time assistant coordinator, one crew leader, and one part-time secretary constitutes the manpower of the Maintenance Department. Much of the work listed below is performed by the department, with major projects such as paving and some roofing being performed by contractors.

General Expenditures: (findings by the following inspection teams have been corrected as funds permitted:

- Fire Marshal Inspection
- Pest Control Management
- Health Department Inspections
- EPA and DNR Inspections
- Asbestos and Radon Inspections
- Range Hood Inspections
- Sprinkler System Inspections
- Fire Extinguisher Inspections
- HVAC and Air Quality
- West Virginia Board of Risk

Routine Maintenance/Services:

- Sewage Treatment Plants
- Contracted Grounds Maintenance
- Routine Operation/Maintenance of Plant
- Weekly Delivery Service
- Upgrades

Total Cost	\$350,000.00
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Upgrading existing facilities occurred at every site in the Preston County System as listed:

<u>Aurora School</u> – Resurfacing of the parking lot, walkways, power washing of school, resealing of masonry expansion joints, restroom upgrades, cleaning of carpets, painting throughout the interior, lighting upgrades, covering the water treatment building with metal, installation of a new security access, and fencing around the property.	\$245,000.00
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<u>Bruceton School</u> – Painting, new interior restroom partitions installed, upgrades, security system upgrades, and installation and plumbing upgrades.	\$575,000.00
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<u>Fellowsville School</u> – New doors, painting of the interior, soffit repair, and new security access installation.	\$ 77,000.00
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<u>Kingwood Elementary</u> – Restoration of the multi-purpose room inside and outside, replaced skirting and repainted mobile units, painted interior, repaved parking lot, installed new heaters in cafeteria, replaced a hot water heater and new security access installation.	\$150,000.00
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<u>Preston High School</u> – Painting interior, replacement of carpet in two rooms, lighting upgrades, replacement of boiler in vocational wing, new garage doors replaced, three new roof-top units, new hot water heater in vocational wing, replacement of heaters in JROTC building, replacement of furnace, lighting upgrades, fencing repairs, glass repairs, and security access installed.	\$3,500,000.00
<u>Preston County Complex</u> – Replacement of garage doors at school bus garage, lighting upgrades, and new maintenance storage facility built.	\$ 85,000.00
<u>Rowlesburg School</u> – Lighting upgrades, painting interior, repair of drainage ditch, carpet replacement with tile, new plumbing upgrades, and security access installation.	\$240,000.00
<u>South Preston</u> – New metal roof, new ceiling tile, replaced the gym bleachers, painting of the band room, new bleachers, lighting upgrades, handicapped ramp built, gym floor refinished, new heaters placed in the band area, painting interior, and new water coolers installed.	\$ 50,000.00
<u>Terra Alta/East Preston</u> – Lockers installed, replaced flooring in two rooms, electrical upgrades, door hardware replaced, heating controls, ceiling tile replaced.	\$400,000.00
<u>Tunnelton-Denver School</u> – New roof replacement in multi-purpose room and classrooms, replacement of carpet in three rooms, roof repaired over older section of the building, lighting upgrades, extension of the parking lot, painting interior, and security access installation.	\$ 76,000.00
<u>Valley Elementary</u> – Repair of heating system, two rooms of carpet removed, painting of the interior, lighting upgrades, and security access installation.	\$ 65,000.00
<u>West Preston</u> – Replace furniture, install air conditioner in kitchen cafeteria area, lighting upgrades, interior painting, emergency light upgrade, and repair of glass.	\$ 95,000.00

## SCHOOL-TO-WORK PROGRAM

The School-to-Work Opportunities Act, signed by President Clinton on May 4, 1994, is jointly administered by the Departments of Education and Labor. This Act brings together partnerships of employers, educators, and others to build high-quality School-to-Work systems that prepare students for either a high-quality job requiring technical skills or further education and training.

Preston County Schools continues to provide exemplary possibilities, with the involvement of local businesses, to maximize opportunities for students' exposure to the world of work or further training.

### **Phase I:**

Frame working a School-to-Work (STW) System  
All schools become STW sites  
TPAD Consortium supports Programs of Study  
Saturday Workshops  
PCBE Adopts Programs of Study  
PCBE Adopts New Graduation Requirements  
Staff Development  
Business Partnerships

### **Phase III:**

Planning for the Future  
Commitment of Staff, Students, School Board  
Seamless Curriculum Alignment  
Extend Integration  
Increase Academic Achievement  
Enhance Parental Involvement  
Dual Credit

### **Phase II**

Implementing the STW Program  
Intro to Clusters/Majors  
Senior Project  
Community Service  
Technology  
Essential Level Courses  
Elementary STW Plan

Additional funding that has come to Preston County as a result of the School-to-Work initiative is:

Preston County's School-to-Work Program boasts the accomplishment of placement of 45 students in job shadowing with 37 business partners and the implementation of the advisor-advisee program. The School-to-Work Program continued to implement the Phase III activities of the schedule with increased commitment to preparing our students for the world of work. The job placements will continue for the 2010-2011 school year.

## **TECHNOLOGY OVERVIEW**

Preston County technology initiatives are managed systematically by each school developing a technology plan as part of their five-year Strategic Plan. School needs are then considered by the County Technology Department.

Preston County School's network infrastructure is being upgraded to better meet the needs of new technology initiatives that are being implemented at the state and local levels.

Teachers and students continue to develop skills that will maximize the educational opportunities provided through technology.

### **Tools for Schools (TFS) Elementary Program**

West Virginia Tools for School's Elementary program provides funds that allow our Pre-K – 6 schools to be upgraded with new hardware and software. The 2009-2010 allocation of \$75,796 will be used to continue the replacement cycle of hardware and software within our elementary schools and provide for professional development opportunities.

### **TFS Secondary Program**

West Virginia Tools for School's Secondary program, with a 2009-2010 allocation of \$75,796 will continue to enable students to use technology to enhance the core curriculum, as well as continue to develop computer skills. Staff training in the program and support training in the materials purchased are provided. All Preston County TFS activities must adhere to WVDE timelines and guidelines.

### **TFS Technology Infrastructure Program**

West Virginia Tools for School's Technology Infrastructure program, with a 2009-2010 allocation of \$64,698, combined with a Local Share allocation of \$67,816, was used to continue the upgrade of network electronics in our schools. Secure and managed wireless networks continued to be installed in our schools to provide more flexibility in utilizing existing equipment in the classrooms.

### **WVEIS**

The West Virginia Educational Information System (WVEIS) is continually updating hardware and software. The system is used to monitor attendance discipline, record grades, and submit Federal Programs data. A web-based version of WVEIS, WVEIS on the Web (WOW), is currently being used by an ever-increasing number of administrators and teachers at our schools.

# **PRESTON COUNTY SCHOOLS AT A GLANCE**

## **Personnel Programs**

Just as Preston County Schools has many programs to meet the needs of students, the commitment to improvement extends to the teaching staff, school and county administrators, and school and county service staffs. Programs that emphasize this are:

- Strategic Plan with clear-cut goals and objectives and specific responsibilities
- Mentoring Programs for new teachers and administrators
- Effective, on-going evaluation with the aim of improved performance
- Continuous Staff Development opportunities, both professional and service
- Opportunities to upgrade certifications and to earn advanced/additional degrees (locally)
- Site-based curriculum teams
- Faculty Senates
- Training programs specific to the needs of service departments
  - Custodial tours of exemplary county schools
  - New certification for cooks
  - Updated WVEIS training

These endeavors result in a total system effort to provide the best possible educators and service providers for Preston County's students.

## **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS**

Universal Preschool	Accelerated learning program
Preschool Special Needs Programs	A fully mapped curriculum
Student Tutorials	Eight Title I Schools
Job Shadowing	Transition/Work-Based Program
Read Aloud Programs	Homeless Grant
School-to-Work Programs	Primary Summer School & Secondary Credit Recovery
Counseling Services	Special Education Programs
Health Department Services	Alternative Education
Technology Opportunities	Adult Basic Education
Academic Competitions	Gear-up Initiative Grades 10-11
K-12 literacy model	Homebound Instruction
K-12 math instructional model	
Strategic Planning	

These special programs, plus a day-to-day commitment to “reach out to students,” ensure a positive, supportive educational climate that is necessary for maximum student achievement.

# PRESTON COUNTY SCHOOLS AT A GLANCE

## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Shelly Shaffer - Teacher of the Year

## FACTS OF INTEREST

Preston County 2009-2010	<u>Number</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	
Teachers	390	<u>Secondary Schools</u>	<u>Students</u>
Service Personnel	226.50	Bruceton School 6-8	133
Average Class Size	13.2	Central Preston 6-8	296
Pupils Transported	3,831	Preston High 9-12	1,345
Dropout Rate	3.5%	Rowlesburg 6-8	35
Attendance Rate	97.95%	South Preston 6-8	147
Average ACT Score	20.3	Terra Alta/East Preston 6-8	163
Percent of Budget in Operations and Maintenance	9.2%	West Preston Middle 6-8	<u>232</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>2,351</b>
Percentage of Budget in Transportation	10.4%	<u>Elementary Schools</u>	<u>Students</u>
Percentage of Budget in Instruction	62.7%	Aurora Pre-K – 6	109
Per pupil expenditure	\$9,390.54	Bruceton Pre-K – 5	391
Number of schools	12	Fellowsville Pre-K – 5	113
Number of pupils	4,628	Kingwood Pre-K – 5	557
		Tunnelton-Denver Pre-K – 5	179
		Valley Pre-K – 5	<u>474</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,823</b>

## STEP VII

Step VII funds are part of the State Aid funding formula and are used to improve instructional programs within our schools. These funds are used for personnel, textbooks, consumable classroom materials, technology repairs, and staff development. The total allocation of \$621,135 was budgeted as follows:

Personnel	\$155,284
Classroom Instructional Materials	\$120,000
Consumable Materials	\$100,000
Textbooks	\$150,000
Staff Development	\$90,000
Technology Repairs	\$5,851

## **ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS**

Preston County offers many opportunities for students to showcase their individual academic talents. Many local residents and business people volunteer their time to judge these competitions. The following competitions are sponsored annually.

### **SPELLING BEE**

Preston County Schools hosts the Preston County Spelling Bee. Preston County's finest spellers from grades four through eight participate in the annual event.

The winner and runner-up proudly represented Preston County in the Regional Spelling Competition.

### **MATH FIELD DAY**

Each elementary school sent six representatives to compete in the Preston County Math Field Day. The secondary team was composed of three representatives from each grade seven through nine and a team from grades ten, eleven, and twelve, from Preston High School. In total, approximately ninety students participated in the Math Field Day that was held in March.

### **SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR**

The Social Studies Fair was cancelled because of the weather.

### **SCIENCE FAIR**

The Science Fair was cancelled because of the weather.

### **YOUNG WRITER'S CONTEST**

As in previous years, each of Preston County's schools was represented in the Young Writer's contest conducted during the month of January. Five county-level winners, their teachers, and parents were invited to a reception in their honor at Preston High School.



## **GOLDEN HORSESHOE TEST**

The Golden Horseshoe Test assesses a student's knowledge of every aspect of West Virginia life, including history, geography, society, symbols, personalities, and current events. Preston County teachers designed a qualifying test to identify the 10 percent of eighth graders who were eligible to take the Golden Horseshoe Test. The winners of the Golden Horseshoe Test were honored in the "knighting" ceremony at the Cultural Center in Charleston. Preston County students were named "Knights" or "Ladies" of the Golden Horseshoe.



# **FEATURING PRESTON COUNTY SCHOOLS**

**Preston County School System  
proudly presents this special section  
of the 2009-2010  
Annual Report featuring its schools.**



**Students Deserve It \* The World Demands It**

**This is in keeping with the current year's theme,  
"Education is a social process. Education is growth.  
Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself."**

**John Dewey**

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**AURORA SCHOOL**  
**Principal: Brad Martin**  
[https://www.edline.net/pages/Aurora\\_Elementary\\_School](https://www.edline.net/pages/Aurora_Elementary_School)

***MISSION STATEMENT***

***Aurora School will provide a school-wide environment conducive to helping every student achieve and learn to the best of his/her ability.***

**GOALS**

1. The Aurora School is a key aspect to the vitality of the community, providing academic, service, and social enrichment opportunities for learners of all ages.
2. The opportunity for student success can be enhanced when parents, educators, business partners, and community organizations become partners for the cause of developing educated, responsible, and productive citizens.
3. Every individual is deserving of kindness, quality instruction, and a disciplined learning environment.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

Grade Configuration	Pre-K – 6
Average Daily Attendance	95%
Professional Staff	14
Service Employees	4
Enrollment	113

**SPOTLIGHT ON ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Achieved AYP 2009-2010 and was recognized with Distinction Accreditation Status
- Title I School-wide Implementation
- Exceeded County and State Averages on WESTEST II in Reading/Language Arts, Mathematics, and Social Studies
- Participant at Regional Math Field Day
- Participant at Regional Spelling Bee
- Participants at the County Young Writer’s Competition with one being recognized as the most outstanding poetry submission
- Students Participated in a School Science Fair
- Homework Helps Program
- After-School Explorer’s Program
- Random Acts of Kindness Program
- Student of the Month Program
- Summer Reading Challenge Incentive Trip
- Curricular Field Trips
- Positive Behavior Ticket Program
- All-Star and Honorary Bears Program

**BUSINESS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION**

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Donna Jean’s Restaurant  | Broadway Computers  |
| Melanie’s Restaurant     | Alternatives 2 Wood |
| Clear Mountain Bank      | Coastal Lumber      |
| Miner’s & Merchants Bank | The Book Exchange   |

**BRUCETON SCHOOL**  
**Principal: Steve Wotring**  
[https://www.edline.net/pages/Bruceton\\_School](https://www.edline.net/pages/Bruceton_School)

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Bruceton School will promote the academic, social, and developmental growth of each child to achieve 21<sup>st</sup> Century proficiency necessary for successful transition to secondary education and beyond.*

**VISION STATEMENT**  
Caring, Sharing, Learning  
Realizing the Best in All.

**CORE BELIEFS**  
The success of students depends on a partnership made of students, teachers, families, and community.

**GOALS**  
All students will continuously improve academic achievement.

**SERVICE PROJECTS**  
Food Bank Drive, Pennies for Patients,  
Jump Rope for Heart, Animal Shelter  
Product Drive, Cards to Troops, United  
Way Day of Caring

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

Grade Configuration	Pre-K – 8
Average Daily Attendance	94%
Professional Staff	51
Service Employees	15
Enrollment	547

**BUSINESS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION**  
Clear Mountain Bank  
Digital Connections, Inc.

<b>SPOTLIGHT ON ACHIEVEMENTS</b>
WVDE – Distinguished School
Achieved AYP
West Virginia Schools on the Move Grant Recipient (\$5,000)
Fuel Up to Play 60 Grant Recipient – Two grants received (\$1,000 each)
CINTAS Grant Recipient – AED (\$1,800)
CARDIAC Project Grant Recipient
Participants at Math Field Day
Participants at Spelling Bee
Participant Golden Horseshoe Winner
Participants Young Writer’s/County Winner
Participant Preston County Beekeeper’s Assoc. Competition Winner
Participant State Lego Robotic Competition, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Participant WV State Police Assoc. Jr. Trooper Academy
Participants Governor’s School for Math and Science
Bruceton Band Participates Region 10 Band Festival
Participants Cross Country, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place in County
Girl’s & Boy’s Basketball, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place in County
Bruceton School Teacher of the Year
Participant WV School Counselor’s Association

**CENTRAL PRESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**Principal: Karen Ovesney**  
**[https://www.edline.net/pages/Central\\_Preston\\_Middle](https://www.edline.net/pages/Central_Preston_Middle)**

***MISSION STATEMENT***

***The mission of Central Preston Middle School is to provide a learning environment for all to succeed in a changing world!***

**GOALS or CORE BELIEFS**

We at Central Preston Middle School believe:

1. Our school exists to serve all learners.
2. Student success depends on a shared partnership among families, school, and community.
3. Students learn best in an environment that is safe, secure, and supportive.
4. All students have potential that can be developed.
5. People develop best through sincere praise and validation.

**SPOTLIGHT ON ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Participants at Young Writer’s Competition
- Participants at Spelling Bee Competition
- Participants at Math Field Day Competition
- Participants at Science Fair Competition
- Participants Order of the Rhododendron
- Spirit of Education Award Program
- Students of the Grading Period Recognition Program
- Citizenship Awards for Grading Period Program
- Related Arts Star Awards Program

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

Grade Configuration	6-8
Average Daily Attendance	92%
Professional Staff	20.70
Service Employees	3
Enrollment	293

**BUSINESS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION**

**Interactions with Kingwood Rotary**

**FELLOWSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**Principal: Stanley Shaver**

***MISSION STATEMENT***

***To prepare our children for the middle school years by establishing a solid academic foundation with which they will become life-long learners.***

**GOALS OR CORE BELIEFS**

1. All children at Fellowsville Elementary School will achieve at Mastery level on the WESTEST each school year.
2. Fellowsville Elementary School will foster a climate necessary for all students to achieve Mastery of all content standards to include strong educational leadership.
3. Highly-qualified certified personnel will be employed to teach the children at Fellowsville Elementary School.
4. Parents will be a part of the planning process at Fellowsville Elementary School to encourage a continuous improvement process.

**SPOTLIGHT ON ACHIEVEMENTS**

School 2009 WESTEST Distinction  
Accreditations

Participant/Winner Young Writer's Award

Participant—County Math Field Day and  
Regional Spelling Bee

Participating School in the 2010 National  
Science Experiment Project

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

Grade Configuration	Pre-K – 5
Average Daily Attendance	98%
Professional Staff	15
Service Employees	6
Enrollment	109

**BUSINESS PARTNERS IN  
EDUCATION**

**Company's Comin'  
Murray's Down Home Diner  
Allegheny Wood Products**

# KINGWOOD ELEMENTARY

Principal: Don Post

<http://kingwood.pres.k12.wv.us/>

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Teaching and learning at Kingwood Elementary will prepare students to become productive, responsible, and respectful citizens of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.*

### GOALS

1. At Kingwood Elementary the percentage of students achieving mastery in math and reading/language arts will increase annually.
2. Each year, Kingwood Elementary will increase the number of staff members who integrate 21<sup>st</sup> Century tools and skills across the curriculum.

### CORE BELIEFS

1. All teachers at KES will facilitate learning for all students.
2. Students at KES will be empowered with the tools to learn.
3. Using the West Virginia Content Standards and Objectives as the framework of instruction, the teachers of KES will design and implement a rigorous and relevant curriculum that facilitates student engagement.
4. The staff of KES will strive to make our school environment safe, pleasant, and conducive to learning.

### FACTS AND FIGURES

Grade Configuration	Pre-K-5
Average Daily Attendance	93.2%
Professional Staff	55
Service Employees	23
Enrollment	542

### BUSINESS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

- Morgan's Foodland
- Preston Memorial Hospital
- WesBanco
- Clear Mountain Bank

### SPOTLIGHT ON ACHIEVEMENTS

- Achieved Adequate Yearly Progress
- Title I School-wide
- Parent Volunteers
- Library Volunteers
- Student Council Store
- Student Banking with Clear Mountain Bank
- Box Tops for Education Program
- Catch Them in the Cradle Program
- Food Bank Drive - The Raymond Wolfe Center
- Troop Support Program – Cards and Letters
- Cards for Windy Hill & Heartland Nursing Homes
- Art Auction Fund Raiser
- PTA Playground Improvement Program
- After School Explorers Program
- Operation Christmas Child
- Book Collection and Donation to Uganda
- Hats For Haiti – Donations to Red Cross
- Back to School Blast
- Read Aloud
- Participant at Regional Spelling Bee
- Participant at Regional and State Math Field Day
- Participants at County Young Writers Contest
- Participants at Local, Regional and State Social Studies Fair
- County Teacher of the Year on Staff

**PRESTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Principal: Doug Riley**

**<http://phs.pres.k12.wv.us>**  
**[www.prestonathletics.com](http://www.prestonathletics.com)**  
**[www.phsrun.com](http://www.phsrun.com)**

***MISSION STATEMENT***  
***We Educate for Success***

**VISION STATEMENT**  
Caring, Sharing, Learning.....  
Realizing the Best in All.

**CORE BELIEFS**

The success of students depends on a partnership made of students, teachers, families, and community.

**GOALS**

We strive to meet each student at his or her level of performance and challenge him or her to improve academic achievement. We also strive to close the achievement gap among subgroups of students.

**CURRENT PHASE OF “LIGHT UP THE KNIGHTS” PROJECT**

Walmart – Pole Sponsor	\$5,000
Preston Memorial Hospital – Pole Sponsor	\$5,000
Scott Ford – Pole Sponsor	\$5,000
Preston County Academic and Vocational Advisory Committee – Pole Sponsor	\$5,000
Clear Mountain Bank – Donation	\$1,000
Dixon Drilling – Excavation of Site	
Northco Machine Shop – Welding of Lighting Poles for Phase II	

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

Grade Configuration	9-12
Average Daily Attendance	89%
Professional Staff	109
Service Employees	32.5
Enrollment	1,319

**BUSINESS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION**

BB&T  
Preston Memorial Hospital  
Heartland of Preston County



## SPOTLIGHT ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Principals Attitude, Discipline, and Character Award  
 PHS Spirit of Education Awards  
 Automotive Technology Participants and Competition Winners  
 Electricity Journeyman Test Awards  
 Vocational Agriculture Regional Awards  
 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Competition Participants and Awards  
     National Competitor  
     Blood Drive Participants  
     Locks of Love Participants

### JROTC

    Rifle Team Competitions State and National Participants and Awards  
     Raider Team Competition Participants and Awards  
     Drill Team Competition Participants and Awards  
 Voice of Democracy Participant and Winner  
 Band and Choir All State Chamber Choir Participant  
     All State Choir Participants  
     West Liberty Honor Band Participants  
     A-B Honor Band Participant  
 Governors School for the Arts in Theatre Participants  
 Young Writer's Participants and Winners  
 Creative Communications Magazine Participants Poetry Published  
 WVU Mathematics Symposium Participants  
     County Math Field Day Participants and Winners  
 Foreign Language Spanish People to People Student Ambassador Program two students chosen to go to Australia  
 National Honor Society Donated \$1,000 worth of toys to WV State Troopers Toys for Tots Campaign  
 Chess Club Competition and Winners  
 Christian Fellowship Club 30-hour famine raised over \$1,000 for the hungry and sent to World Vision  
 Sports: Cross Country State Qualifiers, Girls 6<sup>th</sup> in State, Boys 4<sup>th</sup> in State  
     Wrestling Team State Qualifiers  
     NCAC Participants:

Basketball  
 Cheerleading  
 Football  
 Volleyball  
 Soccer  
 Baseball  
 Track & Field  
 Cross Country

Track & Field 13<sup>th</sup> in State Championship  
     All-State Participants and Honors

### Scholarships & Awards

4-H	Harold Hardesty Math Award	Grande Memorial	Trenton Memorial
Alpha Natural Resources Services, Inc.	Honor Boy/Honor Girl	Leora & Mildred Larue	Valley District PTA
Alpine Lake	James A. Gregg Memorial	Mark Bjorkman & Greg Messenger	W.P. Black/Greater Kan
Andrew Goldstrom Foundation	Joycelynn A. Ayersman Memorial	Track Coaches Scholarship	Valley Sportsman Club
Angela Shahan	John & Joann Wills Music Education	Mary Agnes Borgman	WV Wesleyan Scholarship
Aurora PTO	KHS/CPHS Alumni	McKinney Vento	Kingwood Parish
Bruceton Alumni	Kingwood FOE	Marine Awards	A-B College Athletic
Buckwheat Festival	Kingwood Women's Civic Club	Military Awards	Excellence Scholarship
Catholic Church of Preston County	Kingwood High School Class of '59	Michael Miller Memorial	Concord University
Collin G. Casteel Memorial	Kyle Metheny Memorial	Preston County Bar Association	Fairmont State University
Fellowsville Alumni Association	Lady of Agriculture	Mon General Hospital	Juanita College
Financial AID/College Day	Mountaintop Foundation	North Preston Farmer	Potomac St. College
Frank Brown Everhart	Newburg Alumni	Preston County School/Service Personnel	Shenandoah
Grande Memorial	Patty Sanders Memorial	Preston Federal Credit Union	West Liberty
Presbyterian Daycare	PCEA Book	Preston Memorial Hospital Health Careers	WV Wesleyan
Ryan Allen Rhodes Memorial	Rotary Club	Reilder Dahlberg	WVU Presidential
Robin Zinn Animal Lover	Rowlesburg PTO	Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program	WVU Rhododendron
Robert Mollohan Foundation	Sharon McGinnis Passion for Pets	Superintendent's Scholarship	WVU Mountaineer
Terra Alta Civic Club	Terra Alta Civic Club/Marcia Weber	Terra Alta/East Preston Alumni	WVU Shenandoah
Terra Alta/East Preston PTO	Thomas Davis Memorial	Thomas Perrill Memorial	WVU Achievement Winners
WV Technology	HSTA	Promise Scholarship	Auto Boys

**ROWLESBURG SCHOOL**  
**Principal: Pete Pell**

***MISSION STATEMENT***

*Provide all students the opportunity and guidance to be life-long learners.*

**VISION STATEMENT**

Rowlesburg School will prepare students to reach their greatest potential. In doing, so they will become skillful problem solvers, wise consumers, and productive adults.

**CORE BELIEFS**

All students can learn.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

Grade Configuration	Pre-K – 8
Average Daily Attendance	96%
Professional Staff	16
Service Employees	6
Enrollment	148

**BUSINESS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION**

Clear Mountain Bank  
Targa Development  
Rowlesburg Service Center  
Cool Springs Park  
Cheat River Limestone

**SPOTLIGHT ON ACHIEVEMENTS**

Achieved AYP  
Students of the Month  
Ten-week award recognition assemblies  
RAZE/Safe & Drug Free Schools  
Youth and Government Seminar  
After School Explorers  
Chestnut Festival Displays  
Various Essay Contests  
Red Ribbon/Drug Free Week  
Character Education Assemblies  
Veteran’s Day Assembly  
Math Field Day  
Hite Field Rocket Challenge  
Science Fair  
Social Studies Fair  
Spelling Bee  
Young Writer’s  
River City Festival Exhibits

**SOUTH PRESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**Principal: Darrell Martin**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*South Preston Middle School will identify the needs of all students and raise performance to meet or exceed standards.*

**CORE BELIEFS**

1. All students will work to achieve proficiency in mathematics and language arts at South Preston Middle School.
2. South Preston Middle School will integrate technology and 21<sup>st</sup> Century tools and skills across the curriculum.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

Grade Configuration	6-8
Average Daily Attendance	93%
Professional Staff	13
Service Employees	3
Enrollment	148

**BUSINESS PARTNERS IN  
EDUCATION**

Clear Mountain Bank  
WesBanco  
Preston Rehabilitation and  
Orthopedic Physical Therapy

**SPOTLIGHT ON ACHIEVEMENTS**

Achieved AYP

Region 10 Band Festival – Score of (2) on a scale of 1-5.;

HSTA – six students accepted in the freshman class at PHS;

Prodigy Foundation Rocket Challenge – third place;

Teacher of the Year nominee;

Governor’s Math and Science representative, active PBS program, and Youth and Government participants

**TERRA ALTA/EAST PRESTON SCHOOL**  
**Principal: Jeanne Gren**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Terra Alta/East Preston will develop life-long learners by providing all students with the tools and skills necessary to meet the challenges of living and working in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*

**CORE BELIEFS**

1. Every student is able to learn and to experience success.
2. The educational environment should be physically and psychologically safe, a place where a student can feel a true sense of belonging.
3. We should accommodate the needs of individuals by providing all students fair and equitable access to educational curriculum so they can become life-long, independent, self-directed learners.
4. The foundation of a strong educational program is commitment to creativity, problem-solving, and excellence.
5. Meaningful and collaborative partnerships with parents, business, industry, labor, higher education, and the community at large strengthen and enhance the educational process.

**SPOTLIGHT ON ACHIEVEMENTS**

Achieved AYP  
Golden Horseshoe Recognition  
Knights of the Round Table Recognition  
Order of the Rhododendron Recognition  
Regional Math Field Day Participant

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

Grade Configuration	Pre-K – 8
Average Daily Attendance	98.24%
Professional Staff	42.5
Service Employees	9.5
Enrollment	148

**BUSINESS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION**

Clear Mountain Bank  
Town of Terra Alta

**TUNNELTON-DENVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**Principal: Pamela L. Wilt**

***MISSION STATEMENT***

***Providing academic success to all children for today and tomorrow.***

**CORE BELIEFS**

1. To increase academic achievement in basic skills.
2. Student performance will be at or above grade level at the end of grade four.
3. Student performance will equal or exceed the nation average or state adopted achievement test.
4. To foster parent-community involvement in the educational process.
5. To assist students in making the transition from childhood to adolescence and experiencing career exploration.
6. To provide a safe and orderly learning environment.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

Grade Configuration	K-5
Average Daily Attendance	94%
Professional Staff	18
Service Employees	10
Enrollment	177

**SPOTLIGHT ON ACHIEVEMENTS**

Met AYP  
Youth Day of Caring  
Veteran's Day Tribute  
Red Ribbon Balloon Release  
Care Package for Troops  
Pennies for Paul  
Jump Rope for Heart  
Choir Concerts (Fall & Spring)  
Art Displays (Winter)  
Art Show (Spring)  
Read Aloud  
Fuel Up to Play 60  
Math Field Day  
Marble Tournament  
County Spelling Bee  
Science Fair (School Level)  
Classroom Plays  
Caps for Leukemia  
Fifth Grade Graduation

**BUSINESS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION**

Clear Mountain Bank  
Camp Dawson – WVARNG

**VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**Principal: Craig Schmidl**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Valley Elementary School's mission is to educate every child and instill high expectations for life-long learning.*

**CORE BELIEFS**

1. All students will continuously improve academic achievement in reading/language arts.
2. All students will continuously improve academic achievement in mathematics.
3. Valley Elementary School will integrate technology and 21<sup>st</sup> Century tools and skills across the curriculum.
4. The West Virginia Content Standards and Objectives are the core of the curriculum for ALL students.
5. Valley Elementary School will provide a safe learning environment that promotes wellness.
6. All children learn, but not in the same way and not on the same day.
7. Learning is a life-long process.
8. Families and the community are partners in the educational process.
9. Everyone will be treated with respect.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

Grade Configuration	Pre-K – 5
Average Daily Attendance	94%
Professional Staff	40
Service Employees	15
Enrollment	489

**BUSINESS PARTNERS IN  
EDUCATION**

Clear Mountain Bank  
Arthurdale Heritage, Inc.  
Hospice Care  
Longhorn Steakhouse  
Morgantown Printing and Binding

**SPOTLIGHT ON ACHIEVEMENTS**

AYP achieved 2004-2009  
WVU Benedum Professional Development School  
2007 & 2008 Title I Distinguished School  
WVU Pilot School for DIBELS program  
WV Board of Education High Achieving School 2004-2005  
Project ISAAC after-school program  
WV Title I accommodation received concerning kindergarten training  
Allegheny Energy Technology Grant Award  
First Grade 100-Day Projects  
Math Field Participants  
Science Fair Participants  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Trip and Moving-Up Day  
After-School Fetch Program  
Arthurdale Heritage Club  
Attendance Incentive Program  
Student Banking  
Health/Fitness Program for Faculty and Staff  
Student Book It Reading Program  
Cardiac Kids Program  
Charity Fundraisers (Souper Bowl, Pet Food, Hats for Haiti, Pennies for Patients)  
Community Dinner with Student Performance  
Fall Festival Celebrations  
Immunization Program for Students/Teachers  
Letters to U.S. Soldiers through Art Class  
Fire Safety Week  
Popsicles on the Playground  
Positive Behavior Program  
Response to Intervention Program  
Student Council  
Spelling Bee  
Student of the Month  
Student Technology/Keyboarding Enrichment Program (Dance Mat Typing)  
Title I School-wide Parent Involvement  
Veteran's Breakfast  
Young Writer's Participants

**WEST PRESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**Principal: Steve Plum**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Students will leave West Preston Middle School with the skills necessary to succeed by meeting or exceeding state and national standards and having the desire to become life-long learners.*

**CORE BELIEFS**

1. We believe that high standards boost student achievement.
2. We believe that the success of our students depends on a cooperative partnership among the home, families, school, and community with accountability and responsibility at all levels.
3. We believe that all students can learn, but in different ways and rates. A variety of instructional strategies and resources must be used to achieve mastery of content standards.
4. We believe that we should prepare students to use technology to be successful.
5. We believe that basic skills should be taught and reinforced in all curriculum areas.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

Grade Configuration	6-8
Average Daily Attendance	94%
Professional Staff	16
Service Employees	6
Enrollment	235

**BUSINESS PARTNERS IN EDUCATION**

WesBanco	Pizza Bros.
Clear Mountain Bank	Lions Club
Rainbow Tire	WVU
Valley Pharmacy	FSU-PDS
Spikes Chimney Sweep	

**SPOTLIGHT ON ACHIEVEMENTS**

Won two consecutive years Earning for Learning Contest at the Morgantown Mall (\$5,000.00)

Golden Horseshoe Winner

State Math Field Day, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Place Winner

Five County Math Field Day Winners

Young Writer's Winners

Two Teachers in Top 100 Most Influential People

One National Board Certified Teacher

Girl's and Boy's County Basketball Champs

High County Attendance Rate

Above Nation on four areas of ACT Test

Above Nation in Reading Scores

Above State in both Reading and Math WESTEST 2 Scores

Band won Best in Forest Festival

Two students received high school credits in Geometry through the Talented and Gifted Program

Boy's Cross Country, County Team Champs