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Ashland Independent Schools

December 2016

Greetings,

As we close out our first semester, it is evident that our district is blessed to have supportive families and a community that values a strong educational product. Our staff works very diligently to bring the best educational opportunities to the students we serve. I strongly encourage each family to be actively engaged in the educating of the child(ren) you send to us each day. It takes all of us working together if we are to provide the best for the student. Our goal is to offer a sense of security and value to the students in our district. Please do not hesitate to communicate your concerns to our staff as we are dependent upon you for feedback. Together, we can build an even stronger community.



D. Sean Howard
Superintendent

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District News



Ashland Middle School teacher Lisa Wallin said she checked off two things from her bucket list this fall: to be on the radio, and to be in a play. According to her fans, Mrs. Wallin stole the show as Ouiser in Ashland Community and Technical

College's rendition of the play *Steele Magnolias*. In preparation for the show she made a quick stop by Kool Hits 105.7 to promo the show.

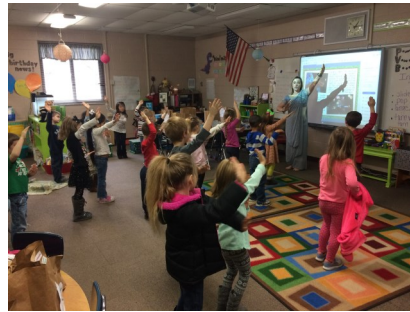


Ashland Middle School 6th Grade Academic Team

(Left to Right: **Front Row** - Michelle Leach, Marissa Morrison, Caroline Pullem, Moe Tun, Abby Leeper, Gracie Madden, Angela Emeterio, and Ace Farris **Back Row** - Kendrick Cox, Grace Browning, Jada Maynard, England Huizar, Hannah Laney, December Boggs, Javon Revely, and Devoyne Montgomery **Not Pictured** - Maddie Aliff, Aubree Hay, Gracen Layman, and Lucas Trent)



Christmas Around the World



On December 14, 2016 students at Hager Elementary School went on a quick trip around the world. The students visited 13 classrooms where they were introduced to a variety of Christmas traditions.

Some were similar to what occurs in the United States and some were very different. Students danced, sang, ate, and completed craft projects from Burma, Germany, Singapore, Canada, Puerto Rico, Argentina, United Kingdom, Russia, India, South Africa, China, Sweden, and Australia. Volunteers worked with students in each classroom as they "traveled" throughout the day. By the end of the trip student passports and suitcases were full.



Inclement Weather Reminder

Decisions concerning school closings, delays, and school bus operations relative to inclement and/or hazardous weather conditions or any emergency will be made at the earliest possible time in order to ensure the safety and convenience of our students, families and staff.



If inclement weather occurs during the school day, children will be sent home at a time that will allow for roads to be made safe prior to dismissal. School cancellations will also be posted to this web page and calls will be made via the district phone messaging system.

For announcements of these decisions, tune to WSAZ—Channel 3, WCHS—Channel 8, WOWK—Channel 13, WKEE—100.5, WTCR—103.3, and WRVC—92.7.

Ashtland Head Start



The holidays are a time to connect, make memories, and enjoy good food with our families. We all know Christmas is also an expensive time of the year. For some of our families who depend on their children receiving meals at their school to help stretch the family food budget, it can be a struggle. We reached out to some of our community partners to help us in providing essential needs to ensure that no matter the situation the children and families we work with can have a Merry Christmas. This year's donations have been a testament to the dedication and goodwill of our community for our children and their families. With all our gratitude we want to pause and say thank you for your generosity and kindness.



The children in Ms. Dee's are exploring Christmas traditions around the world. Activities include making candle wreaths, caroling, and filling shoes with presents. Mrs. Bautista is helping children make a

homemade Christmas piñata. We cannot wait to sing the Piñata song and break it open.

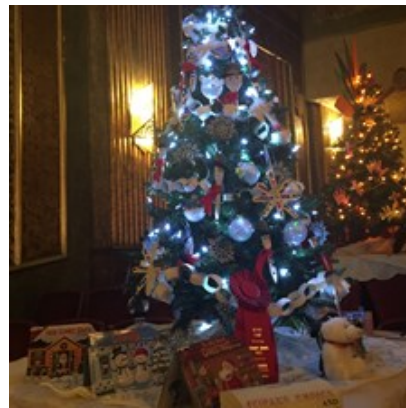
In Mrs. McDowell's Class we finished our Tree Study. We celebrated by making Christmas decorations. All of our families were invited. We made a pinecone with glitter, a tree made from our hands, and magic reindeer food. The children gave each parent a folder with all their wonderful work inside. The students learned what lives in a tree, what grows on a tree, who helps care for trees, and what materials are made from trees. We are preparing for the Holiday Sing Program. Our songs are "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." We are very excited for the New Year.



This month in Mrs. Foltz's classroom, we had a classroom celebration in which the students

read the story The Gingerbread Man, and we talked about parts of a gingerbread man. The students' families then joined them in decorating their own gingerbread craft using various art supplies. This was a wonderful chance for families to join the children and get involved in what the students were learning. We had a great turn out of families, and the students and families seemed to really enjoy this activity.

Ms. Carr's class has been practicing for our annual Christmas Program. Our class will sing "Blitzen's Boogie" and "Frosty the Snowman." Our program offers an opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate the holiday season by watching our precious students perform. We hope you will join us and create memories that will last for years to come! Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from Ms. Carr's Class!



Mrs. Steele's class had a fun time entering the Festival of Trees and Trains. This was the first year that our class entered a tree. The title of our tree was "Preschool is Snow Much Fun!" We decorated our tree with snowmen made from paintbrushes, snowmen made from clear bulbs,

snowflakes made from Popsicle sticks, and we used our hands to make a snowman family on a bulb ornament. It was very busy getting it ready! Our tree won second place in the Primary School Division at the Festival of Trees and Trains. We were happy to have our tree on display in our classroom in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Crabbe Elementary

Crabbe's Kindergarten has been hard at work. We have been doing research about reindeers. Who knew male **and** female reindeer have antlers? In our elf unit we filled out an application to see if we met the requirements to be an elf, and we took a day to make toys. It was a fun day for all.



First grade students recently took a trip to see the Festival of Trees and Trains at the Paramount Arts Center. Students loved seeing all the wonderful, beautifully decorated trees. Students were thrilled to cast their vote for their favorite tree. They were particularly fond of the "Adventures in Toyland" tree which they helped create. Students marveled at their creations on display.

Second grade students have been working hard on Reflex Math. They are determined to master their facts and add their name to our Reflex Math wall. Congratulations to Emmanuel Aguilar and Jace Murray for reaching 80% fluency on their math facts!



We also had fun at The Elves and the Shoemaker performance at the PAC. The students enjoyed singing and dancing along with the actors.



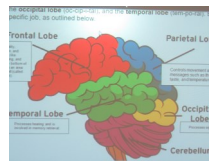
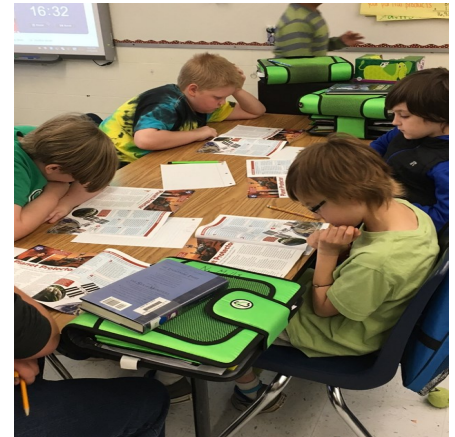
Ms. Clemons's class participated in a math cookie decorating activity, with the help from Mrs. Shelly Knopf from Midtown Subway. Students were given a price list containing items to decorate their cookies. Once they added their total, they were able to decorate their cookie. Students had a great time!



4th graders participated in Hour of Code during Computer Science Education Week, Dec. 5-11. The **Hour of Code** started as a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "**code**," to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. Some of the tutorials students worked on were Star Wars, Minecraft, and Moana.



Also, in science, students dissected owl pellets to learn more about the diet of barn owls. Students were amazed to find skulls and different bones in their pellets.



Mrs. Murray's 5th grade math class engaged in real world mathematics using Dyna Math magazine. Students practiced division skills as they learned all about Mars Rivers in the article "Planet Protectors."

During the second 9 weeks our STEM classes have turned to the medical world. For the first time, students are going in-depth learning about biomedical issues. Our school nurse came to talk to the classes about the medical field!

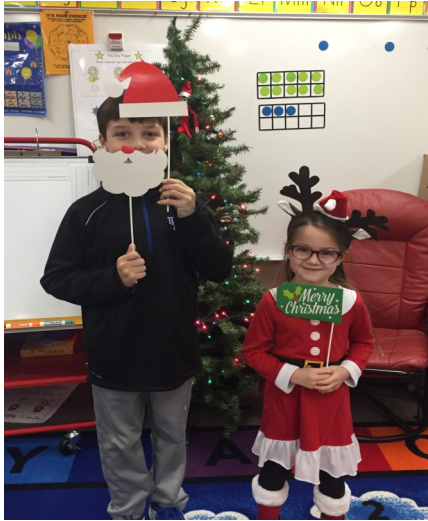


The 4th graders have had fun learning about the inner workings of the human brain and the nervous system. The 5th graders have been learning the immune system and how our bodies fight off infection. Ask them about Patient Zero.



Hager Elementary

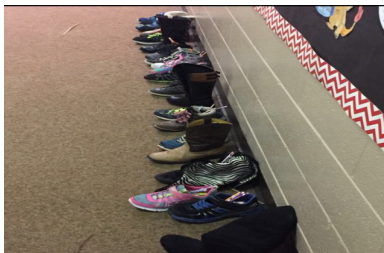
Kindergarten students have been busy at Hager! In November, we learned all about the Pilgrims and Native Americans. We celebrated our thankfulness with our own feast! In December, we celebrated Christmas by learning about reindeer, elves, and gingerbread men! Kindergarten has begun our Peer Pals, where we meet weekly with our fifth grade pals to read books and do various activities together!



Hager's first grade classes have been having a blast this holiday season! Mrs. Kennedy's, Mrs. Rosario's, and Mrs. Barnes's classes have been diving into reading skills and math fluency while participating in *Polar Express* themed activities. Each class got to celebrate their learning with a Polar

Express Day at school, complete with pajamas, winter treats, and a viewing of the movie to compare and contrast with the book.

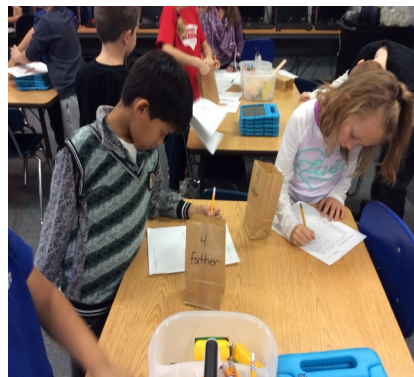
Students in second grade have been studying various holiday traditions from around the world. The students' favorite country to learn about was Italy. They loved that La Befana (a witch) delivered presents instead of Santa. Students have been able to engage in several traditional activities, such as leaving their shoes out with hay (Spain) and making their own poinsettia (Mexico). Each student presented a project about a given country and their holiday activities before Christmas break.



During STEM class, 3rd grade students at Hager Elementary completed Module 2 and Module 3: Forces and Interactions, Variations of Traits. They have learned how forces work on an airplane in flight, balanced and unbalanced forces, Newton's Laws of Motion, and simple/compound machines. Students had fun investigating the differences between inherited genetic traits and traits learned. Students explored the marvels that offspring may express different traits than parents as we've learned about dominant and recessive genes and practiced using a Punnett Square. Mrs. Buckley's class looks forward to completing Module 3 right after Christmas break.



In 4th grade, Mrs. King's and Mrs. Cole's class have been working on strategies for problem solving. From learning new methods of multiplication and division to adding and subtracting fractions, the students have been very busy. In science, students have been learning about waves and how they occur in everyday life. Students modeled how



sound waves from a car stereo can break a windshield! We have also gotten into some really good books! Students have been writing reviews on nonfiction books. We are currently working on our figurative language snow globes and our wonderland poem books.

Hager's 5th grade students finished reading *Little House on the Prairie*, by Laura Ingalls Wilder. They loved the book! They were excited to grind coffee in a vintage coffee grinder, just like Mary and Laura! In Social Studies they are working on designing a banner to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; if selected, their banner will be displayed in downtown Ashland. In Science, they have been learning about the phases of the moon. They "walked on the moon" wearing Moon Boots and demonstrated the phases of the moon with Oreo cookies. Now they are preparing for Hager's Science Fair, which will be in January.

Oakview Elementary

“Ashland’s Future Starts Here!”



Oakview Elementary School's Triple A Club!



Kindergarten:

Kindergarten spent the month of November studying the customs and traditions of the Pilgrims and Native Americans. Each class focused on one group of people and made a craft that they

exchanged at a friendship ceremony. The ceremony was followed by a big Thanksgiving feast furnished by our wonderful parents.



1st Grade: First graders have been writing up a storm! During Thanksgiving, students were asked to write a piece entitled "How to Cook a Turkey." Here are some of the 1st graders' very unique recipes for how to fix the traditional Thanksgiving bird. **First**, some students got their turkey at Walmart, but others thought they had to fight a turkey and pluck its feathers! **Then**, one student

washed the turkey, but the rest of the class just threw it in a pan. **Next**, most of the students turned on the oven with temperatures from 1 degree or 1 million degrees. The cooking time also varied from 1 minute to 1 million minutes! **Last**, the delicious turkeys were served with sides such as mashed potatoes, corn, salt, vinegar, or just some chicken. Yum, yum!



2nd Grade: Second grade has been studying Christmas traditions around the world. They have “visited” the countries of Mexico, Italy, Germany, Israel, Holland, France, and England learning how others

celebrate during this holiday season. Some of their favorite things were when they received a special visit from La Befana and made yummy Italian treats, when they used Skype to conference with kids from Germany and saw the Christmas Market, when they had their shoes filled with goodies from Sinterklaas, and when they learned about the Festival of Lights known as Hanukkah!



3rd Grade: Third graders are hard at work in math learning all things multiplication and division! Students have begun taking timed multiplication tests every Friday to become Fact Ninja masters! We have learned how to multiply by powers of ten and use commutative, associative, and distributive properties. Students are also learning strategies for division, equal groups, arrays, and fact families. In reading, students are continuing their skills of restating and answering, as well as learning about text features. We have started our third module in STEM and can't wait to learn more from Mrs. Stephens! Third grade is excited because we won the attendance challenge for the month of October



and celebrated with a pizza party! We are very thankful for all of our teachers at Oakview who have been helping us become proficient students and for our parents who continue to help us succeed!

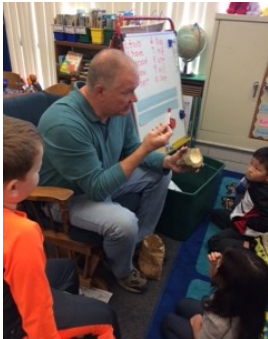
4th Grade: Fourth graders have been busy as bees comparing and contrasting passages, identifying the problem and solution in stories, and explaining cause and effect relationships. In math the students are learning new strategies and ways to solve division problems. Students are also mastering their multiplication facts and earning different colored fact belts. We took our first field trip to the Paramount to see the play “The Elves and the Shoemaker.”



5th Grade: The fifth grade classes were invited to come help the first grade classes with their gingerbread houses. The students had fun making the gingerbread houses and decorating them. Everyone had a "Sweet" time! Fifth grade students have been studying European history and enjoyed "diving" for artifacts. They used the artifacts to learn why Europeans explored the New World.



Poage Elementary



Kindergarten

In December, retired Ashland Middle School teacher, Mark Renfro, a grandparent to one of our students, Carson, visited kindergarten to teach us about Native Americans and buffaloes. Mr. Renfro taught us that Native Americans were the ultimate recyclers. When they killed a buffalo they used every part of it. He brought different bones, ligaments, and even a dried buffalo

chip. What could possibly be more exciting than learning that Native Americans used dried buffalo poop to start fires? Mr. Renfro has not lost his touch. He was, and still is, one of the best teachers to have ever walked through the doors of the Ashland Independent School District!

1st Grade

The first graders at Poage have been traveling all around the world learning about how other countries celebrate Christmas. At each stop, students have learned to say the country's Christmas greeting, sampled traditional foods, and participated in some of their Christmas traditions. The students especially loved the hot chocolate and cinnamon rolls from Sweden and smashing open a piñata in Mexico.

PE

On December 8th we had two special guests from OLBH's Fit Families Program. They put on an assembly for the entire school to discuss healthy eating, active living, and the Fit Families Program. This program is a free service that provides health coaching by certified fitness and nutrition professionals, assistance in creating healthy goals, and access to firm fitness at Bellefonte Pavilion! For more information, call (606) 833-2271.

Mrs. Akers's Class

Mrs. Akers's students have been busy this month both in and out of the classroom. During a STEM project Mrs. Akers challenged her students to build a box to hold their items using only two pieces of paper and tape. Students enjoyed coming up with unique and interesting ideas to accomplish this task. They also



had a great time on a field trip to the Festival of Trees and Trains!



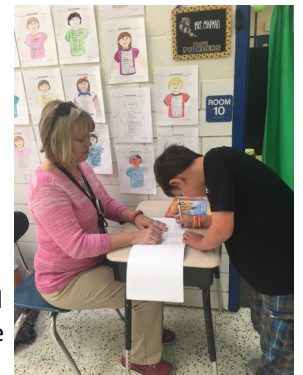
Lego Robotics

Poage has two Lego Robotics teams this year. On December 2nd both teams competed in the First Lego League competition at ACTC's Technology Drive Campus. The two teams worked together to complete tasks in areas including Core Values, Robot Games, Robot Design, and Team Project. Pioneer Team #1 was awarded the Judges' Award for energy. Pioneer Team #2 was awarded 2nd place in Core Values and was 1 of only 4 teams to win a bid to the state competition.



3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Mock Election

Poage 3rd - 5th graders learned about the election process for the President of the United States by participating in a mock election on November 1st. They filled out voter registration forms and turned them in before the deadline in order to vote on Poage Election Day. Before voting, students signed the voter registration identification book and filled in an electoral map of the hallway. In the end, they correctly predicted the outcome of the race.

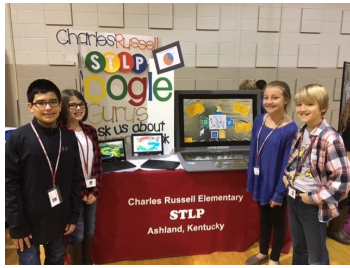


5th Grade

Fifth grade students in Mrs. Stanfield's class donned chef hats as they learned about line plots. Student teacher, Amy Berry, made learning a difficult concept a whole lot of fun! Student groups worked together to find the fraction amounts of sugar, flour, salt, butter, baking soda, etc. needed for each recipe. They discovered the importance of labeling when some students incorrectly labeled salt as cups instead of teaspoons. When the lessons were finished, we had some proud chefs who had created and served line plot masterpieces!



Charles Russell Elementary



STLP News: On November 17th, the STLP traveled to Morehead State University to compete in Regionals. Our showcase team advanced to the State Competition with their project, "Google Guru's"! Ali Ellison, Riley Gussler, Morgan Palma, and Emma

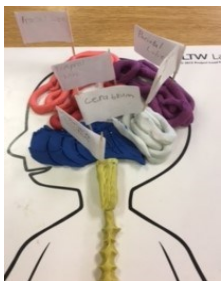
VanHorn are very excited about the State competition at Rupp Arena in Lexington on April 12, 2017.

Also during Regionals, 5th grader, Samuel Tibbitts advanced to the State competition for Scratch Ambassador. He was the ONLY Ashland Schools elementary student to advance in a service category!



Some of Charles Russell's cheerleaders cheered on our Indians at the Holy Family tournament.

Go, Indians!



STEM News: The students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades have begun working on Project Launch Module 3. These are Bio-Medical modules! They are new to the STEM curriculum this year. Third graders are exploring the Variation of Traits. Fourth grade is studying the Human Brain. While the fifth graders are learning about Infection Detection.



First Grade: Mrs. Schirtzinger's class is learning about Christmas symbols and making candy cane ornaments.

Lego Robotics: Charles Russell's robotics team, the

TechnoWizards, went to the FLL tournament at ACTC on December 2nd. They participated in several competitions there, including a project where they presented the medical benefits of leach therapy, a core values activity where they showed the judges how well they work as a team and the robot game. The TechnoWizards brought home a 3rd place in robot design! They will compete again in March in the RCX division.



The **4th Grade** at Charles Russell Elementary have begun working with a new program called Reflex Math. Reflex Math has fast-paced games with rewards for progress and effort. Students will use this program on their new Chromebooks three times a week in hopes of improving their fluency with basic math facts.

Students can also work from home with building fluency in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division on any device with internet. We look forward to seeing great gains throughout the year.

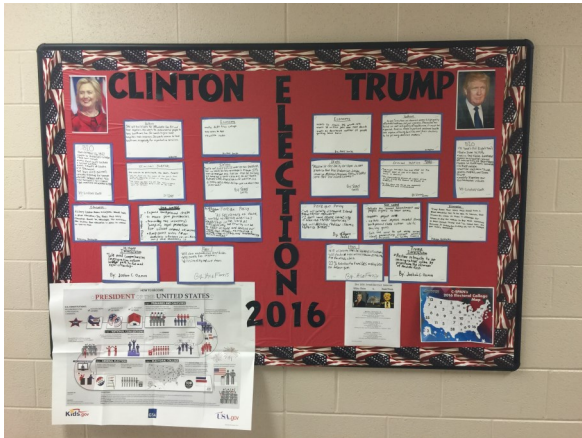


Mrs. Bonner's Kindergarten class learned about the Pilgrims' journey to America. We studied about the ship, the journey, and all of the skills that the Native Americans taught the Pilgrims how to do. We read fiction and nonfiction books, and we ended our study with a wonderful Thanksgiving feast in which we shared some of the same foods that they ate at the very first Thanksgiving.

Charles Russell Elementary Academic Team has been working hard all year as they prepare for League Play and Districts in February. Several students have placed at our Inner League meets that each elementary has hosted over the last two months. Students are also doing well in the bi-weekly play against schools in our area. In our League Play on Monday, November 28th the following students placed in their subjects against Hager and Worthington: In Science, Grace Delaney-2nd, Holly Harris and Myla Hamilton tied for 3rd. In Language Arts, Reyce Vanover was 1st, Anna Bocook and Rachel Tackett tied for 3rd. In Social Studies, Rachel Tackett was 2nd, Holly Harris, Myla Hamilton and Reyce Vanover tied for 3rd. In Arts and Humanities, Ashley Colley was 2nd, Aubrey Foster and Emme Rogers tied for 4th. Finally, in Math Ali Ellison was 2nd.

Ashland Middle

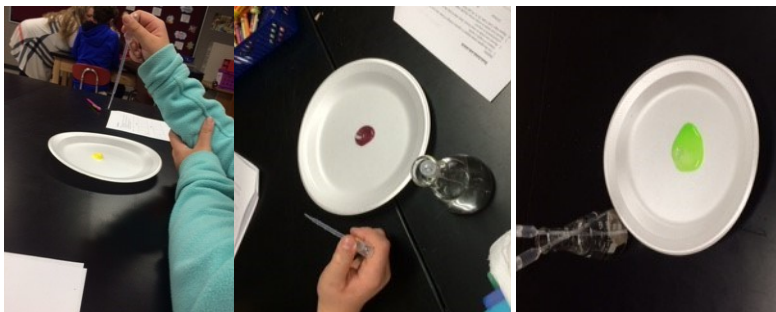
The AMS 6th-Grade Academic Team had an outstanding effort at Boyd County on Saturday, finishing 2nd Place overall out of six teams competing in the K.A.A.C Section 38 6th-Grade Showcase tournament. The 2nd place finish was the result of an outstanding team effort, which featured strong individual performances by these subject area testers: Moe Tun - 5th Place Math; Hannah Laney - 4th Place Math; Aubrey Hay - 5th Place English Comp; Grayson Layman - 2nd Place English Comp; Michelle Leach - 3rd Place Language Arts; Caroline Pullem - 2nd Place Arts & Humanities; Ace Farris - 2nd Place Social Studies; and Hannah Laney - 1st Place Science!



Ms. Rockel's Current Events elective class has been studying the election. They researched the policies of both candidates and created a bulletin board summarizing their views on issues such as taxes, healthcare, and

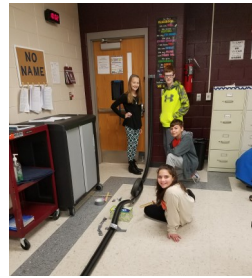
foreign policy. They made the bulletin board to help their classmates decide who to vote for in the school wide mock election. Donald Trump was victorious in the school wide election.

Ms. Howard's class used Skittles to represent rock. Then, using a water dropper they physically and chemically weathered the (skittle) rock away. It was a fun and edible way to demonstrate weathering and erosion inside the classroom!



Mr. Chaffin's Civics class had a guest speaker, attorney Mrs. Latherow, on Dec. 6th. Mrs. Latherow spoke to the class about arguing a case before the KY Supreme Court. (She did this last year.) Mr. Chaffin's class was studying U.S. Supreme Court Cases such as Brown v Board of Education.

Mr. Bailey's English Float Class students are answering the question "Is Santa Real?" They are writing the piece geared to the 1st grade level.



Mrs. Hess's Science and Technology class are shown building roller coasters. In this experiment students are learning about kinetic and potential energy.

Students in Mrs. Lovins's classes played the Breakout Game in English classes using clues from each subject area to "breakout" and unlock the code! Students had to decipher math, geography, literature and science clues to complete the task and win the game!

Beta Club collaborated with the Ashland Youth Service Center to purchase Christmas gifts for AMS students who might otherwise not receive gifts. Beta Club raised \$1,700 for this service project. The Beta Club students were given a wish list from unidentified students. The Beta Club students shopped for the gifts. AYSC distributed the presents.



The Adventurers' Team competed for prizes by solving math problems in small groups during "Halloween Team Friday."

Mrs. Hess's Science Technology students are studying ways to clean up oil spills. The students are engineering their own devices to clean up the oil. The students must use their engineering skills as well as their money skills. The group that retrieves the most amount of oil with the least amount of water while using the least amount of money will win!

Mrs. Lee's theatre arts class presented a reader's theatre version of "The Gift of the Magi" by O'Henry. Students worked on memorizing the lines, designing the costumes, and were assisted by Mr. Brown's art class to design a backdrop.

The Ashland Youth Service Center helped over 100 families this Christmas from the Cash & Coins campaign. Each year AYCS heads up this important effort. Thanks to all who donated!

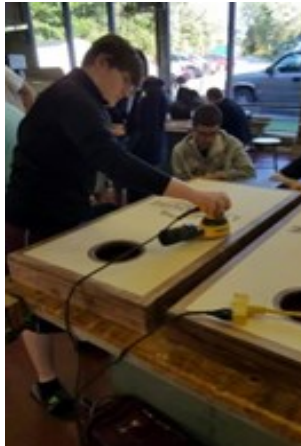
Mr. Coots's class raised \$675 for the American Heart Association. AMS students donated to the "Hoops For Hearts" program.



Paul Blazer High

Carpentry department

Mr. Brillhart's carpentry classes recently constructed and donated corner hole boards for the LifeHouse Recovery Center in Huntington, WV. Mr. Brillhart's church has been working with the Addiction Recovery Center over the past year. The money for this project was donated in memory of Sean Hayton, Mr. Brillhart's best friend in high school. Sean's parents wanted the students in the carpentry program to build something to benefit the community.



Emily Hanners is a senior at Blazer and was selected to participate in a new program called FRYSCy Corp. Emily will be working with the Ashland Youth Service Center throughout this year to earn 300 hours of community service. By completing those hours she will receive \$1,222 to use toward higher education. One of the many things she is doing is mentoring a freshman student. Emily is a delightful young lady to work with. If you have any programs that she may be able to work with through any of our schools, please get in touch with Karen Gearheart at the AYSC (327-2794) and let's all help her get those hours.



Blazer senior String Orchestra

Students Carlie and Caroline Geyer will be making a repeat trip to Louisville this February to perform with the KMEA All-State Orchestras. Caroline will be performing in the Commonwealth String Orchestra cello section for the second year in a row, while her sister Carlie, who was selected to 2nd Violin section of the Commonwealth Orchestra in 2014, will be performing in the

Symphony Orchestra 2nd violin section this year. Auditions are highly competitive with 26 cellos and 67 violins selected across the state, with the majority of the strings coming from the Arts Magnet schools in Lexington and Louisville. Blazer's String Orchestra program has had at least one participant selected to perform with the state's most select high school ensembles 22 of the last 23 years.

A Glimpse of the Health Science Program at Blazer

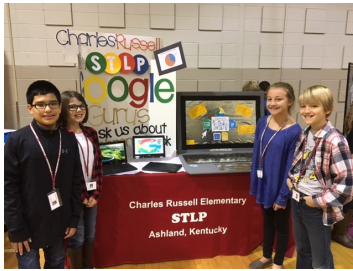
The first semester courses are coming to a close for the Health Science program. The courses ending are Medical Nurse's Aide, Emergency Procedures, and EKG technician. The students in these classes have had a lot of hands on experiences, and the internship classes have had clinicals at Woodland Oaks, Oakmont Manor, and King's Daughters Medical Center. The EKG technician students have enjoyed the chaos of the KDMC emergency department, and the MNA kids have seen first hand what it would be like to work in a nursing home as an aide. These experiences have brought an opportunity to high school students that really enrich their time in high school. Another class that has had a great semester is Emergency Procedures. They had the opportunity to become CPR certified and also had special speakers, a respiratory therapist and a paramedic. Halloween was an exciting time for these students as they *made* wounds on each other and learned how to treat them. These classes have been taught by first year teachers, Heather Pick and Brittany Merrill. It has been an exciting first semester and next semester will bring on a whole new aspect with Phlebotomy, Pharmacy Technician, and Dosage Calculation courses.



On Tuesday, November 15th, Blazer's theatre classes presented An Evening of One-Acts. Audiences were treated to a Wizard of Oz farce, When Bad Things Happen to Good Actors, by Ian McWethy and Jaxon Pizzarello, performed by Theatre II-III-IV-V students. Theatre I performed Complaint Department and Lemonade by Kamron Klitgaard, and all five levels of theatre combined for Todd Wallinger's You're Driving Me Crazy!, a humorous look at teenagers learning to drive.

District News

This Fall proved to be an exciting season for technology competition in the Ashland Independent School System. On November 17th, over 120 students representing all seven of our schools participated in the STLP (Student Technology Leadership Program) Regional Showcase event at Morehead State University. Students from all of our schools made the cut and were invited to the state competition which will be held at Rupp Arena in April. On December 2nd, eleven teams comprised of over 100 students in grades 4 through 8 competed in the FLL (First Lego League) Regional Competition at Ashland Community and Technical College. The Fire Pandas of Ashland Middle School were named Grand Champion and will be competing along with The Poage Pioneers and the Ashland Middle School Teenage Mutant Ninja Sloths at the state finals in February.



Ashland students demonstrated great technology know-how at both events. What they accomplished is amazing.

STLP Regional Showcase

Live Reporting—Emily V, Ashland Middle
Production Company—Luke I, Ashland Middle
Scratch Ambassadors—Samuel T, Charles Russell and Nathan N, Paul G. Blazer High.

Showcase Winners:

- Charles Russell Elementary, "Google Gurus"
- Crabbe Elementary, "Library 'Me'dia Center"
- Crabbe Elementary, "Paws for a Cause"
- Hager Elementary, "APPtastic"
- Oakview Elementary, "Going the 'X'tra Mile in Math"
- Poage Elementary, "Poage Classroom Connect"
- Ashland Middle School, "Lost & Found"
- Ashland Middle School, "Student E-Mail"
- Paul G. Blazer High School, "Medieval Battle"



First Lego League Regional Competition

Grand Champion
Ashland Middle – Fire Pandas

Regional Finalists
Poage Pioneers – Team #1
Ashland Middle – Teenage Mutant Ninja Sloths

Project
2nd Place – Oakview Comets

Core Values
1st Place – Ashland Middle – Savage Narwhals
2nd Place – Poage Pioneers – Team #2
3rd Place – Hager Wildcats



Robot Design
1st Place – Ashland Middle – Fire Pandas
2nd Place – Ashland Middle – Kung Fu Pandas
3rd Place – Charles Russell Elementary – Techno Wizards



Table Competition
2nd Place – Ashland Middle – Cheesy Cheetahs
3rd Place – Ashland Middle – Teenage Mutant Ninja Sloths

Judges' High Energy Award
Poage Pioneers – Team #1

Judges' "Coopertition" Award
Crabbe Tigers

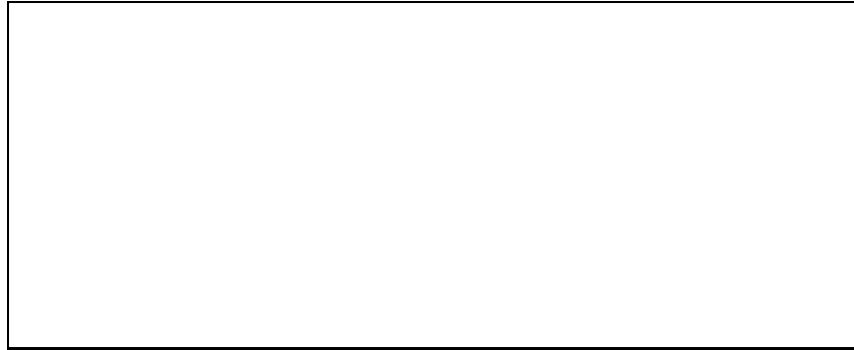




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