WESTERN WAYNE SCHOOL DISTRICT
EVERGREEN ELEMENTARY

Principal's Report
August/ September 2026

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed the summer break.

Mrs. Kerrie Fitzsimmons and I would like to welcome all new students, faculty and staff to EverGreen. We are eager to build upon the successes experienced in years past and continue to develop a culture of excellence in the Western Wayne Community. We are ready for another fun, exciting school year!

The foundation for your child's success is laid in the elementary school years, and we will make every effort to help your child achieve both socially and academically. EverGreen Elementary has an excellent teaching staff with a wealth of knowledge. We will continue to be dedicated to your child's education and ensuring academic growth is achieved.

As a stakeholder in the school community, we must come together to build a school district that will prepare our children for future endeavors! We encourage you to become involved in our schools; whether it is becoming a member of PTA, attending school board meetings, cheer on the Wildcat athletic teams, or support our extracurricular activities/clubs.

Show your Wildcat pride!

I look forward to an exhilarating school year!

Justin Pidgeon
Principal

Enrollment	
Early Intervention	08
Pre-Kindergarten	54
Kindergarten	61
First Grade	66
Second Grade	85
Third Grade	71
Fourth Grade	84
Fifth Grade	73
Outside Placement	05
Total	502

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Jade Flynn

Educational Path/College(s): Bachelor of Science from Penn State and Master of Education from West Chester University

Years in Education: This is my 19th year as a School Counselor

Why I joined the educational field: I became an educator because of the impact one teacher had on me. My 6th grade teacher made me truly love school and learning, and that experience stayed with me. The more I learned about education the more I realized that I wanted to have that same kind of positive impact on students. As a School Counselor, I have the opportunity to support students not only academically, but also socially and emotionally, helping them discover their strengths, build confidence, navigate challenges and become the best versions of themselves.

Favorites:

Movie: Stand By Me

Color: Green

Book : The Book with No Pictures by B.J. Novak

Interesting fact: I love spending time with my family laughing, making memories and going to concerts. I went to over 10 concerts this summer and am always looking forward to the next one.

Tracey Hess

Educational Path/College(s): Lebanon Valley College undergraduate, LVC master's degree in science education.

Years in Education: 23

Why I joined the educational field: I joined the educational field because every child deserves to feel valued, supported, and capable of learning. I cherish the opportunity to make a positive difference in every child.

Favorite (Pick 3):

Music genre/Singer- I love all music! Right now, I am listening to country.

Movie- Comedies

Food-Eggplant Parm

Color- blue

Ice Cream- Moose Tracks

Book -Psychological Thrillers and Mystery

Sport(s)/team(s)- Ravens

Place to visit-Maine

Interesting fact: I have a Golden Retriever, Maggie Mae, who is a therapy dog.

Amy Vicki

Educational Path/College(s): RN through Luzerne College. Currently enrolled at Capella for my RN to BSN. After I will pursue my school nurse certification.

Years in Education: 2 years through agency nursing

Why I joined the educational field: I enjoy working with children. I get to know the children and try to teach them about healthy habits.

Favorites:

Food: **Burgers**

Color: **Purple**

Book : **Silent Patient**

Interesting fact: I am a very active person. If I am not running, lifting or playing a sport, you can probably find me coaching one of my kids!

PBIS at Western Wayne

Positive Behavior Support is an initiative of the Western Wayne School District. It is a school-wide strategy for helping all students achieve important social and learning goals. We know that when good behavior and good teaching come together, our students will excel in their learning. EverGreen Elementary is proud to be a part of this exciting initiative.

As part of the PBIS program, we have established several clear rules for the behavior we expect in all areas of our school. We will explicitly teach those expectations to the students and reward them frequently with positive notes and prizes for their great behavior. The expectations for all student behavior will be clear throughout our building and playground areas, cafeteria, gymnasium and classrooms. You will be able to ask your student, "What are the rules in your school?" "How do you follow those rules?" "What happens when a teacher sees your following the rules?"

Our school rules will provide for a safer school environment and give more time for instruction. We will apply consistent consequences and positive reinforcements for all kids. By detailing every expected behavior and teaching kids in a positive way, we will provide a common language for everyone in our building, including students, teachers, front office staff and our paraprofessionals.

Students will have an opportunity to earn "Cat Cash" for use at the CAT CASH SHOWCASE. There they will be able to buy coupons for special privileges within the school or items that catch their eye. Students earn money when they display desired school behaviors. There will be opportunities to earn additional money when students demonstrate exceptional acts of kindness, generosity and leadership. At the end of each month students who maintained appropriate behavior will be invited to attend a building-wide "BLOW-OUT." We have some impressive events planned for the students.

While our primary goal is to be positive, consequences are part of PBIS as well. When students violate a rule or expectation, a report is generated.

The consequences will vary depending on the severity of the infraction. Students with six or more minor offenses or three or more major offenses in a month will not be permitted to attend a BLOW OUT. The student will be required to attend a social skills lesson. For more about permissible and non-permissible behaviors, check out our table at open house.

We believe that by helping students practice good behavior, we will build a school community where all students have an environment where they can succeed and grow.

Please contact us at school if you have any questions or need further information.

Thank you for your support!

Positive Behavior Intervention & Support

Principal
Justin Pidgeon

Assistant Principal
Kerrie Fitzsimmons

School Psychologist
Katie Shemansky-Moro

Secretaries
Andrea Covey
Kimberley Schmidt

WESTERN WAYNE SCHOOL DISTRICT

EverGreen Elementary

Office Hours 7:30 am to 4:00 pm

Faculty & Staff 2026-2027

Director of Early Intervention
Beth Gregory

EI Service Coordinator
Jennifer Motichka

Early Intervention Secretary
Carmela Kelly

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EARLY INTERVENTION	Susan Larkin	**ART**	Yana Swingle
GIFTED/EL	Juliana Crablo	**MUSIC**	Hannah Fornes
PRE-KINDERGARTEN	Jennifer Hoch	**LIBRARY**	Jill Mackarey
	Erin Schane		
		PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Jill Buttler
KINDERGARTEN	Susan Kotchessa		
	Julie Romanowski	**STEM**	Gianna Volpe
	Michele Tickner		
	Katherine Yedinak	**TITLE I**	Melissa Daniels
			Kathryn Palmer
FIRST GRADE	Deborah Hemmler		
	Sara Malcolm	**LEARNING SUPPORT**	Christin Driscoll
	Sadie McHale		Emily Lawrenson
	Mary Lou Samson		Katherine McElhenny
			Cheryl Shimkosky
SECOND GRADE	Melissa Davis		Angelina Servino
	Colleen Kloss		Taryn Vitris
	Nadine Prutzman		
	Andrea Shehadi	**EMOTIONAL SUPPORT**	Lisa Hughes
			Sara Lowe
THIRD GRADE	Stacy Box		
	Grace Clauss	**GUIDANCE**	Jade Flynn
	Sumer Klikus-Machiesky		Scott Williams
	Brenda Queipo		
		SOCIAL WORKER	Shana Carmody
FOURTH GRADE	Mary Beth Grandinetti		
	Catherine Henneforth		
	Tracey Hess	**BEHAVIOR SPECIALIST**	Melissa Cottone
	Ashley Kromko		
		NURSE	Amy Vicki
FIFTH GRADE	Pam Burke		
	Marissa Callejas	**SPO**	Jorge Maldonado
	Courtney Rosenkrans		
	Kathleen Swartz		

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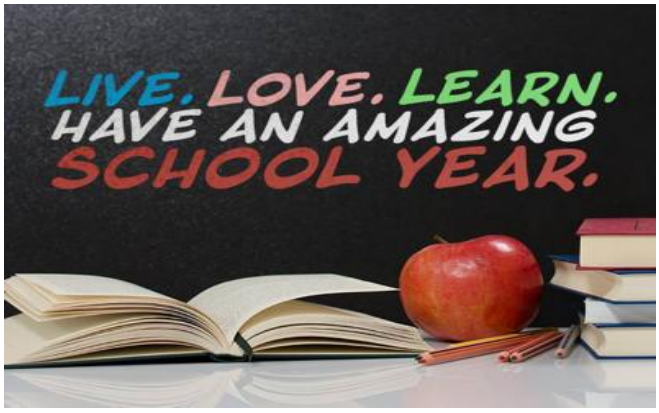
SPEECH THERAPIST	Mara Cianfichi	**PLANT OPERATOR**	Richard Kotchessa
	Julie Conklin		
	Karleigh Lukasik	**CUSTODIANS**	Nathan Chamberlain
	Alyssa Wesley		Lisa Fiocco
			Jennifer Hall
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	Kristin Williams		Adam Lanza
			Linette Winter
VISION THERAPY	Andrea Jayne		
		FOOD SERVICE	Christina Kucera
HEARING THERAPIST	Bridget Sileo		Christine Press
			Lisa Stachnik
SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDES	Elizabeth Barbone		Donna Visceglia
	Denise Caucci		Donna Weston
	Michelle Emerson		
	Melissa Ferraro		
	Ashley Haas		
	Kristy McLeod		
	Erica Musgrave		
	Cynthia Sledzinski		
	Christine Smith		
	Amy Stout		
	Christine Yannone		
INSTRUCTIONAL AIDES	Stephanie Hess		
	Michelle Robinson