

Kanawha County Schools Virtual Program

Newsletter



A Word from the
Executive Director's
Desk - Dr. Harper

- March 2021 -



Your Path, Your Future
Let us take you there!

What a year it has been and I can't help but think about all the things you have overcome. Of course, the pandemic is on top of all of our lists, but just recently we can also add the weather, power, and of course the Internet. Still, we are moving forward. The best news is March is here! Spring is just around the corner for us and I can envision warmer days and more sunlight ahead. Are you ready for cook-outs, warm nights, and just being outside more? Ha, who isn't?

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey last month. Our team really appreciates your input and I want you to know that we spent a lot of time going through the data and your comments. I emailed you a summary of the results a couple of weeks ago. You may have already noticed some changes we have made based on this, but we are also already preparing for next year and will be including bigger changes. Just like with sports, games, and learning, it is important to continuously strive for excellence. This is our goal.

Seniors!

Don't forget that
your last day to
submit virtual
work is May 14,
2021.

Due to the
inclement weather/
connectivity
issues, the end
date for the 3rd
nine weeks is now
March 26th. This is
also the new
midterm date for
the semester.

Important Dates:

March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Virtual math Tutoring 5-7	2 Read Across America Day	3 Virtual Lab is Open	4 In-person Math Tutoring 5-7	5 Virtual Lab is Open	6
7	8 Virtual math Tutoring 5-7	9	10 Virtual Lab is Open	11 In-person Math Tutoring 5-7	12 Virtual Lab is Open	13
14 Pi Day 	15 Virtual math Tutoring 5-7	16	17 Virtual Lab is Open Golden Horseshoe	18 In-person Math Tutoring 5-7	19 Virtual Lab is Open	20
21	22 Virtual math Tutoring 5-7	23 Meteorological Day	24 Virtual Lab is Open	25 In-person Math Tutoring 5-7	26 Virtual Lab is Open End of the 3 rd Nine Weeks	27
28	29 Virtual math Tutoring 5-7	30	31 Virtual Lab is Open			

Visit our website at: <http://virtual.kana.k12.wv.us/>

FAFSA FAIR

Thank you to the virtual seniors and high school coaches who attended the FAFSA fair on February 17, 2021 at the Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center. There, families met with admissions representatives, submitted admissions applications for fall 2021 to adult programs at Ben Franklin, Carver or Garnet CTE Centers, BridgeValley CTC, as well as WV colleges including Concord University, Marshall University, University of Charleston, or WV State University.

While the deadline to apply for this year's seniors is March 1, 2021, it's never too early to start preparing for next year (we see you, juniors!). Check out our FAFSA FAQs for more information.



WV Golden Horseshoe Test



Kanawha County Virtual program is hosting the Golden Horseshoe Competition at the Edison Center on Wednesday, March 17th for the eighth grade students that have signed up.

They will need to arrive by 9am Wednesday morning. The essay portion took place on February 17th. Good luck, 8th graders!

Daylight
Saving Time



Sunday
March 14, 2021

FAFSA FAQs:

-What is the FAFSA?

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

-What types of financial aid are available?

Grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study jobs are available. Scholarships are free money based on academic, athletic, or other achievements. Scholarships can also be based on financial need. Some scholarships have maintenance requirements (GPA, living on campus, etc.), to keep the scholarship. Work-study jobs might include working on campus as a tour guide, cafeteria worker, or tutor in exchange for a paycheck. Loans are borrowed money that you must repay, some may have interest.

-Where can the money come from?

Many schools offer financial aid from their own funds. There are outside funding sources too.

You can learn more at <https://studentaid.gov/>

A Look At the Year Ahead:

As you plan for the 2021-2022 school year, consider if you would like to return to school or remain in the virtual program. Feel free to contact your virtual coach to discuss your options.



Thanks for Your Help!



We appreciate you taking the time to reflect on what worked well with KCS virtual during the fall and how we can better support virtual learners. We are actively working on solutions for items that are within our control. Other factors are not, and we have shared your concerns with the state department. See Dr. Harper's email for a summary of the survey results.

Virtual Coach Spotlight Anne Still

Mrs. Still grew up in Charleston and was a Piedmont Panther, a Horace Mann Eagle, and a Capital Cougar. She graduated from Capital High School in 2007 and earned her bachelor's degree in 2011 from Concord University. A Geography major and Spanish minor, Anne studied abroad at every chance possible and encourages students to consider the opportunity one day. She studied in Spain for two summers while completing her Spanish degree at Marshall. She received her master's degree in teaching Spanish in 2014. Anne taught Spanish and AP Human Geography for nine years before becoming a virtual coach.

She and her husband Jay have four fur children: two dogs, Kennedy and Kona, and two cats, Luna and Baby Cat. The animals get along most of the time. When not working, the Stills enjoy renovating their historic East End home, cooking, and hiking with the dogs throughout the mountain state. They love to travel and look forward to being able to travel more.

Mrs. Still is grateful to experience a totally different side of education this year outside of the classroom. "Working with younger students and their families is fun! No two days in the office are the same; every day there is something new and exciting to navigate."



Fun Facts about Mrs. Still:

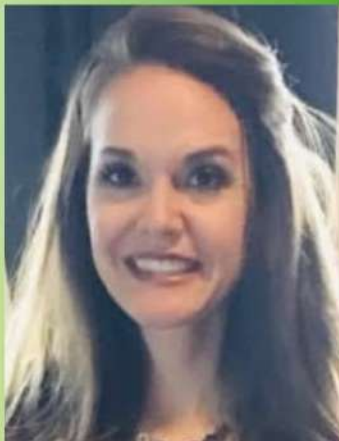
She taught at her alma mater for 5 years.

She can speak three languages (Spanish, French, and English)

She can walk home at lunch and visit her fur babies. Talk about a job "purrrk!"



Virtual Teacher Spotlight Mrs. Alyssa Lawson



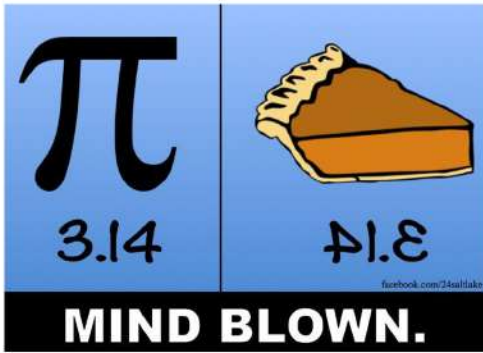
This year is Mrs. Lawson's first year teaching for WV Virtual School. She wanted to feel challenged and grow as an educator so she jumped on board this year as an enrichment opportunity for herself and students.

Her favorite part of virtual school is listening to students read during Teams meetings. This reminds her why she loves to teach reading. "Hearing the students' growth and listening to them apply phonetics rules that they have spoken about makes her feel like everything is still okay in the world. Education is different, but it's alive and well!"

Mrs. Lawson has worked in KCS for 13 years as a technologist, special education teacher, reading interventionist, and most recently, a 5th grade teacher at Point Harmony Elementary School. She has three children; a high school student, a middle school student, and one in elementary school. In her free time, she loves to run, cycle, and practice yoga.

In June, Mrs. Lawson's family is embarking on a cross country trip and they're excited to see many parts of our beautiful country.

March 14 is Pi Day!



Why should you never talk to pi?
Because he'll just go on forever

Why isn't pi on twitter?

Because even 280 characters isn't enough to express itself

What famous private investigator solves math problems?

Magnum Pi



Like pi, the virtual department could go on forever with this silly math humor. Have a joke you want to share? Email it to bdameron@mail.kana.k12.wv.us by March 22 and you may see it in the next virtual newsletter!

100 Days of Virtual School

February 10th marked the 100th day of school! Thank you to our virtual elementary students who participated in the 100 days of Virtual School Contest. A K-2 and 3-5 winner was selected. Congrats to our winners!



C. Weaver, Kindergarten
Elk Elementary Center



H. Delmolino, 3rd Grade
Alum Creek Elementary School



Virtual Dress Up Week

March 1 – March 5

Monday

"One Fish, Two Fish"

Wear something **red** or **blue**

Tuesday

"The Cat in The Hat"

Wear stripes and/or your favorite hat!

Wednesday

"Wacky Wednesday"

Get wacky! Wear your clothes backwards, inside out, or mismatched!

Thursday

"Green Eggs and Ham"

Wear something **GREEN!**

Friday

"The Foot Book"

Wear a silly mismatched pair of socks on your feet!

Oh! The Places You'll Go!
-Dr. Seuss