

West students explore career options

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It's never too early to start thinking about what you want to be when you grow up. Students at West Elementary were exposed to a variety of vocations at the annual Career Day held at the school.

School counselor Emily Haston organized the activities, with students in pre-K through second grade participating in a Career Day on Wheels. They viewed a firetruck, an ambulance, a hearse, a race car and a bucket truck, posing questions to the representatives about the purpose of each. Also the Warren County High School ROTC Pioneer Raider Team conducted rope exercises on the school lawn.

The third- through fifth-grade students enjoyed visits from WCHS students in the culinary arts program, veterinary science, megatronics, CADD, criminal justice and health science classes.

Fashion photographer Brett Warren

and fashion designer Ashley Balding also conducted informative sessions for students.

"This is the first year we included high school students and they were quite helpful, providing information about their classes," said Haston. "We wanted our kids to learn they can start early training for a life-long career."

As part of a comprehensive school counseling program, students are to acquire the attitudes, knowledge and skills that enable them to make a successful transition from school to the world of work and from job to job across the career life span.

Warren County School's mission and vision is focused on all students to be college and career ready upon graduation from high school. For this to be successful it has to start at an early age.

"It's never too soon to introduce the concepts of work and career to students," said Haston. "Inviting community members to our school each spring for career day is a fun and exciting way to teach these skills."



Margaret Hobbs photos

West Elementary students, from left, Rebekkah Maynard, Kimora Ramsey and Caleigh Tyson receive cooking tips from Warren County High School Culinary Arts students. They are, from left, Kaitlyn Mullican, Lacey Cannon, Lexi Fults, McKenziey Crittenden and Whitney Caldwell.



Bun Bun, a male lionhead rabbit, enjoys attention from students, from left, Lesly Bello and Melanie Lopez. The girls are students in Joan Steakley's fifth-grade class.



WCHS veterinary science class student Haven Trapp holds a hedgehog for students, from left, Kaden Pascal and Blaike Radler to observe.



Student Adrian Harris gets help with the rope bridge from ROTC Raiders, from left, Nathan Holmstrom and Will Hutchison.



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May – Happy birthday wishes to Vivian Taylor. From your loving husband.
May 30 – Happy birthday Curtis. From, Felicia.
May 30 – Happy birthday wishes to Matthew Killian. Love, your family and friends.
May 30 – Blake Owens, happy birthday wishes to you.
May 31 – Happy birthday to the greatest Mom in the world, Joyce Taylor. Love, Jewel Wilkes.
May 31 – Happy 47th birthday Joyce. I love you very much, Mom.
May 31 – Lyn Bradshaw, happy birthday from your friends.
June 1 – Bella Stiles, happy birthday wishes to you. Love, your family and friends.
June 2 – Happy birthday Karigan Smith.

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

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June 1 – Happy anniversary wishes to Margaret and Michael Hobbs.
June 2 – Betty and Sam Boyd, happy anniversary to a great couple.

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