# Tomcat Today Ashland Independent School District Newsletter



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# PAUL G. BLAZER HIGH SCHOOL





Here we are, beginning our new year out with snow and snow days! I don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to this cold weather moving out of the area and warm temperatures taking over. It won't be long until we are discussing graduation plans and praying for no rain!

With the beginning of the semester comes new classes for some and a return

to normal for others. With our last couple years being interrupted, it is as if we have two groups of freshmen on campus. With that being said, we want to make sure everyone is reminded of a few things to make the winter months at Blazer a little easier for our students.

- Dress in layers; It gets cold outside and as beautiful as campus is, switching classes can be cold.
- Hats and other head coverings are fine when you are outside transitioning, but not inside buildings. Remember to take those off as you enter buildings.
- Keep your masks on to help combat the spread of COVID. It also helps to keep your face warm!

As always, we are here to serve our students and our community. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out.

GO TOMCATS!

James Campbell Principal

# Staff Spotlight Tami Cook

We are excited to welcome
Mrs. Tami Cook to Blazer as our new
library assistant. Mrs. Cook was already
a part of the Tomcat family; many of our
students will remember her assisting
them at AMS. She has already made a
positive impact in our building. A quick
trip around the library will reveal her
special touch. Please stop by the library
to say hello and welcome her to Blazer!



#### Tackett Takes Over

The retirement of
Coach Tony Love left
HUGE shoes to fill. While
several were interested in
the position, the Tomcats
didn't have to look far to
find their next head coach.
Coach Chad Tackett was
chosen to take over our



beloved Tomcat program. Coach Tackett is currently the counselor at Oakview. He has been on staff here at Ashland for the last 15 years after being the head coach at Fairview and an assistant coach at Boyd County.

We look forward to the excitement that the new football season will bring. Coach is adamant about wanting more students to come out for football. If you are interested in playing football next year, please reach out to Coach Tackett and he can give you all the information you need.





Caylee, Chad, Caleb, and Amy Tackett

# ASHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL





Happy New Year Tomcats! Wow! We are already past the halfway mark of the school year. As expected, this year has been full of challenges. However, our staff and students have met them head on each time. We continue to see great results in reading this year with our newly implemented reading program. We have so many kids showing multiple year gains already! That is encouraging for the future! I can't wait to see what the next semester holds!

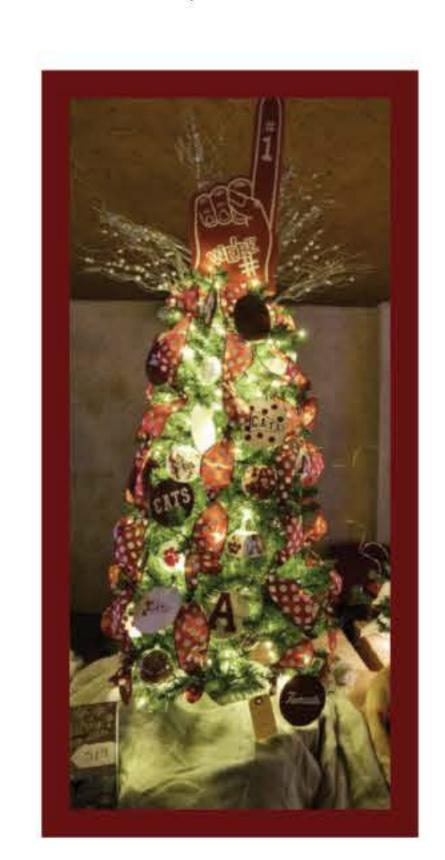
GO CATS! William Ferguson, Principal

#### Getting Festive

This past November, three groups from Ashland Middle School entered trees into the Paramount Arts Center's Festival of Trees and Trains. Those participating were AMS Student Council, the AMS Library, and Mrs. Molen's Class. "Interpretation of Dreams," the tree decorated by the library, received 3rd Place in the Middle School Tree division while "A Tomcat Christmas" was the top earner of the three, with a winning bid of \$162!



An Interpretation of Dreams



A Tomcat Christmas



The Tastiest Time of the Year

#### Staff Spotlight



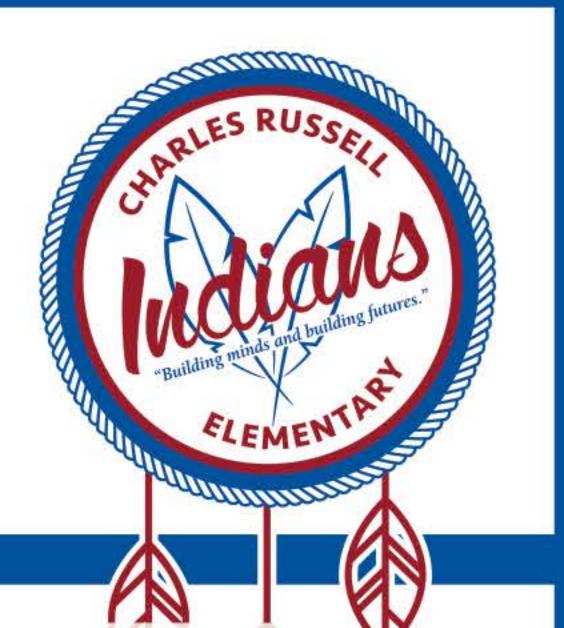
AMS welcomes Erin Clark as our new School Technology Coordinator. Erin is a familiar face here at the middle school. She has been with us for several years as an instructional assistant in our EBD program and now has the opportunity to shine in a new role.

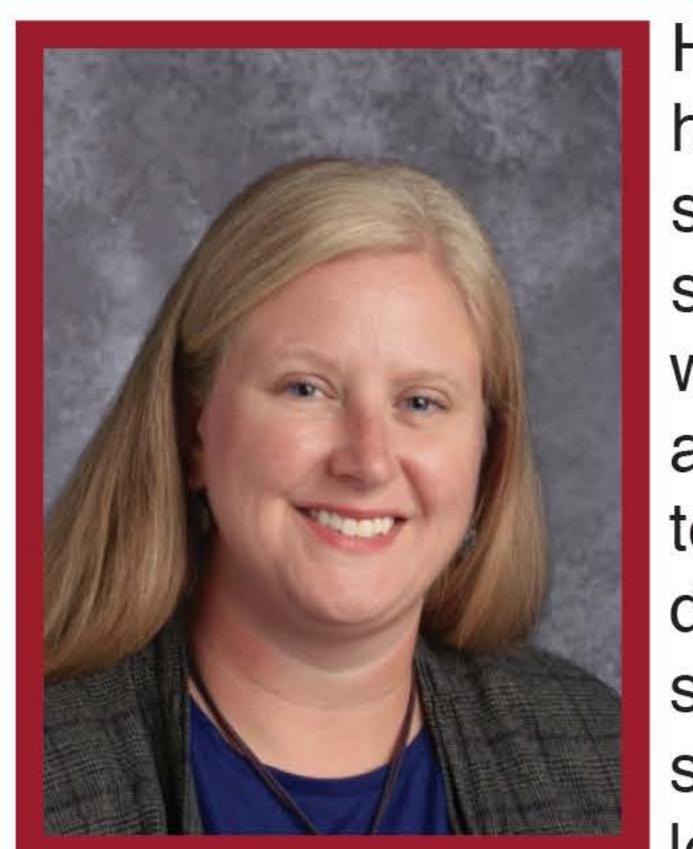
#### Library Adds Color!

Over the past weeks, Mr. Brown's Painting class has collaborated with Library Specialist Mrs. Literal to hand-paint ceiling tiles inspired by popular books. "I love when other teachers in the building reach out for ways to include student-created art in their spaces." The 25 students have worked together in groups to paint a total of 24 tiles. "Mrs. Literal and I worked together to choose which tiles she'd like to see in the library. It takes a balance of finding books that the students enjoy and covers that students can be successful in painting. It has been great to hear my students talking about the books and giving reviews to their friends." "Since stepping into this role as librarian, it has been my goal to make the library a welcoming space for students and staff to visit, and what better way than to showcase student talent! When I approached Mr. Brown with my idea, he jumped right on board with the vision. The end results have simply blown me away. It is my hope that the students' hand painted book covers on the ceiling will inspire students to pick up those novels and try them out."



# CHARLES RUSSELL ELEMENTARY





Happy New Year! We have had an exciting and successful start to our school year and have witnessed a lot of growth among students. Our teachers have worked diligently to meet each student's needs and help students grow. We are looking forward to cele-

brating our students and their hard work and progress throughout the 2nd semester.

Kerry Bocook Principal

#### CRS Pride Wall

We love to recognize our students for more than just their academics. Students can be referred to the CRS PRIDE wall by demonstrating traits of caring, safety, responsibility, performance, respect, integrity, determination, and effort. Once a referral is received, students receive a certificate and get their photo on the wall.



- C Caring
- R Responsibility
- S Safety
- P Performance
- R Respect
- I Integrity
- **D** Determination
- E Effort

## Staff Spotlight

We want to shine the spotlight on our amazing cafeteria staff! They go above and beyond for our students each and every day.



Kellie Branham, Amanda Toler, Tracy Bradley (manager) Charity Collins

#### Christmas Around the Globe

Students each picked a country and researched their holiday. They presented to the class facts and traditions of their country. Among the many interesting things we learned was how to say Merry Christmas in 16 different languages!



## Upcoming Events

We continue to raise money for a much needed playground. Kona Ice will be here on the following dates: February 1st, March 1st, April 5th, and May 3rd.



# CRABBE ELEMENTARY





I want to personally wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year! The staff here at Crabbe is working extremely hard to make the remainder of the year successful. In the words of Bon Jovi, "Whoa, We're Halfway There..." We are truly halfway

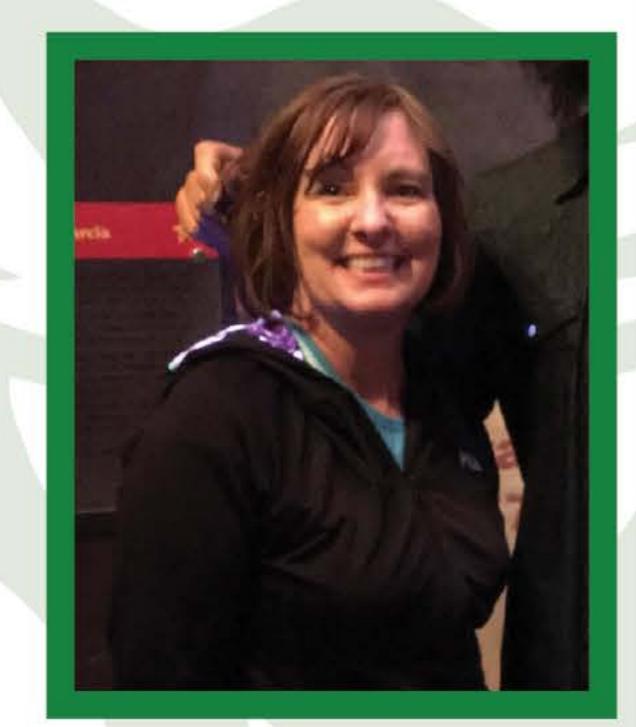
through the school year. We have seen amazing growth in our scholars MAP and STAR assessments. Thank you for your continued trust in allowing us to educate your scholars! #ITSATIGERTHING!

Uriah A. Tolbert, Ed.S Principal

## Staff Spotlight

Meet Ms. Billie Page. Ms. Page has been at Crabbe Elementary for 10 years. She has served previously in the capacity of Food

Service where she served all the scholars breakfast and lunch daily. She is happy to be in her new position here and is doing a great job at keeping Crabbe Elementary School clean and sanitized.





## Response to Intervention

To combat the loss of learning due to the disruptions caused by COVID-19, we continue to set aside a learning block where scholars are able to get the extra support they need. Pictured here are 3rd grade scholars working on obtaining their goals: green light for Reflex Math, Units of Lexia, Minutes for Symphony Math, and completing lessons in IXL. Scholars also work in small group settings with a teacher to determine their individual academic needs.



## Upcoming Events

#### SBDM

January 31
February 28
March 28
Kona Ice Days Fundraiser

# HAGER ELEMENTARY





Happy New Year, Hager Wildcats!

Our students and staff have been working hard, and we are seeing growth in our students! The dedicated focus and instruction that is modeled every day has allowed our students to learn and develop the skills that are necessary for success. This is evident as our students continue to meet class and individual goals. As our second semester begins, I

want to applaud our students and staff. There is no denying that our students need to be in our classrooms where direct teaching and learning can take place. Our teachers continue to engage our students in meaningful learning through a variety of platforms, to meet the needs of all students. I look forward to the great things we are going to accomplish in 2022!

You matter. Every child. Every day.

Susan Vance, Principal

#### A Mural for Motivation

A colorful mural was painted outside of our library by a local artist, Madeline Tipton. Kelsey Price, the librarian at Hager, strives to create an environment that promotes inspiration and creativity. After multiple fundraisers, the school had the funds needed for

Miss Tipton to design and paint the mural. Hager would like to thank the community for supporting the mural project. Mrs. Price hopes that it offers daily encouragement and motivates the students to visit the library.





## 12 Days of Giving

During the month of December, Hager's staff and students participated in 12 Days of Giving. Every day was an opportunity for us to teach the importance of giving back during the holidays. For example, our students were encouraged to give non-perishable food items to donate locally on Day 5: Gift of Food. The amount of food given by both staff and students in one day was incredible. On Day 13, our staff & students brought in gifts of warmth and comfort to help families in Western Kentucky. Hager helped stuff the bus with an abundance of socks, pajamas, and personal hygiene items to send across the state. Each day brought a new gift. Day 14 brought the gift of laughter with silly hats worn by our staff and students. Thank you, Hager Wildcats, for participating! We look forward to our 12 Days of Giving next year! Canned food items were donated to Hillcrest-Bruce Mission while socks, pajamas, and personal hygiene items were sent to Western Kentucky.



## Staff Spotlight

We at Hager would like to recognize our 21st Century Community Learning Center Site Coordinator, Kari Kennedy. Mrs. Kennedy plans, develops, and implements site programs, services and activities for our after-school program. She goes above and beyond to perform these duties and any other responsibilities given to make sure our students have a safe and structured environment for learning, tutoring and enrichment activities. We are thankful for her continued dedication to our school.

# OAKVIEW ELEMENTARY





Welcome Back Comets!

We are so happy to be back together again. I hope all of our families had a restful and peaceful break. It is so good to see those of you who have rejoined us from virtual instruction. We have missed you! As

always, your child's well-being is our top priority. We will continue to implement procedures to keep us all as healthy as possible. We have lots of fun things planned this semester for our students. I want to thank you for allowing us to love and serve your children. All of us at Oakview look forward to seeing their little faces each day. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me. I am looking forward to a fantastic new year!

Rebecca Howell, Principal

#### Staff Spotlight

Meet Nurse Jesse! She joined the Oakview team this past August. Nurse Jesse has become a smiling face to all who know her. She takes care of our kiddos everyday and is always available to give smiles and hugs. Her years of experience make her a perfect fit on our team. We love you, Nurse Jesse!



#### Upcoming Events

January 17 - No School February 21 - No School

#### "Brother's Keeper" Food Drive

Oakview held its 14th annual "Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive" this year. Students and staff collected enough food to feed ten families from Oakview. Oakview's "Brother's Keeper" club helped with the collection and sorting of baskets. All donations were used to feed families from Oakview or donated to local blessing boxes. Students who participate on Wednesdays will get to experience a fun approach to yoga! During yoga class, students are working on their balance and stamina, using their imagination, and practicing concentration techniques. As you can see, we are all smiles after a fun and engaging yoga lesson!



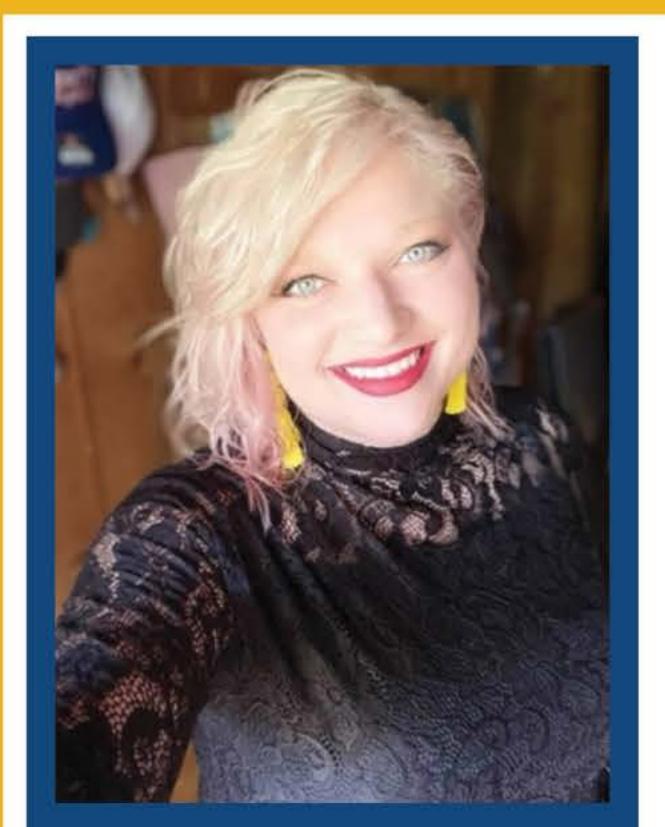
#### "Twas the Night..."

We LOVE performing our annual Thanksgiving play based on the book "Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving" by Dav Pilky. Thank you 2nd grade. We loved it!



# POAGE ELEMENTARY





We hope you had a restful and amazing Christmas Break! We are ready to hit the road running for our second semester at Poage! As always, we have lots of exciting things planned for our students.

I want to personally thank you for allowing our

staff to love your children like they are our own! We enjoy getting to come to this building each and every day and spend time investing in your children's future. We are so thankful for the opportunity to be a part of your lives.

Katie Holbrook, Ed. S Principal

#### Headed to Rupp

Poage STLP competed in the regional competition and were chosen to advance to the state competition at Rupp Arena in the spring! The judges complemented our students saying their presentation was the best they had judged all day!



#### All Aboard!

The Conductor from the Polar Express came all the way from the North Pole to visit our students! He read The Polar Express book and punched each of their tickets! The students were in awe!



#### Staff Spotlight

We would like to recognize Mrs. Kaylie Redman! Mrs. Redman is our Art teacher as well as an RTI specialist! She has been an amazing asset to our school and staff! We are thankful for all she does!



## ASHLAND EARLY EXCEPTIONAL CHILDHOOD CENTER





I hope that everyone enjoyed their much needed Christmas Break. Now that we are energized, we plan to head the ground running. We have so many things that we need to get ready before we start our kindergarten transitions. We have completed and compiled our Fall Assessment Data and are beginning to work on needed areas specific to each student. We are always excited to see the growth of each child at the end of the school year. We have also started a new digital research based platform for a Parent curriculum to increase family engagement making the connections between school and home.

#### Holiday Spirit

We had our annual Christmas Program at Ashland High School Sunday 12/5. We had an amazing turnout. As you can see below the Holiday spirit was in full swing!!







#### Staff Spotlight



Gina Hankins is one of our amazing IECE teachers that has 15 plus years of experience working with preschool age children. Gina is such a kind and nurturing teacher that makes connections with each and everyone of her students. We are so fortunate to have her as one of our own. Thank you Gina for all you do for our StarterCat Family.

#### Upcoming Events

Art Show - February 10
Family Reading Night - March 10
Dr Seuss Night - March 10
Science Day - April 14

# C.A.T.S. ACADEMY



# Cat's Spotlight on 4th and 5th Graders

#### Tanner, Fourth grade, Hager

"At CATS we work on fun, challenging, and creative activities. We work on things like Snap Circuit electronics, things like Snap Circuit electronics, chemical reactions, and math escape rooms. We also work on baking rooms. We also work on baking activities, stop motion animations, and graphing the four quadrants."

#### TRISTAN, FOURTH GRADE, POAGE

"AT CATS WE DO FUN LEARNING CHALLENGES LIKE MATH ESCAPE ROOMS, SNAP CIRCUITS, AND MATH BLAST. WE ALSO DO CALCULATOR CHALLENGES AND SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS. BUT THE THING I LIKE MOST THAT WE DO AT CATS IS WHEN WE COOK WITH MRS. SHIVEL."

KAYLEIGH, FIFTH GRADE, (HARLES RUSSELL

"AT THIS WONDERFUL

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IS NEVER BORING AND

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PLA(E FULL OF FUN."

#### ALEX, FOURTH GRADE, HAGER

"IN SCIENCE, WE DO
LOTS OF PHYSICAL
ACTIVITIES, BUILDING,
AND TESTING."

#### AIDAN, FIFTH GRADE, (RABBE

"BEFORE I (AME TO (ATS I DIDN'T HAVE MANY FRIENDS AND WAS ALWAYS LEFT OUT. NOW, I HAVE A TON OF FRIENDS AND I AM NEVER LEFT OUT IN ANYTHING.

(ATS HAS NOT ONLY MADE ME SMARTER, IT HAS MADE ME A BETTER PERSON."

## Leah, Fifth Grade, Oakview

"My personal favorite part of CATS is when we get to work with clay."

#### NEIL, FIFTH GRADE, HAGER

"IN MATH WE GET TO DO FUN THINGS LIKE ESCAPE ROOMS, MATH GAMES, AND MATH CROSS NUMBER PUZZLES. IN SCIENCE WE GET TO DO EXPERIMENTS WITH CHEMICALS AND OTHER THINGS LIKE STEM PROJECTS."

#### KARSON, FOURTH GRADE, HAGER

"WE ALSO DO S(IEN(E
EXPERIMENTS. WE DO MASS
AND MATTER WITH (RAFTS WE
MAKE. WE LEARNED A WHOLE
LOT ABOUT ARA(HNIDS AND
HOW SPIDERS MAKE THEIR
WEBS."

#### Ciara, Fifth Grade, Charles Russell

"One thing I love about CATS is sometimes we get to cook with Mrs. Shivel, it's really fun!"

## KY, FIFTH GRADE, CRABBE

"CATS HAS A MEANING TO US AND WHEN I SAY US, I MEAN THE CATS STUDENTS. I HAVE BEEN IN CATS FOR THREE YEARS AND THIS IS MY FAVORITE YEAR."

## MOLLY, FIFTH GRADE, OAKVIEW

"HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT (ATS?

WELL, I GO THERE EVERY

WEDNESDAY, AND I HAVE LOTS

OF FUN! THEY MAKE

LEARNING FUN AND GIVE YOU

WAYS TO BE (REATIVE AND

EXPRESS YOURSELF."

#### EMMA, FOURTH GRADE, CHARLES RUSSELL

"I THINK CATS IS A GREAT WAY
TO LEARN NEW THINGS AND I
REALLY ENJOY GOING TO CATS.
IT OFFERS A LOT OF NEW
OPPORTUNITIES."

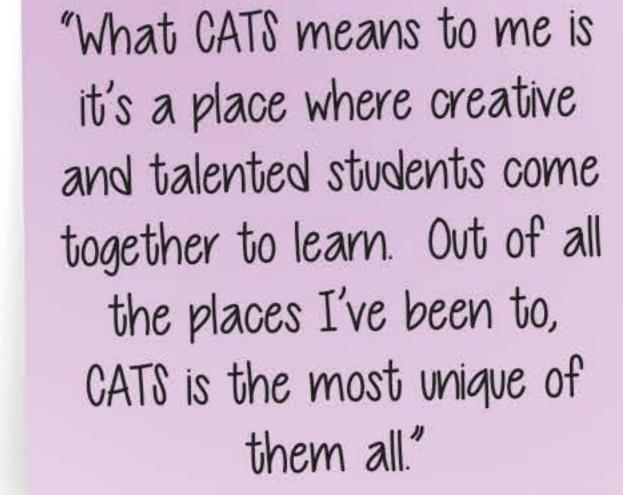
#### EMILY, FIFTH GRADE, CHARLES RUSSELL

"CATS STRETCHES OUR BRAINS AND
TAKES OUR KNOWLEDGE AND EXTENDS
IT. WE DO HANDS—ON EXPERIMENTS.
FOR EXAMPLE, WE ONCE MADE
BUBBLE MIXTURES AND TESTED WHICH
ONE WORKED BEST. I LIKE CATS
ONE WORKED BEST. I LIKE CATS
BECAUSE I HAVE TO WORK HARDER.
CATS MAKES ME THINK MORE ABOUT
THINGS. I AM GLAD I AM IN CATS."

#### SUSAN, FIFTH GRADE, HAGER

"I LOVE (ATT BE(AUSE I LOVE
ART AND BEING (REATIVE AND
(ATT IS JUST THAT. (ATT IS AN
AMAZING PROGRAM AND
TEA(HES ME A LOT AND IT'S
EASIER TO REMEMBER BE(AUSE
IT'S FUN."

Collin, Fifth Grade, Hager "One of my favorite things about CATS is that our teachers help us learn that fun is in everything."



Bailey, Fifth Grade, Poage















The Family Resource and Youth Service Centers (FRYSC) were hard at work in November and December with holiday prep. Each center provides students and families with Thanksgiving food baskets as well as Christmas gifts. Due to the pandemic, centers were seeing more needs than ever. Our priority is always serving as many families as possible and doing whatever it takes to meet their needs.

During Thanksgiving the Ashland FRYSC partnered up with The Mission, CARes and various community partners to serve a total of 158 students and families with food baskets. All items were donated by students, staff and community members.

Christmas can be a busy time and we never want our families to worry about how they will provide food and gifts for their families. This year was no exception. Through many generous donations and countless volunteers, the AISD FRYSC were able to serve a total of 497 students and families with Christmas assistance this year.

The Ashland and South Ashland Family Resource Center worked alongside the Elk's lodge, Ashland Fire Department, Motorcycle Ministries, Shop with a Cop, Echo's Elves, Dr. Arnold's office, Gateway Church, The Mission, CAReS and individual partners to serve 337 students and families this Christmas from Head Start and our Elementary Schools. Crabbe did an Angel Tree to provide 50 students with a book and a toy and Charles Russell, Oakview and Poage held a Toy Drive to help provide Christmas gifts this year! Through these agencies, gifts were delivered, meals were provided and several students got to meet with Santa!

The Ashland Youth Service Center organized the annual Cash & Coins for Christmas program raising money for Christmas gifts for students at Ashland Middle School. \$5400 was raised through a student competition between grades, staff and community donations. 57 AMS Beta students, their 3 sponsors, and various AMS staff and community partners shopped for 64 AMS students based on their wish lists. 29 families received food boxes assuring a Merry Christmas for our families.

The Ashland Blazer YSC hosted its annual Cash & Coins Program to raise money for Blazer student's Christmas gifts. The staff and students alongside community members raised a record high of \$12,624.74! Thanks to your generosity, 73 students received Christmas gifts this year and 50 families received food baskets. Thank you to the over 60 volunteers that helped us shop for our students! Thank you for making this year's program a success.







Community Partner	Students/Families Served	Service Provided
Elk's Lodge	20	Party with gifts, lunch and Santa
Elk's Lodge 350	200	Provided stocking stuffers to children
Ashland Fire Dept.	36	Gifts delivered to each child
Motorcycle Ministries	30	Party with gifts, lunch, food basket and Santa
Shop with a Cop	12	Children shopped in person with officers
Echo's Elves (In honor of Connie and Joshua Reliford)	3	Gifts and food basket
Dr. Arnold's Office	4	Gifts and food basket
Ronnie Faulkner	3	Gifts delivered by Santa on Christmas Eve
Crabbe Angel Tree	50	Book + Toy
AFRC	8	Gifts
Gateway Church	25	Gifts
Donated toys from Toy Drive	12 CRS, Oakview & Poage students	Gifts
The Mission	60	Gifts
CAReS	97	Gifts

## Ashland Academic Teams Take on Districts

Hard work and determination paid off once again for the Ashland Blazer Academic Team! On January 22nd Blazer claimed its 37th Consecutive District Title in Governor's Cup at Boyd County High School. The team has put in countless hours of study and practice in preparation of this competition with Boyd and Lawrence Counties. Students compete in several events to accumulate the Overall win for the District Governor's Cup, including: Future Problem Solving, Quick Recall, Written Composition, and tests in Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, and Arts & Humanities.

Future Problem Solving won 1st Place. The team is Gwen Akers, Brayden Jordan, Gwynnan Cartmel, and Thomas Brewer. Quick Recall won 1st Place, beating Boyd County 47-25 and Lawrence County 62-6, before winning in the Championship 49-22 over Boyd. The Quick Recall Team is Joslin Wireman, Ace Farris, Anna Bocook, Ali Ellison, Myintmo Tun, Noah Carey, Eric Ware, and Ethan Goodrich. In Written Composition Gwen Akers took 1st and Sydney

Clark was 2nd. Ali Ellison won Math Assessment, followed by Noah Carey and Myintmo Tun in 2nd and 3rd. Hannah Laney won Science Assessment, followed by Drake Caudill and Gwynnan Cartmel in 3rd and 4th. Ace Farris won Social Studies Assessment, with Ethan Goodrich and Dirk Hay in 4th and 5th. In Language Arts, Anna Bocook won, followed closely in 2nd by Joslin Wireman and Ace Farris in 3rd. Joslin Wireman won Arts and Humanities with the highest score across the state, with Anna Bocook close behind in 2nd.



Congratulations to this hard working team, and we wish them luck for Region at Russell on February 19th!

#### Ashland Middle School

The AMS Academic Team competed in the Governor's Cup District competition on January 15, 2022. Students have prepared by spending 3-4 days a week practicing and competing in local league events since August. For many of the students competing this will be their first in person District Competition since 5th grade!

"Like last year, these students have battled not only with learning and mastering their areas of expertise but also Covid, the flu, weather closures and delays. I am so proud of how hard they've worked and how determined they are! They set a goal for as many as possible to get to go to State in Louisville and they are well on their way to doing that!" says head coach Eliza Lee.

Students will compete again on Feburary 5th in the Regional Governor's Cup Meet at Boyd County Middle.

#### Winners from Saturday's Competition:

#### FPS -1st Place

(Avery Caudill, Reece Shockley, Emily Berry, and Hadley Moore)

#### Writer's Comp

Reagan Hayes -1st Place

Marley Walters - 2nd Place

#### Language Arts

Caroline Yates -1st Place

Reagan Hayes- 5th Plae

#### **Arts & Humanities**

Caroline Yates - 1st Place

Ben Ream - 4th Place

#### Science

Miles Hutchinson - 5th Place

#### Math

Scarlett Adkins - 1st Place

Eleanor Caudill - 5th Place

#### **Social Studies**

Dylan Rice - 3rd Place



(L-R) Ben Ream, Coltyn West, Noah Wurts, Aiden Conley, Scarlett Adkins, Kirk Walker, Dylan Rice, Caroline Yates, Eliza Lee, Reagan Hayes. Not pictured: Rilee Bohannon, Avery Caudill, Hadley Moore, Marley Walter, Reece Shockley

# AIT Champions

With wins over Calloway County, Lincoln County and Elder (Cincinnati), the Ashland Tomcats claimed their 16th AIT title, their third in the last four appearances. Tucker Conway hit 10 three-pointers to lead the Tomcats with 30 points in the championship. Colin Porter (MVP), Ethan Sellars, Tucker Conway and Zander Carter recieved all tournament team honors.



# Coach Love Hangs Up the Whistle

After 28 years of Tomcat Football, the last nine as head coach, Tony Love is stepping away. With an overall record of 89-21, Coach Love finishes with the highest winning percentage of other Tomcat football coaches that led at least as long as he did; one of those wins being the 2020 KHSAA 3A State Champion-



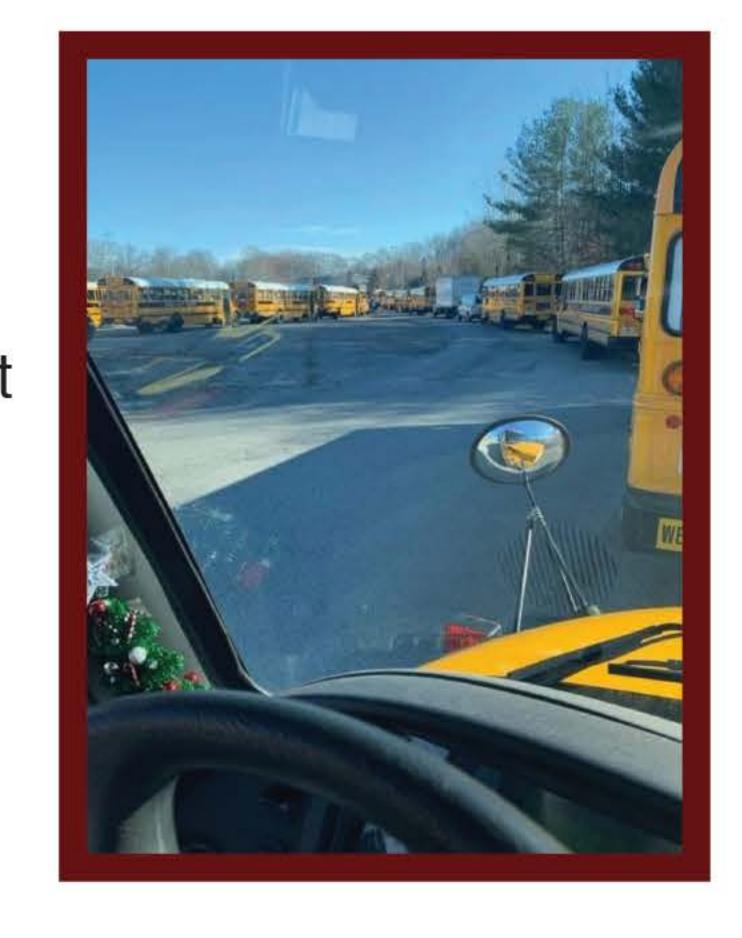
ship. Along with resigning from the coach position, Love will also retire from teaching at the end of the school year. Athletic director Jim Conway wishes him the best of luck in his future endeavors and retirement. "Coach Love did things the right way and was a great example to all of the students and student-athletes that he had the opportunity to both teach and coach." Ashland has named Chad Tackett as the next head coach.

Coach Love speaks to his team during halftime of the 2020 KHSAA 3A State Championship at Kroger Field.

#### #STUFFTHEBUS

When Ashland bus driver Jo Ann Fugett was asked to help deliver donations to western Kentucky tornado victims, she imagined making the drive across the state with some boxes of supplies. "I've been driving for 22 years and have never seen anything like it. I was proud

Family. I love my job!" When one bus filled up, Jaye Artrip was called upon to drive a second. After stops in Morehead and Mt. Sterling to meet up with other school districts, Jo Ann and Jaye made their way down I-65 to Mayfield. "I couldn't believe all of the buses. I was completely overwhelmed with all the outpouring of donations."



#### Game, Set, Match for Coach Linn

After three seasons at head coach for the Volleycats, Sarah Linn has decided to take some time off. Combined with coach at Raceland prior to Ashland, Linn has coached for six years. Finishing her coaching career just one game under .500, Linn consistently built on her record each year. Her last season saw the Volleycats reach 21 wins (the most since 2013) and a region tournament semifinal (the first since 2017). She



hasn't stepped away completely as she will continue to be involved with the Northeastern Kentucky Elite Volleyball Club. Linn remains a teacher at Ashland Blazer.



# Ashland Students On Pointe!



While many of our students showcase their hobbies in the classroom or on the playing field, we have some students that show off their skills on stage (or with the orchestra in the pit). Over the past months, twenthy-eight Ashland students, from elementary to high school worked long hours practicing, preparing, and performing in the Nutcracker, presented by the Ashland Regional Dance Theatre.



Aubrie Skaggs (7th) as Clara



Ashland Blazer students Ella Detherage and SJ Lycans



Elizabeth Perkins (8th), Lyndsi Watts (8th), and Jaidyn Howard (9th) as Soldiers



Senior Emily Fields as the Toy Soldier



Emarie Anderson (Poage)



Parker Williams (11th) as Clara's father



Hager student, Sadie Cannoy

#### Elementary:

Emarie Anderson
Emma Cannoy
Sadie Cannoy
Kayleigh Conley
Cali Litteral
Kaydence Mays
Sarah Musser
Scarlett Rose
Elizabeth Stout
Noah Watts
Lilly Grace Wheeler
Sophie Beth Wheeler

#### Ashland Middle:

Kamryn Darling Ava Detherage Hadley Moore Elizabeth Perkins Aubrie Skaggs Kylie Trent Lyndsi Watts

#### Ashland Blazer:

Ella Detherage Emily Fields Jaidyn Howard Alaina Lucas SJ Lycans Parker Williams Emily York