

Lisa Hobbs photo
West Elementary celebrated 100 days of school Friday. Even daycare children enjoyed the excitement with crowns devoted to their being 100 days smarter. Pictured are adorable Sawyer Lewis, left, and Annabelle Welch.



West celebrates 100 days of school

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Marking the 100th day of school has become an exciting time at West Elementary.

The tradition started in kindergarten as a way of enforcing counting because the curriculum covers how to count to 100. But it soon became a

fun, exciting time in elementary classrooms.

West principal Michelle Lewis said it gives the school an opportunity to reflect upon and celebrate major milestones in student academic achievement over the first 100 days and have fun doing it.

"Students really enjoy celebrating the first 100 days of school," said Lewis. "Some of the classrooms have themes, like dressing like you're 100 years old, and other classrooms let students celebrate it any way they want. Marek Sadlon made a pair of glasses out of 100. They are adorable."

Some students decided to say it with a shirt. C.J. Tyson and sister Caleigh made shirts. Hers stated, "Kissing 100 days of school good-bye" and was covered in kisses. He went with a Star Wars theme of "The Force is 100 days stronger within this one..." and was covered with lightsabers.

Joining the shirt wearers: Lewis wore a shirt that stated "My students are 100 days smarter," teacher Katie McCorkle "100 days with an awesome class," and student Camila Rodriguez went enchanted with a unicorn and "100 Magical Days."

Student Lorelai Riggs decided to celebrate the 100th day by tacking on a few years. She dressed as a 100-year-old woman, complete with gray hair and cane, and acting the part as she walked.

All daycare children received "I am 100 days smarter!" crowns to wear during the school's morning assembly.

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TUESDAY, FEB. 13

The county Health and Welfare Committee will meet at 5 p.m. to receive monthly reports from Warren County's Animal Control and Adoption Center, Health Department, and Sanitation Department.

The city Streets and Sanitation Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. to consider paving bids.

The city Finance Committee will meet at 6:40 p.m. to continue discussion on an opioid lawsuit.

McMinnville's Board of Mayor and Aldermen meets at 7 p.m. for its regular session. Among items of business to be discussed: 1) a resolution to appoint the accounting firm of Denning & Cantrell CPAs, PLLC, to perform the annual audit for the city of McMinnville; 2) an ordinance to update McMinnville City Code; 3) an ordinance to amend the permit fees of the Community Development Department; 4) Mayor's State of the City Address.

THURSDAY, FEB. 15

The county Education Committee will meet at 5 p.m. for an update on school projects.

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