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ASPIRING EDUCATORS

NEWSLETTER



Aspiring Educators are on the road! We have begun heading out to different elementary schools and teaching lessons to grades K-2 about careers! This is offered as part of the CWCTC Roadshow and also allows Aspiring Educators to practice a variety of skills with the students.

Year 1 - Classroom Lessons are being applied outside of the classroom

Year One and Year Two students teamed up to create Valentine themed lessons for students in grades K, 1, and 2. Students worked hard to design a game, craft, and activity and then worked in teams to teach this lesson to students as part of the Valentine's Day Celebration! Smiles were all around throughout the day- and the smiles on the Aspiring Educators were just as large as the ones on the students!

Students in Year One of the Aspiring Educators program have been busy preparing for their future careers in education! One of the unique benefits of being part of Aspiring Educators is that students experience more personalized, behind-the-scenes college visits than a typical high school tour, allowing them to interact with faculty, admissions counselors, and current education majors.

Students recently toured PennWest California University, where they met with education majors and admissions staff to explore whether PennWest might be the right fit for them.

The group also visited Seton Hill University, where they were invited to participate in a class led by Dr. Kathleen Harris. Students were fully immersed in the class experience and were fortunate to be visiting on the same day as representatives from WQED/PBS, leaving with supplies to add to their own "suitcase" of future teaching tools!



The Aspiring Educator students also attend one of our ten sending School Districts. Instructors: Mrs. Cesario & Mrs. Crist.

Year 2 – Practicum and more!

Year Two students have been busy. They all have started attending their second practicum which will take them through the rest of the year. Students are excited to be back in the classrooms, working on new lesson plans, and learning new things daily! Students are placed at Stanwood Elementary, Wendover Middle School, West Point Elementary, Level Green Elementary, and Yough Intermediate School.



Year Two students also played an instrumental role in guiding Educators Rising Week that was celebrated during the first week of the month. Daily themes, social media posts, and general promotion of education flooded the school and community!

Students have also been diving deeper into educational theorists and also working on their Skills for their upcoming NOCTI Exam.



In the Spotlight . . .

STUDENT of DISTINCTION

CENTRAL WESTMORELAND CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER



ERIN NOLL

FUTURE PLANS:
Following my Aspiring Educators practicum at Wendover Middle School and high school graduation, I plan to attend college and major in elementary education. My goal is to become an educator and make a meaningful difference in the lives of students.



Life The Phoenix, We Rise Above

Congratulations Miss Noll!

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Educators Rising Club News

Our Educators Rising members had a busy month :

- **HOSTING** freshman and sophomores who are interested in joining Aspiring Educators.
- **SUPPORTING OTHERS/GIVING BACK** by providing additional support and practice in Math and ELA to students in all grades.
- **FUNDRAISING** by selling “Braceletgrams” they were able to host a fun activity for Stanwood students and also generate some funding for our club.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:

- We’re partnering with Seton Hill University and collecting donations of individually wrapped, snack-sized chips, cookies, candy, fruit snacks, and crackers for the **BEVERLY’s Pgh** charity. They will be used to fill snack boxes for kids & families.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- 7 students will be competing at the Educators Rising State Competition on March 13, 2026 at Penn State University. Good Luck Aspiring Educators.



Let's Help

DONATIONS NEEDED

Beverly's
PGH



We're Collecting:

Individually Wrapped, Snack-Sized Items

COOKIES - CHIPS - CANDY - CRACKERS - FRUIT SNACKS

Please send donations to Aspiring Educators by:

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

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