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Superintendent's Bulletin

February 28, 2017

Superintendent's Message

Deirdre A. Cline

February 28, 2017

"To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity." --Douglas Adams

Schools are full of people who work hard to model the behaviors we expect to see in the children we serve. The qualities of sincerity and integrity are among the most important qualities that are modeled for children in schools every day. The special people who make it their life's work to drive children to school, to teach children, to serve meals to children, to provide school leadership, to provide a clean environment, and to aid in any manner that a child may need are the people who model sincerity and integrity in their daily routines. We have high standards for our students and even higher standards for ourselves. Thank you for your sincerity and integrity!

*Take care!
Deirdre Cline*



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Focus on Education Issues at the Legislature



Mrs. Betty England, Member; Mrs. Deirdre Cline, Superintendent; Mr. Michael Prichard, President; Mr. Mike Davis, Member; Mr. Alan Stiltner, Vice President

Wyoming County Board of Education Members and the Superintendent attended the West Virginia School Board Association Conference and Training on February 24-25 in Charleston. They had an opportunity to discuss current education issues at the State Capitol with our Senators and House of Delegates Members.

Congratulations!

Pineville Middle School

Pineville Middle School is one of 10 national finalists in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest. Students in Mrs. Amanda Mullins' class used S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) to try to solve a community issue. The "Pineville Giving Tree" website for students in need of clothing, food, etc. was developed as their project. The project will be presented to a panel of judges in New York City on March 14.

One of the top 10 schools in America will receive a grant prize worth \$150,000 in technology. As a finalist, Pineville Middle School will receive approximately \$50,000 in technology. Pineville Middle School is also in contention for a \$5,000 People's Choice Award. If Pineville Middle School is one of the three national grand prize winners, they will also receive \$20,000 to donate to their charity, The Wyoming County Family Resource Network.

You can vote for Pineville Middle School until midnight of March 17, by posting on Twitter to the school's hashtag, **#SamsungSolve#PVMS**.

2016-17 2D and 3D Youth Art Month Winners

Kashawna Harris, Westside High, placed second in state competition for 2D Youth Art Month. **Evan Morgan**, Westside High, placed second in state competition for 3D Youth Art Month. **Lilly Hill**, Pineville Middle, placed third in state competition for 3D Youth Art Month.

Please see attachments for complete list of county winners in the 2D and 3D Youth Art Month Winners. Four students in the 2D division qualified for state competition in Parkersburg. Three students in the 3D division qualified for state competition.



Spotlight!



EKG/Phlebotomy

Components of this course of study include an introduction into the health care delivery system, legal responsibilities, infection control and safety, communication, quality assurance as well as theory and procedures. Students completing the course of study will exit with entry level responsibilities in the areas of EKG Technician and/or Phlebotomist.



State Superintendent's Update

February 17, 2017

2017 Science In the Arts Challenge

Science and art are everywhere, and the interdependence of the subjects is undeniable. The [Science in the Arts Challenge](#) encourages high school students to consider, research, and present information about relationships between the two seemingly different subjects. This year's *Science in the Arts Challenge* will be at the Charleston Civic Center in conjunction with the West Virginia Social Studies Fair on **Friday, April 21, 2017**.

High school students may submit an entry for a visual arts product which they have created to represent *Science in the Arts*. Students must create a two- to three-minute video presentation that shows a timeline or tell the story of the artwork being created. In the video, the student should explain why the piece was selected to represent *Science in the Arts*, what the piece means to the student personally, and how science was used to create the art or the materials used to create the artwork; see the [2017 Science in the Arts Challenge Rules](#) and [2017 Science in the Arts Challenge Rubric](#). The video must include the student creating the visual artwork and the student explaining the science process used to create an artwork and/or demonstrating an understanding the science of the materials used to create the artwork.

An [online application](#) must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 7, 2017. Please visit [Science in the Arts Challenge](#) or contact Science Coordinator Robin Sizemore at robin.sizemore@k12.wv.us if you have questions.

State Superintendent's Update

February 24, 2017

WVBE Eliminates ELA and Math Tests for Students in Grades 9 And 10

The West Virginia Board of Education voted Feb. 16, 2017, to eliminate the Grade 9 and 10 ELA and math tests for Spring 2017 for both the West Virginia General Summative Assessment (WVGSA) and the West Virginia Alternate Summative Assessment (WVASA). This action leaves in place the Grade 10 science test and the Grade 12 College- and Career-Readiness Assessment administration. The chart below shows the test administration for high schools.

Spring 2017 WVGSA / WVASA / CCRA

	ELA	Math	Science
Grade 12	SAME AS LAST YEAR		
Grade 11	YES	YES	NO
Grade 10	NO	NO	YES
Grade 9	NO	NO	NO

Testing for ELA and math in grades 3-8 remains the same, as required by federal law. This year's science test will be administered in grades 5, 8 and 10, as per the recently revised Policy 2340.

The elimination of ELA and math testing in grades 9 and 10 will require districts to adjust their WVGSA testing windows, particularly in high school. The Office of Assessment will review with district test coordinators how to adjust testing dates in TIDE on the March 1, 2017, Weekly Wednesday Webinar.

Although the WVGSA in ELA and math will not be administered to students in grades 9 and 10, the interim and diagnostic assessments will continue to be available for these students until a school's summative testing window begins. However, once a school's testing window opens, the interims and diagnostics will no longer be available for that school. This will

"Education is the movement from darkness to light."

--Allan Bloom

prevent any confusion between administering the summative assessment versus an interim or diagnostic test.

Additionally, districts should notify parents of home-instructed students in grades 9 and 10 of the change in test administration. Grade 9 and 10 home-instructed students cannot take the WVGSA in ELA and Math, but Grade 10 home-instructed students can take the WVGSA Grade 10 Science test. Additional information regarding testing for home-instructed students will be provided to district superintendents and district test coordinators at a later date.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact Dr. Vaughn G. Rhudy, Executive Director, Office of Assessment, at 304-558-2546 or vrhudy@k12.wv.us.

Tuition Reimbursement – Out of Funds for FY2017

Concerning Form 36 applications for state tuition reimbursement for educators: Funds granted by the West Virginia Legislature for tuition reimbursement purposes are dispersed first-come, first-served, until expended each fiscal year. As of this time, Form 36 applications received since July 1, 2016, have utilized all of the allotted funding for this fiscal year (FY2017). Consequently and regrettably, all remaining Form 36 applications received by the Office of Educator Effectiveness and Licensure through June 30, 2017, will be denied due to the Out of Funds status for FY2017. Applicants may now contact their county of employment to determine if there may be any reimbursement available through county funds, or through the county's Title I, Title II, and/or Title III federal program funds, for denied Form 36 tuition reimbursement applications.

As per our communication last fall, WV Code section 18A-3-3a provides for tuition reimbursement for educators holding a valid WV professional or provisional professional teaching, service, or administrative certificate. Reimbursement for educators holding a first class permit is allowable for those seeking an


additional endorsement in a shortage area. However, as a result of the announcement being late during the academic year in progress, many individuals were already enrolled in courses with the understanding those would be eligible for reimbursement. Therefore, the Office of Educator Effectiveness and Licensure will continue to process all applications under the previous guidelines for FY2017. **Beginning July 1, 2017, no allowance will be made for those on permit seeking an initial professional certificate.**

For additional information or questions, please contact Scottie Ford smford@k12.wv.us or 304.558.7010.



Attached to this edition of the *Superintendent's Bulletin* are:

- ❖ Learning Enrichment Programs
- ❖ 2017 Young Writers County Winners
- ❖ 2D and 3D Youth Art Month Winners
- ❖ March Menus
- ❖ Excerpt from *neaToday*: "The Lasting Impact of Mispronouncing Names"



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OWN."**

--BEN SWEETLAND

2016-2017 Wyoming County Schools Learning Enrichment Programs rev. February 7, 2017

Constitution Day	Observed Friday, Sept. 16, 2016	Activities at each school K-12
Reading Fair	September 22, 2016 – County Fair, School Fairs completed by 9-19-16	Divisions: K, 1 st , 2 nd , 3-4 th , 5-6 th , 7-8 th , 9-10 th , 11-12 th
WV Legislative Page Program	House of Delegates and Senate Send in applications to state ASAP	83 rd Regular Session – Feb. 8 – April 8, 2017
Poster Contest “Fall in Wyoming County”	Submissions due Oct. 14, 2016	Ages K – 12 th Autumnfest Art Show
Essay Contest 2017 Project on Racism	Due to County Office – Oct. 17, 2016 Deadline – October 21, 2016	Grades 1-4; Grades 5-8; Grades 9-12. Sponsored by YWCA Wheeling, WV.
Class Christmas Ornament	Deadline- October 27, 2016	Grades K-12, Ornament for Capitol Tree
Science & Engineering Fair	*County Fair (4th – 12th) Nov. 16, 2016 At Berlin McKinney Elementary. *School Fairs completed by Nov. 14. *Training for School Coord.- Oct. 11 Central Office – 8:30 a.m.-10:00.	*Regional Fair for 4-8th – April 29, 2017 RESA I, Beckley *State Fair for 9-12- Fairmont State, April 1, 2017
Attendance Works Poster C.	Due to S. Norman – Dec. 2, 2016	Pre K -2 nd , 3-5 th , 6-8 th , 9-12 th
Youth and Government 8th	March 13-15, 2017, in Charleston	Application due to county- Nov. 2, 2016
Math Field Day	December 2, 2016- County Regional- Saturday, March 25, 2017 State – Saturday, April 22, 2017	4 th – 12 th grade County- Southern WVCTC- Saulsville Regional – Concord; State - WVU
Youth Art Month Poster Contest.	Due to County January 13, 2017	Grades K-12. Contest for the Design of the YAM official Poster.
Spelling Bee	January 12, 2017 – County March 11, 2017 – Regional, Charleston	4 th – 8 th grade Submit school winners by January 9, 2017 County held at Pineville M.S. Auditorium.
Young Writers	School Winners due to County – Feb. 6, 2017 State Celebration – May 12, 2017	Divisions: 1-2 nd ; 3-4 th ; 5-6 th ; 7-8 th ;9-10; 11-12 9-10 th ; 11-12 th
Governor’s Honor Academy	January 27, 2017 Application Due to county.	11 th Grade July 1 – 22, 2017 at West Virginia University
Youth Art Month, 2 D and 3D	February 6, 2017- due to county February 18, 2017 –State competition April, 2016 – Arts Alive	K-12 th grade Parkersburg Art Center- A Day in the Studio WVDE Arts Alive, Clay Center -Charleston
Social Studies Fair	February 9, 2017 - County March 4, 2017– Regional, RESA I April 21, 2017 – State County at Pineville Elementary School	Divisions: I - (Grade 3 – 5) II - (Grade 6 – 8) III – (Grade 9-12) School Fair completed by Feb. 3, 2017
Golden Horseshoe	February 8, 2017 - ESSAY February 23, 2017 - on line exam	8 th grade
WV History Bowl	Regional: Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017 April 25, 2017 – State	8 th grade only; Registration Due, Jan. 20, 2017 Regional Site -Wyoming County, PMS Each school- 2 teams of 4
Governor’s School of Math and Science	March 14, 2017 Application Due to County	7 th gr. – WVU, June 14-22, or June 23 – July 1,17 8 th gr.–WV State – July 10-23, 2017
Poster Contest Southern Conservation Dist.	School Winners due to county, March 31, 2017	K-1; 2-3; 4-6; 7-9; 10-12 th Southern Conservation District
WV Ambassadors Camp	Application Due to County May, 2017	8 th grade June 2017 Charleston, WV
Public Speaking Contest	May 16, 2017 – County	Grade 4-5 ; 6-8; 9-10 at Career & Tech.

**Wyoming County Schools
2017 Young Writers County Winners
OFFICIAL**

- 1st - 2nd Grade:** Barry Morgan, Berlin McKinney Elementary
"The Big Race" Teacher – Suzan Smith
- 3rd – 4th Grade:** Destiny Stacy, Huff Consolidated
"Don't Leave Legos Out" Teacher – Brittany Miller
- 5th – 6th Grade:** Kerri-Anne Cook, Oceana Middle
"The Friday the Thirteenth Golf Match" Teacher – Brittany Kelly
- 7th – 8th Grade:** Rileigh Mullins, Mullens Middle
"Those Everlasting Moments" Teacher- Elizabeth Bailey
- 9th – 10th Grade:** Adaria Toler, Wyoming East High School
"Deborah's Child" Teacher – Christy Cardwell
- 10th – 11th Grade:** Casey Coleman, Wyoming East High School
"The Secret" Teacher – Tanya Mckinney

Wyoming County 2D and 3D Youth Art Month Winners 2016-2017

2D Youth Art Month Winners

4 County Winners (qualified for State Competition) (no particular order)

1. Kashawna Harris – Westside High School, Grade 9 **2nd Place in State Competition**
“Moving On” Collage/mixed
2. Mackenzie Thompson – Pineville Middle, Grade 6
“The Magic Fish” Watercolor
3. Alyssa Bailey – Westside High School, Grade 9
“Elk” Tempera paint
4. Jacob Blankenship – Westside High School, Grade 12
“Undead Dragon” Pencil drawing, Graphite

Elementary Runner-Up –

Easton Hale - Mullens Elementary, Grade 1
“Autumn Leaf”, Tissue Paper & Oil Pastels

Middle School Runner-Up –

Carynn Sansom - Herndon Condoliated, Grade 5
“Japanese Beauty”, Mixed Watercolor & Acrylic

High School Runner-Up –

Chandler Harvey - Westside High School, Grade 10
“Cabin”, Pencil Drawing

3D Youth Art Month Winners

3 County Winners – (qualified for State Competition) (no particular order)

1. Brianna Mullens – Westside High School, Grade 11
“Tea Time” Mixed
2. Lilly Hill – Pineville Middle, Grade 6 **3rd Place in State Competition**
“Paper Bowl” Recycled Magazine/Mod Podge
3. Evan Morgan – Westside High School, Grade 11 **2nd Place in State Competition**
“Father’s Nightmare” Fabric Mache’

Elementary Runner-Up –

Dayanaira Church - Mullens Elementary, Grade 2
“Clay Cat”, Clay

Middle School Runner-Up –

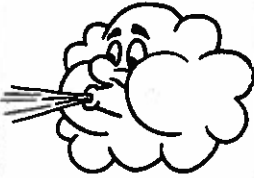




Janelle Simmons - Mullens Middle, Grade 8
“ART”, Mixed –Wood/Plactic, Acrylic

County winners will be judged in Parkersburg, Feb. 18, 2017, and Arts Alive in April at the Clay Center, Charleston, WV.

MARCH

Wyoming County Schools 9-12 Lunch March 2017

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>"This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider"</p>		<p>1 Beef Vegetable Soup Bosco's Cheesy Breadstick CAESAR SALAD Baby Carrots RANCH DRESSING Apple Fruit Cocktail SUGAR COOKIES Milk</p>	<p>2 TOASTED CHEESE SANDWICH Tomato Soup Crackers Tossed Salad Dressing, Low Calorie Cherry Tomatoes Banana Apricots Milk</p>	<p>3 Meatloaf Whole Wheat Roll butter Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Tangerines Apple Milk</p>
<p>6 Chicken Nuggets BARBECUE SAUCE WW Bread Sticks Sweet Potato Fries CAESAR SALAD ORANGE *Apple Slices Milk</p>	<p>7 Sloppy Joe on WW Bun Cole Slaw French Fries BAKED BEANS Cherry Tomatoes BANANA Tangelos Milk</p>	<p>8 Chicken & Noodles Whole Wheat Roll/butter Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Baby Carrots Apple Peaches Milk</p>	<p>9 NO SCHOOL</p> 	<p>10 NO SCHOOL</p> 
<p>13 Hamburger on WW Bun CONDIMENTS Lettuce & Tomato Sweet Potato Fries Dressing, Low Calorie Tossed Salad Apple, Fresh Pears Milk</p>	<p>14 Spaghetti Whole Wheat Roll butter Strawberry Spinach Salad Cherry Tomatoes Peaches Tangelos Milk</p>	<p>15 MACARONI AND CHEESE PINTO BEANS Cornbread Baby Carrots Hash Brown Potatoes FROZEN FRUIT CUP Apple, Fresh Milk</p>	<p>16 NO SCHOOL</p> 	<p>17 NO SCHOOL</p> 
<p>20 Meatball Sub CAESAR SALAD BAKED BEANS CARROT STICKS Fresh Pears Fruit Cocktail Milk</p>	<p>21 **Lasagna Whole Wheat Roll butter Tossed Salad Dressing, Low Calorie Green Beans BANANA mandarin orange Milk</p>	<p>22 BISCUIT & GRAVY Scrambled Eggs Sausage Patty Hash Brown Potatoes sliced tomato Grapefruit Halves Apples w/Cinnamon Milk</p>	<p>23 Ranch Dorito Chicken Sal WW Bread Sticks MARINATED BLACK BEAN SALAD Red Parsley Potatoes Cherry Tomatoes Fresh Pears Tropical Fruit Milk</p>	<p>24 Salisbury Steak Whole Wheat Roll Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans BANANA Apple Milk</p>
<p>27 Dorito Taco Salad Refried Beans Corn Salsa *Spanish Rice Baby Carrots Apple Peaches Milk</p>	<p>28 Pepperoni Roll Strawberry Spinach Salad Baby Carrots Tomato Soup Crackers ORANGE MIXED FRUIT Milk</p>	<p>29 FISH HUSHPUPIES Cole Slaw Green Beans BROC CHEESE & RICE CASSEROLE STRAWBERRY CUPS Pineapple Milk</p>	<p>30 Rotini W/Meat Sauce Whole Wheat Roll Tossed Salad Dressing, Low Calorie Cherry Tomatoes Peas Peach Cup Pears Milk</p>	<p>31 Open Faced Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Cranberry Sauce Red Grapes Apple Milk</p>

BREAKFAST

WYOMING COUNTY SCHOOLS March 2017 Breakfast



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Cheese Toast Dry Cereal, Variety Applesauce Juice Milk Strawberry Pop-Tart *Cheese Stick	2 Sausage Patty Biscuit Dry Cereal, Variety ORANGE Juice Milk GOGURT Moz. Cheese Stick	3 Egg, Boiled Whole Wheat Toast Dry Cereal, Variety Apple Juice Milk Bagel, Cinnamon, Mini
6 Bagel w/Cream Cheese & Jelly Apples w/Cinnamon Dry Cereal, Variety Juice Milk FRENCH TOAST STICKS	7 BISCUIT & GRAVY SAUSAGE, BREAKFAST LINK Applesauce Dry Cereal, Variety Juice Milk EGG & CHEESE BREAKFAST TACO	8 Pancakes Dry Cereal, Variety BANANA Juice Milk Blueberry Breakfast Crackers *Cheese Stick	9 NO SCHOOL 	10 NO SCHOOL
13 Belgian Waffles Dry Cereal, Variety Peach Cup Juice Milk Apple Frudel	14 BREAKFAST BURRITO W/ SALSA Dry Cereal, Variety Pineapple Juice Milk Pancake/Sausage Stick	15 French Toast SYRUP, PANCAKE Dry Cereal, Variety MIXED FRUIT Juice Milk ZUCCHINI BREAKFAST BREAD	16 NO SCHOOL 	17 NO SCHOOL
20 Hot Oatmeal Whole Wheat Toast Dry Cereal, Variety Pears Juice Milk Cherry Frudel	21 Cinn. Raisin Biscuit Dry Cereal, Variety Apple Juice Milk Pop Tarts - Fudge *Cheese Stick	22 Cinnamon Toast *Cheese Stick Dry Cereal, Variety Tangerines Juice Milk Banana Breakfast Bread	23 Ham Biscuit Dry Cereal, Variety Red Grapes Juice Milk Choc Chip Breakfast Bar	24 Whole Wheat Toast Sausage Patty JELLY, ASSORTED FRUIT FLAVORED Dry Cereal, Variety Apple Juice Milk Yogurt
27 Egg & Cheese Omelet Whole Wheat Toast Dry Cereal, Variety Peaches Juice Milk BLUEBERRY MUFFIN	28 Sausage Biscuit Dry Cereal, Variety mandarin orange Juice Milk Bosco Apple Stick	29 STRAWBERRY PARFAIT Dry Cereal, Variety BANANA Juice Milk Oatmeal Raisin Bar	30 Breakfast Pizza Dry Cereal, Variety Apple Juice Milk BROWNIE MUFFIN *Cheese Stick	31 Breakfast Wrap Dry Cereal, Variety Pineapple Juice Milk Maple Mini Pancakes







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March

Wyoming County Schools Pre-K - 8th Menu March 2017



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Beef Vegetable Soup Bosco's Cheesy Breadstick CAESAR SALAD Baby Carrots RANCH DRESSING Apple SUGAR COOKIES Milk	2 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Crackers Tossed Salad Dressing, Low Calorie Cherry Tomatoes Banana Milk	3 Meatloaf Whole Wheat Roll butter Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Pineapple Milk
6 Chicken Nuggets BARBECUE SAUCE Whole Wheat Bread Sticks Sweet Potato Fries CAESAR SALAD *Apple Slices Milk	7 Sloppy Joe on WW Bun Cole Slaw BAKED BEANS French Fries Cherry Tomatoes Tangelos Milk	8 Chicken & Noodles Whole Wheat Roll butter Green Beans Baby Carrots Mashed Potatoes Peaches Milk	9 NO SCHOOL 	10 NO SCHOOL 
13 Hamburger Bun, Whole Wheat CONDIMENTS Lettuce & Tomato Sweet Potato Fries Dressing, Low Calorie Tossed Salad Pears Milk	14 Spaghetti Whole Wheat Roll butter Strawberry Spinach Salad Cherry Tomatoes Tangelos Milk	15 MACARONI AND CHEESE PINTO BEANS Combread Baby Carrots Hash Brown Potatoes Apple, Fresh Milk	16 NO SCHOOL 	17 NO SCHOOL 
20 Pepperoni Pizza CAESAR SALAD BAKED BEANS Corn on the Cob CARROT STICKS Fruit Cocktail Milk	21 **Lasagna Whole Wheat Roll butter Tossed Salad Dressing, Low Calorie Green Beans mandarin orange Milk	22 BISCUIT & GRAVY Scrambled Eggs Sausage Patty Hash Brown Potatoes sliced tomato Apples w/Cinnamon Milk	23 Ranch Dorito Chicken Sal Whole Wheat Bread Sticks MARINATED BLACK BEAN SALAD Red Parsley Potatoes Cherry Tomatoes Tropical Fruit Milk	24 Salisbury Steak Whole Wheat Roll Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Apple Milk
27 Dorito Taco Salad Refried Beans Corn Salsa *Spanish Rice Baby Carrots Peaches Milk	28 Pepperoni Roll Strawberry Spinach Salad Baby Carrots Tomato Soup Crackers MIXED FRUIT Milk	29 FISH HUSHPUPIES Cole Slaw Green Beans BROC CHEESE & RICE CASSEROLE Pineapple Milk	30 Rotini W/Meat Sauce Whole Wheat Roll Tossed Salad Dressing, Low Calorie Cherry Tomatoes Pears Pears Milk	31 Baked Ham Whole Wheat Roll butter SCALLOPED POTATOES Green Beans Apples w/Cinnamon Milk

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The Lasting Impact of Mispronouncing Names

By Clare McLaughlin

Taking attendance at the beginning of class may seem a routine if not mundane task to many educators. But to students, their name can be a powerful link to their identity. Pronouncing students' names correctly—during attendance, a classroom activity, or any other time of the school day—should always be a priority for any classroom teacher.

Overlooking or downplaying the significance of getting a name right, explains Rita Kohli, assistant professor of education at the University of California at Riverside, is one of those “microaggressions” that can emerge in a classroom and seriously undermine learning.

The effects can be long-lasting. In 2012, Kohli and Daniel Solorzano examined the issue in a study called “Teachers, Please Learn Our Names!: Racial Microaggressions and the K–12 Classrooms.” They found that the failure to pronounce a name negatively affects the worldview and social emotional well-

being of students, which, of course, is linked to learning.

“Students often felt shame, embarrassment and that their name was a burden,” Kohli says. “They often began to shy away from their language, culture, and families.”

Kohli points out that most educators are not doing so out of disrespect, but tend to be confined by a monocultural viewpoint that makes it “more challenging to center cultures outside of their own.” Consequently, certain names sound unfamiliar and fall far outside their comfort zone.

My Name, My Identity Campaign

The “My Name, My Identity” campaign, launched in 2016, hopes to draw more attention to this issue. On the campaign’s website, teachers can access various resources on how to honor their students’ names. The campaign looks beyond the classroom to ask all community members to make a pledge honoring their neighbors’ and co-workers’ identities. Students and their families are also invited to share the significance behind their name on the “My Name, My Identity” Facebook page, or by tweeting @mynamemyid.



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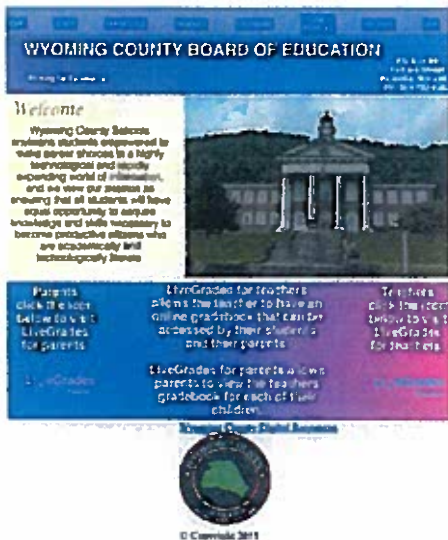
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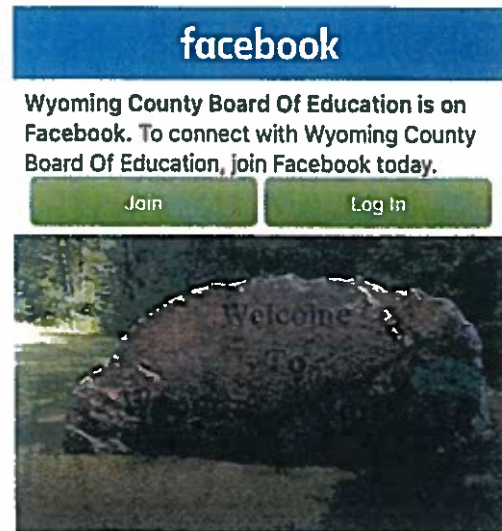
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