

Tomcat Today

Ashland Independent School District Newsletter





Greetings,

Our district and community have much to celebrate as we embark upon the last grading period, the warmer weather, and the continual decrease in the Corona Virus. Blazer's Academic Team most recently won the Governor's Cup Regional championship. Poage Elementary also won its second consecutive Regional Governor's Cup title. These are evidence of the intentionality that our district places upon academics and academic competition. Congratulations also to Blazer's boy's basketball program as they have claimed their 4th consecutive Regional Championship. Many great things are occurring in our district and I am very appreciative of the effort our staff exhibits and the support of our parents and community.

Sincerely,

D. Sean Howard
Superintendent
Secretary, Board of Education

Online Registration and Parent Portals

We will once again be using Online Registration in the Parent Portal for securing your child(ren)'s enrollment and registration for the 2022-2023 school year.

This is something that helps us eliminate several pages of the back to school paperwork parents must fill out.

Every family must update their information in the Parent Portal. Do you have your Parent Portal login information? Do you need a Parent Portal account? Do you need your password reset? Please reach out to your child's school and the secretary can create a Parent Portal account for you or reset your password. Please get this completed before summertime so your child(ren)'s enrollment will be secured for the '22-'23 school year.

We will be opening online registration in April. Check our district website and Facebook page for details.

Here's what to do when online registration opens up:

Login to your Parent Portal, Click More, Click Online Registration, Fill out all tabs, and Submit.

Message from the Director of Pupil Personnel, Christine Scott

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03/28/22-04/01/22 Spring Break
05/17/22 Election Day is now a Planning Day
05/26/22 Last day for student attendance

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GRADUATION
Last Day of School
CLOSING DAY FOR TEACHERS
06/01/22

PAUL G. BLAZER HIGH SCHOOL



The fourth nine weeks are upon us and we are looking forward to finishing strong. Spring sports are beginning and we are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to be outside cheering the Tomcats and Kittens to victory. Beyond that we are also gearing up for our end of the year testing. We have just finished administering the ACT to our 11th grade students. We are confident that we will be at the top of the region again this year.

As always, it's a great day to be a Tomcat! GO TOMCATS!

James Campbell
Principal

Taking Their Patriotism to the Pavement: Local High School Seniors Take on Ruck March for Charity

By: Morgan Hall
The Ashland Beacon

Two young men showed their dedication and patriotism this week as they took on the 48 Mile Ruck March challenge. The challenge is designed to raise awareness for Mission 22, which focuses on suicide prevention among service members.

Both Landon Humphreys and Caleb Lovin have decided to join a branch of service. Humphreys joined the Kentucky National Guard and is currently a Private First Class, and Lovin joined the United States Marine Corps in 0321 Reconnaissance.

At 18 years old, Humphreys and Lovin are making the honorable decision to start the journey of enlisted soldiers. Both young men have military influences that inspired them to join the service; Humphrey's uncle and aunt were active duty officers in the U.S. Army, and Lovin's brother served in the U.S. Marine Corps. These two young men started out as brothers on the mat as wrestlers, and will now be brothers in arms.

"I wanted to serve my country and help people the best way that I could. I have a strong sense of patriotism," said Humphreys when asked what made him take the plunge into military life. Lovin concurred that it was also his strong sense of patriotism and dedication to serving his country that led him to join the U.S. Marine Corps.

Humphreys shared, "When I was eight years old, Osama Bin Laden was killed. The gravity of the situation made me want to serve my country and serve the American people." Humphreys will be attending Morehead State University and participating in the ROTC program, while Caleb has chosen to go Active Duty with the U.S. Marine Corps.

(You can read the rest of this story online at www.ashlandbeacon.com)



Academic Team ON TOP

The Blazer Academic Team holds the title of 2022 Governor's Cup Region 16 Champions! After winning the 63d District, the team went on to take the Regional title at Russell. The team won the overall title by going undefeated for 1st place in Quick Recall, as well as 2nd in Future Problem Solving and placing eleven competitors in specific testing areas. In Mathematics: Mo Tun - 2nd place, Ali Ellison - 4th place. In Science: Hannah Laney - 3rd place. In Social Studies: Ace Farris - 1st and Ethan Goodrich 3rd. In Language Arts: Anna Bocook - 1st, Ace Farris - 2nd and Joslin Wireman - 3rd. In Arts and Humanities: Joslin Wireman 1st and Anna Bocook 2nd.

We would like to congratulate these young scholars on their hard work and achievements and to wish them the best when they compete in the State Championship.



Staff Spotlight Nathan Frisby

The newest member of our custodial staff here at Blazer is Nathan Frisby. Nathan is responsible for the athletic grounds here at Blazer. He ensures that baseball, softball, track, and Putnam Stadium are taken care of. Along with that, he is responsible for the upkeep of Alumni Gym. Nathan is a hard worker and a natural leader, jumping in and taking care of things well before they are asked of him. Thanks, Nathan, for all of your hard work and dedication to our facilities and students.

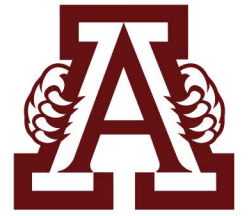


Upcoming Events

3/28-4/1- Spring Break
4/2- National ACT Date

4/8- Marshall Scores
5/26- Graduation

ASHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL



Spring is here and the weather is warming up! So many things will fill the school calendar in the next couple of months. Be sure to keep an eye on our AMS social media pages and websites because the 21-22 school year will be over before we know it.

GO CATS!
William Ferguson, Principal

Staff Spotlight Lisa Coleman

My name is Lisa Coleman. I have two daughters and a son-in-law. I have been teaching for 40 years. I started teaching when I was 21. My first teaching job was in Pike County. Then I moved back to Ashland, where I taught students who had a learning disability at Charles Russell and Oakview Elementary schools. Next, my ex-husband and I moved to Polk County, Florida, where the school system had over 100 schools. I was blessed to teach in many different Special Education settings, from grades K-12, as well as work with At-risk high school students. I also worked at 5 schools, as a Site Manager, for 5 years. I had a great experience of being an Adjunct Teacher in the Special Education Dept., at Warner Southern College, in Lake Wales, Florida. In 2001 my two daughters and I moved back to Kentucky. I tried getting a job in Ashland Schools, but there were no job openings. So, I got a job in the Boyd County Schools, as a middle school Special Education teacher. Finally, I ended up at Ashland Middle School, as a Special Education and General Education teacher to finish my teaching career. Now, at 61 I'm retiring. Praise God!



Upcoming Events

5th Grade Visits to AMS - April 4th/5th
5th Grade Parent Meeting - April 14th
Spring Testing Window - May 9th - 20th

Tomcats Get Global

AMS Students attended the Kentucky United Nations Assembly in March. Students represented the three countries of Morocco, Laos and Taiwan. Students worked hard to build displays representing their country's culture, write resolutions that would solve international problems, and learned the skills of debate and public speaking.



Three resolution teams attended KUNA.

- Eleanor Caudill, Kinzee Garrett, Reagan Hayes, and Sophia Evans represented Laos.
- Lyndsi Watts, Scarlett Adkins, Noah Wurts, and Avery Caudill represented Taiwan.
- Sarah Hicks, Izzy Donahoe, Myah Hamilton, and Anaya Waddell represented Morocco.

Awards and Honors received:

- Two of these resolutions were passed in committee and by the Secretary General.
- The Moroccan resolution was ranked highest overall by all the students attending the conference.
- The entire AMS delegation won an outstanding resolution packet.
- The entire AMS delegation was awarded Premier Delegation.
- Caroline Yates, Rilee Bohanon, and Coltyn West won overall best Security Council Team.
- Reagan Hayes won Outstanding Ambassador.
- Sophia Evans won Outstanding Speaker.



Laos

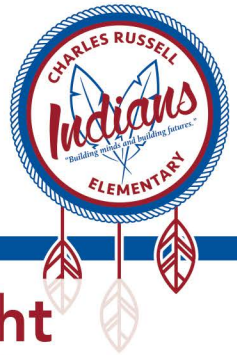


Taiwan



Morocco

CHARLES RUSSELL ELEMENTARY



As we approach the end of the school year, we are excited to see the growth that our students have made and continue to make. We don't want to lose momentum during our last 9 weeks! We are continuing to meet student needs with our in class interventions as

well as our after school program. Please be mindful of the testing window during our last 14 days of school. Student attendance will be of utmost importance during this time. Please make sure students arrive on time each day. If possible, refrain from making any appointments during this time that would take them away from school.

Thank you to our families for sharing your children with us each day. We look forward to a strong end to a successful school year.

Kerry Bocook
Principal

Read Across America

For Read Across America Week, we celebrated daily with themes and guest readers.



Staff Spotlight Tonya Campbell

Our staff spotlight for this edition is Tonya Campbell! Tonya returned to Charles Russell this year after spending several years serving at AMS. We are delighted to have Tonya back as part of our staff. Her dedication to students is phenomenal. Tonya works as a special education teacher with students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. She takes time to get to know our students in all grades and makes positive connections. She is always willing to lend a helping hand and works diligently to meet the needs of her students.



Shaking Things Up!

Our 4th graders learned about changes to the Earth's Surface with their student teacher, Miss Mykayla Akers, by creating structures that could withstand an earthquake.



Upcoming Events

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| March 28 - April 1 | Spring Break |
| April 6 | 5th Grade to visit AMS |
| April 19 | Last week of ESS |
| May 9 | Begin state testing |
| May 26 | Last day for students |

CRABBE ELEMENTARY



District Academics

Our scholars competed in the district academic team competition. They have worked so hard with their coaches in preparation to compete against schools such as Russell Independent, Raceland-Worthington and Fairview Elementary. Their hard work and diligence paid off as they placed in several subjects, took 2nd place in Quick Recall, and 1st place in Future Problem Solving. Additionally, Crabbe was chosen by all the schools involved as the recipient of the Katherine C. Hume Sportsmanship Award! We are so proud of our Tigers- they were the overall District Runner-up Champs!



District Runner-Up for Quick Recall
(L-R) Ky Mahan, Aidan Ethel, Ajay Brown, Isabella Skaggs and Zekeila Thames



Future Problem Solving Team 1st Place
(L-R) Isabella Skaggs, Aidan Ethel, Zekeila Thames, and Ky Mahan



Katherine C. Hume Sportsmanship Award
Crabbe Elementary School



Overall District Runner-Up Champs



Math - 5th Place
Ky Mahan



Science - 3rd Place
Aidan Ethel



Social Studies - 4th Place
Language Arts - 3rd Place
Jordan Claire



Social Studies - 4th Place
Ajay Brown

Regional Academics



Future Problem Solving - 4th Place



Science - 5th Place
Aidan Ethel



4th Place Overall
Best Sportsmanship Award (Again!)



Literacy Night

We celebrated Dr. Suess with a Family Literacy Night. 4th and 5th grade scholars in the 21st Century after school program, "Tiger Time," performed Pete the Cat I Love My White Shoes as an Orff Ensemble.

CRABBE ELEMENTARY



Wow! All I can say is that I cannot believe we are approaching the end of this school year. We are seeing so many new scholars here at Crabbe as our enrollment continues to increase!! Our teachers are truly working hard to ensure your scholar is growing in knowledge.

Thank you for trusting Crabbe to educate your child. As we come to the end, we will be focusing on our end of the year testing, the "Kentucky Summative Assessment," formally known as KPREP. This testing will occur the final 14 days of school. We ask that no appointments be scheduled at this time as all 3rd-5th grade scholars must take this assessment. If you have a virtual scholar, we will schedule a time during the testing window for them to come in and take the assessment. Thank you parents, guardians, and loved ones for your hardwork in helping Crabbe continue to grow.

#ITSATIGERTHING!

Uriah A. Tolbert, Ed.S.
Principal

Staff Spotlight

I would like to spotlight and thank all the staff at Crabbe Elementary School for your hard work and dedication to the mission! You are all truly appreciated more than you know!

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
HARD WORK
— AND —
DEDICATION**

You Make a Difference

Grandparent of the Year Essay

Congratulations to Scholar Ajay Brown for winning both district and regional KTRA Grandparent of the Year Essay Contest. His essay is now going to be judged for the state competition. Great job Ajay!



Celebrate Reading

We celebrated reading all week long in honor of Dr. Seuss. We had several special guests who came to help make it even more special. The Ashland Tomcat Baseball team came by to read some good books to our scholars. Senior Tomcat basketball player Ethan Sellers teamed up with Senior Kinsley Duncan to help bag over 800 books for our scholars and families to hand out at our upcoming Literacy Night. The books were provided by "First Books of Boyd County." Of course the Cat in the Hat had a few tricks up his sleeve, too!



Upcoming Events

Spring Break
Spring Pictures
Safety Patrol Trip

March 28th-April 1st
March 25th
April 27th-30th

HAGER ELEMENTARY



The end of the school year is quickly approaching, and our students are continuing to show considerable academic growth. Our teachers are working daily to meet individual student needs and accelerate learning by using ongoing data. They are also preparing the students for the KSA assessments that will be administered in the last 14 days of the school year. Our goal is for every child to be proficient, and I hope you will take the time to join us in helping your

child succeed. Here are some tips for your child to be successful during state testing:

- Know when the tests are scheduled and don't schedule appointments during testing.
- Make sure your child gets a good night's rest.
- Make sure your child eats a good breakfast.
- Encourage your child to do his/her best on testing days.

With your help, I have no doubt that our students will give their best effort on the KSA assessments, and I cannot wait to see your child succeed!

You matter. Every child. Every day.

Susan Vance,
Principal

Read Across America

Hager held a Read-A-Thon to coincide with Read Across America Week. For two weeks in March, our students were supported by community members to focus on reading. During the Read-A-Thon, our students could read anything they wanted, at home or at school. We allocated daily reading time at school to help our students read more than normal, and our students were able to log more than 10,000 minutes of reading. Way to go, Wildcats! We love to see our students excited about reading!



Logan Franklin (Kindergarten)
participates in Read Across
America Week.

Finishing Strong

With the help of our academic coaches, our academic team finished the year strong. We had three students place in our regional academic team meet. Congratulations to Adrian Mattingly, Colin Clark and McKinley Ellsworth for your win at regionals! We are proud of the performance of our academic team this school year. Their commitment to practices and studying did not go unnoticed.



Adrian Mattingly
4th Grade
Math - 2nd Place

Colin Clark
4th Grade
Math - 4th Place

McKinley Ellsworth
4th Grade
A&H - 5th Place

Science & Engineering Fair

Hager would also like to congratulate two of our 4th graders, Marlowe Bohanon and Emma Hensley, for their 1st place awards in the Science & Engineering Fair of Northern Kentucky. Marlowe won 1st place in the category of Plant Sciences. Emma won 1st place in the category of Medicine & Health Sciences. We are very proud of their hard work!

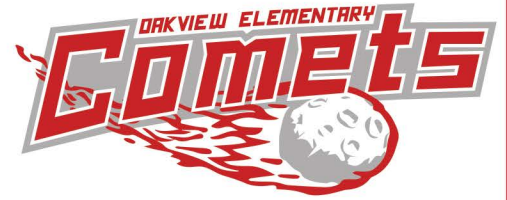


Staff Spotlight

Hager would like to congratulate two of our teachers for being the recipients of the Ashland Independent E3 Grant! Taylor Powell (5th Grade) received a grant for a school project, The Wax Museum. Amber Patrick (5th Grade) received a grant for a writing incentive program, Plot Twist. This unique grant opportunity was made possible through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER). These projects will allow Ms. Powell and Ms. Patrick to address the impact COVID-19 has had on education and learning loss.



OAKVIEW ELEMENTARY



It is hard to believe that we are halfway through March! The fourth 9 weeks is swiftly approaching. Here at Oakview our students and staff are working hard everyday. It is actually beginning to look and feel normal again. How exciting!

I have seen room transformations, dance parties, math in motion, but most importantly, I've seen SMILES!!! I have missed seeing your kiddos' faces. As always, thank you families for the support you give your students and my staff daily. Together, I know we can ensure all of our students' needs are met. We are here to answer any questions you may have. Stay safe, and God Bless!

Rebecca Howell,
Principal

Staff Spotlight Mr. French



Congratulations Mr. French for being nominated and selected for the Kee 100 Teacher of the Month for February. Well deserved!

Upcoming Events

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| Spring Break | March 28-April 1 |
| Safety Patrol Trip | April 27-30 |

Reading Across America

To celebrate Read Across America week, Oakview had some very special Tomcats visit to read to our students. Players from our Blazer baseball team read to several of our classes. Thanks Coach Young and players for being involved in our school. Our students loved it.



Traveling to Candyland

To celebrate Dr. Seuss our Kindergarten enjoyed a room transformation and traveled through CandyLand as they learned sounds and addition. A fun day of learning was enjoyed by students and staff. Just look at those smiles.



POAGE ELEMENTARY



I can't believe the 4th 9 weeks is here! Our staff at Poage has been so blessed to get to see the smiles of our students! Our students are showing amazing growth in their classes and on their assessments. Our teachers continue to use this data to drive instruction and meet each student where they are in order to foster the best

growth.

During the last 14 days of school, our student will take the Kentucky State Assessment (formally KPREP). The specific dates for the KSA will come out in the coming weeks. During that time, please make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast, gets a good night's rest, and comes to school prepared to do their best!

Katie Holbrook, Ed. S
Principal

Staff Spotlight

We want to recognize a TRUE SUPERHERO! Mrs. Sexton is amazing! She is two steps ahead of us and takes care of everyone in the building! Our school could not run smoothly without Mrs. Robin! Here is a fun fact, she has been taking care of Ms. Holbrook since she was in Kindergarten; she was an aide at Poage when Ms. Holbrook was a kindergarten student there in 1990.



District Champs

Our Poage Academic Team were the 2022 District Champions AND the 2022 Regional Champions! During the regional tournament, our school competed against 17 other schools in our area. This is the second year in a row our students have won the Regional tournament! We will try for a 3-peat next year!

The places are as follows:

- Quick Recall: 1st
- Future Problem Solving: 1st
- Arts and Humanities: Rylan Braden- 3rd
- Composition: Rylan Braden 1st place, Pyper Lemaster - 5th
- Language Arts: Pyper Lemaster - 1st
- Math: Bransen Kelley - 1st
- Social Studies: Reed Runyon - 2nd, Tristan Barnett - 4th



Construction Zone!

Mrs. Hill's class were Construction Zone Workers! They practiced building sentences with correct punctuation and commas. They built parts of speech houses and used capitalization cones. The students constructed clocks with correct minute and hour hands and practiced money skills. Students earned their hard hats, vests, tool bags, and goodies by completing these tasks!



Upcoming Events

Spring Break
Safety Patrol Trip

March 28-April 1
April 27-30

ASHLAND EARLY EXCEPTIONAL CHILDHOOD CENTER



It's been great going to school without masks and seeing all the beautiful smiles. Our kiddos are so happy to see all of our happy faces. We have started our handwriting without tears and they are really enjoying it. They have all been busy creating their art work and were able to display it at our Art Night which was very successful. Our 4 year olds have been working really hard and gearing up for kindergarten in the fall. We are looking forward to celebrating them in May for Preschool Graduation. Do not forget that we will have preschool enrollment starting 4/11/22. We would love to have your preschooler become a StarterCat!

Upcoming Events

4/12 - 4/22 Preschool Enrollment
5/17 - 5/19 Preschool Graduation



C.A.T.S. ACADEMY



Cat's Spotlight on 6th and 7th Graders

We are currently making an escape room. My friend Collyn and I are making one about our interests in music and math.
Ben, 7th grade

CATS provides gateways to learning in so many different subjects and overall I really enjoy it here.
Collyn, 7th grade

My favorite part about CATS is that we get to do fun experiments.
Aiden C, 7th grade

CATS is a wonderful place that breeds ingenuity, creativity, and collaboration in students.
Kirk, 7th grade

My favorite part of the program is when we worked with clay, which gave me a chance to do something I didn't do much of before.
Brooklyn, 7th grade

My favorite thing about CATS is when we do hands-on science, like last week when we were trying to figure out a crime scene with observations.
Jenna D, 7th grade

My favorite thing to do at CATS is CATS challenge, which is a fun game show.
Savannah, 7th grade

I think CATS is a great experience for kids to get to try a lot of hands-on activities. Kids get to work together and create things like escape rooms.
Hadley, 7th grade

My favorite part of CATS are the breakout rooms. These are my favorite because they make me think and they are fun adventures.
Josh, 6th grade

Kids have fun at CATS because all ideas are considered and students have a voice in what we do.
Ava, 6th grade

CATS is an amazing experience that I have enjoyed thoroughly for many years. I don't think of it as a "gifted" program, it feels like more of a creative outlet. I love forensic science and pottery, and the wonderful CATS teachers make sure you get to do what you enjoy! CATS has been one of the best parts of my sixth grade year.
Avery, 6th grade

Whether it is modeling with clay or CATS kitchen, CATS is truly one of a kind.
CK, 6th grade

At CATS I learn about things I wouldn't if I wasn't here. It's always fun to learn even more at CATS.
Judah, 6th grade

One of my favorite things we've done at CATS is learning about all the different ways you can solve crimes. CATS is a great place to be creative.
Lauren, 6th grade

I also love how the teachers let us work but they make it fun.
Gracie K, 6th grade

I love CATS because it's not just sitting down and putting answers on a paper.
Ben, 6th grade

At CATS, we are able to use our gifts and talents to prove how strong our minds can really be. What I love most about CATS is that we are able to use our imagination and put our creativity to the test.
Willow, 6th grade



Ashland Blazer Takes District and Region Momentum into State Competition

The 2021-2022 Season is one that the Ashland Blazer Academic Team will not forget for years to come! After two abbreviated seasons, one of those mostly virtual, the team members vowed to make the most of being back in person. From the uninitiated Freshmen to the dedicated Seniors, this group worked together all season to make the most of this chance to be "Back to Normal"!

After many months of camp, practice, and scrimmages the Junior Varsity Team set the pace last November. The team dominated Quick Recall and took 1st in every subject but one, giving them the Overall win by a longshot. These amazing young competitors then turned their gaze toward preparing to battle out with the Varsity for the limited spots to compete in Governor's Cup in the Winter.

After a dominating performance over Boyd and Lawrence at District in January, the team of Varsity and Junior Varsity alike began down the road to their yearlong vision - a Region Title. The team began to study and practice even harder than before, as they knew it would take a full commitment to take the Region Championship from Russell, a team who had not lost the title since 2000. The immense amount of growth and refinement showed when the Academic Team easily won Quick Recall, and dominated testing to win the Overall Region Championship with 52 total points to Russell's 41, as well as handily defeating all 10 of the other Region competitors. With the momentum of this massive win, the team turned its eyes to the State Competition.

On March 18th-21st, the Academic Team competed in the State Governor's Cup at the Galt House in Louisville. With over 300 teams competing in various events, the Tomcats were able to work their way to 6th place overall. Quick Recall (Joslin Wireman, Ace Farris, Myint-mo Tun, Anna Bocook, and Ali Ellison) reached the elite 8, after a 53-34 victory over local rival, Johnson Central. Future Problem Solving (Gwen Akers, Brayden Jordan, Emily Williams, and Gwynnan Cartmel) finished up at 14th place, just shy of the stage. Quick Recall captain Joslin Wireman, a senior, added 6th place in Arts and Humanities to the team's total, while junior Ace Farris brought home the 10th place in Social Studies. Junior Hannah Laney was 10th in science, and Anna Bocook, a freshman, impressed with a 6th place Language Arts and an amazing 2nd in the state in Arts and Humanities. All of these performances together placed Ashland Blazer as the 6th highest scoring school in the State.

We are very proud of our growth and performance this season! After two years without a trip to State, thanks to COVID, the Ashland Tomcats got a taste of victory. With the hard work and dedication of this young team, we look forward to great things next season.



Middle and High School Students Team Up for 2022 CmPS State Champions

Coach Mark Harmon, AMS students Reagan Hayes, Caroline Yates, and Coltyn West, along with Blazer students Emily Williams, Anna Bocook, and Nathan Woolery are the 2022 CmPS (Community Problem Solving) Team. Their project this year centered around "A Healthier Tomorrow" and small steps we can make within our school and community to turn that around. Students worked on installing green walls in classrooms at AMS and developed green roofs to be installed this Spring.





On February 9th, the AISD Family Resource and Youth Service Center Coordinators attended the Legislative Meet and Greet at the State Capitol to celebrate the 2nd annual FRYSC Day in Kentucky! Region 7 set-up an exhibit board to share our accomplishments, mission, and vision with legislators and state leaders. Our goal as FRYCs has been, and continues to be, to acknowledge the hard work that the legislators are tasked with doing, to celebrate our own FRYSC accomplishments around the state, and to educate attendees on the critical importance of FRYSC in the communities and schools in every county of our beautiful Commonwealth. #FRYSCStrong #BetterTogether



Mrs. Brittany Brown, Ms. Karen Gearheart, Mrs. Beth Martin, & Mrs. Rose-Linda Stafford at the State Capitol

Legislative Page Days

The Family Resource and Youth Services Centers Coalition of Kentucky hosts the Legislative Page Days each year at the State Capitol. One student from each school is selected based on their essay addressing "What I want my legislator to know about my FRYSC," or "Why do I want my legislator to support FRYSC?" This year Parker Williams from Blazer was selected to serve as a Page to Representative Scott Sharp, and Reagan Hayes was selected from Ashland Middle School to serve with Senator Robin Webb.



"I loved being a Page for FRYSC Ky. To be able to involve myself in an organization so crucial to helping other students and then getting to meet the representatives who help us is an amazing feeling and an even better opportunity to learn."

Parker Williams, Junior



"I really enjoyed my time in the capitol building, and I'm glad that I got to experience how the government actually works."
Reagan Hayes (8th) with Senator Robin Webb.

Memorable Season Comes to an End at Rupp Arena

The last four years have been full of memorable moments on the basketball court, and this season was no different. With another Region Title, Ashland Blazer returned to Rupp Arena and the KHSAA Sweet 16 for the fourth consecutive year. (The 2020 tournament was cancelled due to the pandemic.) The Tomcats finished with a 26-6 record, remaining perfect in the district and suffering only one loss in the region. Their regular season schedule featured four teams that eventually finished the season ranked in the top five in the state. Led by a core group of seniors, Coach Jason Mays will have to take a fresh look at his team. "We'll gain some perspective; we'll see what the next evolution for our program is," Mays said. "But we've got enough talent that didn't play tonight to compete for the regional title again next year. There's no denying that."

