

# FOCUS

May 2013



## Ashland Independent Schools

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 Caitlin Paige Brown  
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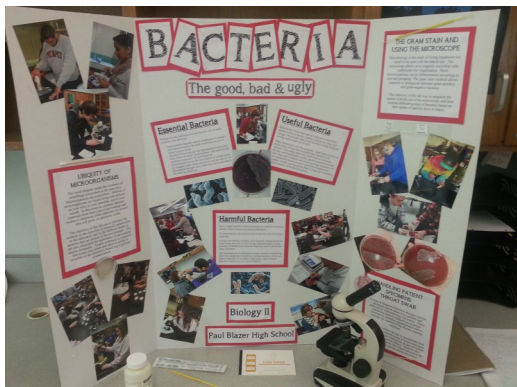
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# District News

The annual Book-It night was a big success at Crabbe this year. The event was held on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. The school was a recipient of the national "First Book" grant. The Boyd County Community Education Advisory Council has adopted Crabbe Elementary as one of the participating agencies in the First Book program. Crabbe was awarded \$3,850 to purchase books for all students to read now and over the summer. Each student enrolled at Crabbe received a bag of 4-5 books at his/her grade level. The blue bags were provided by the Boyd County Public Library as a collaborative effort to distribute the books to the children on Book-It night. Boyd County Community Education Advisory Council began the event by speaking about origins of the grant and how each agency receives the award.

The Paul G. Blazer High School Chapter of The National Beta Club held its annual induction ceremony on Wednesday, May 1. The motto of the National Beta Club is "Let us lead by serving others." Students must maintain a 3.2 or higher grade point average to remain a member of Beta Club. They must also complete 15 hours of community service each year. The 2013 inductees were Olivia Black, Savannah Blevins, Tierra Carlisle, Charity Collins, Shannon Cook, Gregory Austin Craft, Angela Craig, Brenna Daniel, Emma Davis, Emily Katherine Ford, Haley-Sue, Foutch, Logan Danielle Friley, Cameron Ryan Garner, Zachary D. Hall, Lindsey Hall, Alanna Erin Hatfield, Megan Hensley, Peter Jenkins, Logan Jones, Blake Kelly, Aaron Lewis, Lakyn Kalina McCaffrey, Jordan Meade, Doug Mollet, Ragan Neill, Richard Alexander O'Neill, Haley Pierce, John Pina, Hunter Prince, Carlie Remy, Elissa Renneker, Tiara Rios, Tucker Hairston Schweickart, Meredith Sargent, Emily Shay, Lindsay Shumate, Jasmine Simmons, Jared Slone, Elshadai Smith-Mensah, Lindsey Stamper, Ross Thompson, McKenzie Vanover, Maggie Wonn, Trent Woods, Lindsay Wright, and Aidan Young.



knowledge of genetics and microbiology. An exhibit of their work was displayed at the Ashland Town Center Mall.

Mrs. Hieneman's Biology II classes received an AEG mini-grant for a study on genetics and microbiology. The classes participated in a number of labs and activities that furthered their

## Class of 2013 Continued...

Savannah Marie Robinson  
Jacob Patrick Royalty  
Jonathon Tyler Royalty  
Seth Andrew Runyon  
Alicia Nicole Rushin  
Logan Ryan Salow  
Charles Bert Salyers, Jr.  
Chad Allen Ross Sansom  
Bryan Alexander Schlessler  
Sarah Elizabeth Schneider  
Destinie Louise Scott  
Michael Lee Sebastian  
Bobby Tyler Selvage  
Ethan Scott Senters  
Caroline Paige Short  
Destiny Kayla Skaggs  
Dakota Wayne Sloas  
Allison Michelle Slone  
Robert Drake Smedley  
Corey Michael Smith  
Ryan Lee Smith  
Michael Anthony Sparks  
Patrick Mason Spry  
Kourtney Elizabeth Stambaugh  
Jasmine Nichole Stambough  
Kyrie Marie Stanley

Laura Sue Stewart  
Whitney Nicole Musik Stewart  
Franklin Lee Stiers  
Jessica Marie Sutton  
Slater Mackenzie Swift  
William Grathel Tackett  
Andrew Lee Taylor  
James Zachary Tyler Thomas  
Parker Douglas Burke Touchton  
Joel Patrick Vickers, Jr.  
Philip Andrew Walters  
Brandon Lee Watson  
Nicholas Dakota Watts  
Steven Carson Weaver  
Haley Nicole Webb  
Noah Aaron Wessel  
Christian Layne Wheeler  
Sarah Ann Wheeler  
Kyle Brandon White  
Bradford Harrington Wilburn  
Hannah Michelle Williams  
Jamaka Jolene Williams  
Emma Barrett Wonn  
Evan Daniel Yongue  
Zachary Daniel Young



Crabbe & Hager Elementary Schools each enjoyed a week of Appalachian Culture with artist in residence Russ Childers from Batavia, Ohio. Mr. Childers taught our students how to dance the Virginia reel, The Pawpaw

Dance, and square dances. He instilled in our students the importance of music and dance to our region's past and present. The fifth graders learned dance moves such as allemande left, grand right and left, Rip and Snort, Push Pa Shove Ma, And many others. On Thursday they invited their parents to a soup bean dinner prepared by our wonderful Crabbe and Hager cooks. Once everyone finished their meal the fifth grade demonstrated the dances they had learned and dance the Virginia reel with their parents. Everyone had a wonderful time. On Friday morning, Artisan gathered to demonstrate their Appalachian talents. Students moved from station to station and witnessed quilt making, butter making, coal mining tools, wood carving, musical instruments, clogging, water coloring, and folk art. That afternoon the student body was treated to an exhibition of square dancing by the fifth grade.

# Ashland Head Start

## HEAD START PARENT FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Research shows that when parents and families are involved, children and schools are more successful. School readiness skill-building activity cards are fun, engaging, child-friendly easy activities to try with 3- to 5-year-old children. They will give you new ideas for bringing literacy and math activities into your home and daily routine. The cards were created with both parents and children in mind, and they're free and easy to print. This information is also available in Spanish. There is also a FREE on-line Kindergarten Tool Kit with fun printable activity pages that would be great for summer. Here is the web site to check out. <http://getreadytoread.org>



**Free summer breakfast and lunch** will be at Crabbe Elementary from June 3 to August 9. Breakfast is from 8am to 9am and lunch is from 11am to 1pm. All children age 18 and under are welcome.

### Mrs. Dee's Class

We have been investigating the science of things that fly. We have been making paper airplanes, helicopters, parachutes, and rockets. Our investigation has shown us how to manipulate designs to increase speed and change aerodynamics. We culminated our mini-study at the Annual Mad Science Fair where we blasted our rockets several yards into the air with our rocket launcher and different pounds of air pressure.



**Mrs. Steele**—In celebration of spring, Mrs. Steele's class has been studying insects. We have been learning about the parts of an insect, how many legs they have, different types of insects, what they eat, and where they live. We observed ladybugs and caterpillars as they went through metamorphosis. We had three butterflies emerge from their chrysalis and several ladybugs that we released from their habitat. The children really had fun watching the insects! We are also getting ready for our Mother's Day celebration and the transition to kindergarten!

**Mrs. Abbott's class** recently completed a study on buildings. The children were engaged in many interesting projects. They created structures from various building materials such as soft blocks, Legos, tinker toys, unit blocks, and much more. We also wrote a classroom book that was based on the story "Changes, Changes" by Pat Hutchens. We learned about all different types of building materials, types of architecture, and the workers that are involved in the construction process such as electricians, carpenters, masons, and plumbers. As a conclusion to our study, we invited family members to join us for a celebration, where we made structures with Thinker-Linkers, as well as some buildings that you could eat!



Ashland Head Start/Kentucky Preschool & GattiLand would like to salute all the children with excellent attendance. We also want to thank their parents for seeing that they were healthy enough to attend each day of school. A missed day is a missed opportunity to explore, to examine, and to just have fun

with your friends in school. All research shows that good attendance is the key to success in school. The first rule for high achievement in education is being there. So keep up the good work! Those children with excellent attendance got to enjoy a special lunch at GattiLand as a reward.





# Crabbe Elementary School

The kindergarten classes of Mrs. Conley & Mrs. Walters have been studying about CHICKENS! We have researched and written an informational piece all about chickens. We have even hatched our own chicks! It has been a real learning "eggs"-perience! In addition we are continuing to studying our sight words and doing very well with them. Spelling words are coming along well also. In math we are practicing adding and subtracting within 10 and reviewing math concepts we have already visited.



Students in Ms. Bare's, Ms. Boyd's, & Ms. Platt's classes have been learning all about life cycles. These teachers wrote and received an AEP grant last year. Students are busy raising chickens in their incubators, butterflies in their pavilions, and frogs in their pool outside! Students are doing many fun activities including making symmetrical butterflies, creating poems about their animals, and writing their very own chicken book in Writer's Workshop. First graders are excited to be a part of these amazing hands-on experiences.



Crabbe third graders left on a bright sunny Friday morning for a trip to Carter Caves. They explored two caves and learned many new things. Prior to going, Ms. Clemons and Mrs. Suman inspired the students to learn all about caves and the inhabitants of that dark world. They learned new vocabulary

and gained a new understanding of caves.

Also, the third graders have been learning the states and capitals, and those that accomplished this enjoyed a small reward. The greatest reward was their new knowledge of our country.

The 6th graders enjoyed a very nice luncheon at the Chimney Corner on Tuesday, April 30. This was a reward for all their hard work in Manners Class. The class was led by Ms. Crowley, a local volunteer. Lessons included making correct introductions, carrying on conversations with adults, and table manners. The luncheon gave them the opportunity to demonstrate what they had learned. Attending the luncheon were Ashland's mayor, Mr. Charles and city commissioner, Mr. Gunderson, as well as the 6th grade staff.

The Crabbe Safety Patrol chaperones accepted the belts and badges of retiring 6th grade safety patrol students. These students are to be commended for their hard work throughout the 2012-2013 school year. Sixth graders retiring with two years of service include: Hannah Burgess, Tabitha Hall, Haley Haynes, Bella Kesling, Savannah Rodabaugh, Xavier Stambaugh, Cadence Stephens, Bailey Taylor, and Spencer Wills. Retirees With one year of service include: Savannah Braden, Ish Cruz, Derek Harshbarger, John Harshbarger, Makayla Haywood, Shelby Maynard, Timmy McKinney, and Briannah Taylor.



The 4th graders were part of the students attending the Tobacco Free Academy presentation. The nurses from the Health Department provided valuable information to these students regarding the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, and drug use.

Enjoying the rewards of being on Crabbe's award-winning Academic Team were Kyesha Johnson, Tim Kessler, Nakyan Pankey and Adrianna Riggs. They celebrated by being taken to Gattiland.



On Thursday, April 25, 2013, 5th graders from Crabbe were honored with a trip to Marshall University campus in Huntington, WV as a culminating activity for the Young Bankers Club. The Young Bankers Club is a program provided by Fifth Third Bank. They met with

Crabbe's 5th graders for ten weeks, working on banking activities and even learning how to understand the stock market. Employees from the bank as well as community volunteers assisted the classroom teachers each week with a new banking concept. The trip to Marshall included lunch in the Student Activities building, a tour of the campus, posing for pictures in front of the memorial to the 1970 plane crash and meeting the university president. Marshall students conducted the tours, which included schools from Huntington and Charleston, WV, too.



Fifth graders took time to enjoy the nice weather and read in the Boyd County Public Library's Reading Garden. Not only were they getting some fresh air, but they also enjoyed some great books!

# Hager Elementary School

Mrs. Plummer's kindergarteners have been learning all about the farm. They have gotten to milk their class cow "Daisy Mae" and make pancakes and bread with homemade butter! The students have learned how dairy farms operate and how farms give us many things for daily life--even clothing! The favorite activities for "Down On The Farm" were reading about Mrs. Wishy Washy and her animals. All of the children had fun reenacting the story, making booklets and washing their own farm animals.



First grade at Hager Elementary had a special visitor from Grove City, Ohio. Flat Stanley spent a week in the first grade learning reading skills as well as strategies for addition to 40. Flat Stanley was there to see the 16 chicks hatch during his visit. Hager first graders were able to return Flat Stanley to Grove City with many memories and pictures of his adventures.

Second grade explored measurement in lengths. Mrs. Duelley's class measured their wing spans and height in inches to nearest half inch. Mrs. Ross's class made paper airplanes. The airplanes were flown outside, and the distance they traveled was measured in meters. To enhance reading, second graders performed commercials to advertise their books, gave book talks, and had a book parade of their favorite books.

Third graders at Hager recently planted a garden on the school campus. The garden was provided through a grant and promotes students getting to experience planting, maintaining, and harvesting vegetables. Third graders also discussed the importance of eating healthy fruits and vegetables while planting their garden.



On Friday, April 19, 2013, Hager's fourth and fifth grade students were treated to a Chautauqua presentation sponsored by The Kentucky Humanities Council, Inc. Mr. Robert Bell performed as Rev. Newton Bush, an 18-year-old slave who escaped from his owner in Franklin County, KY and traveled to Camp Nelson to enlist in Company E of the 5th Regiment United States Colored Cavalry. During his performance our students were transported back in time to the years during and after the Civil War and were able to form a better understanding of the strength and survival skills required of thousands of African-American soldiers from Kentucky.

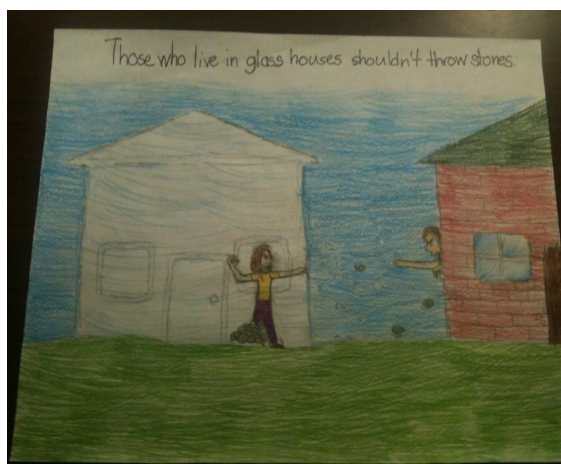
Pictured: Artist in residence Russ Childers calling the square dance during Appalachian week at Hager Elementary (see article on Crabbe's page).



Students in Mrs. Swinney's fourth grade library classes have been working very hard on a research project. Students were assigned an invention to research and write about. The fourth grade students have enjoyed learning about older

inventions such as the lightning rod, the automobile, and mobile phones.

Students in sixth grade took their IDIOM lesson to the next extreme by illustrating their Idiom of choice. Students were challenged to see how many Idioms could be used throughout the day.





# Oakview Elementary School



Students use what they know about perimeter and measure a fence for the "Comet Garden"



6th grade student Bryce Ray won the Ashland Kiwanis Mother-of-the-Year award for his essay about his mother.

Congratulations to the Oakview students and staff who had perfect attendance this year.

Kindergarten: Kylie Bradley, Hannah Lagrois

1st grade: Sam Hicks, Katherine Thompson

3rd grade: Kaylee Morin, Logan Morin, Alexandria Payne, Shaela Taylor

4th grade: Josie Bevins

5th grade: Trey McGranahan, Maranda Morin, Luke Thibodeaux

6th grade: Evan Dickison, Landon Howell, Logan Howell, Spencer Lett, Allison Litteral, Felicity Morin, Natalie Thibodeaux, and Mary Thornburg,

Staff: Cindy Copley, Instructional Assistant

Extra congratulations to Spencer Lett and Allison Litteral, they have not missed a day of school for 3 years!!!

## Kindergarten

The Kindergarten students celebrated the end of our Bedtime unit with a Pajama Party. We learned about the earth, moon, and stars. We wrote stories about our dreams and bedtime fears. We read Ten in the Bed, and acted out the story while learning subtraction.

## First Grade

First grade has been busy learning math. They are learning about adding and subtracting with and without regrouping. They are also learning 1 digit from 2 digit and 2 digit from 2 digit.

## Second Grade

Mrs. Gilbert's and Ms. Mann's second grade students participated in the annual Oakview Stick Horse Derby. Students and their families created their own stick horses and decorated them. Other Kentucky Derby

festivities included the 2nd grade students creating their own derby hats. The students paraded through the school for all the students to enjoy their creations.



## Third Grade

Third graders are working in math. They are learning about area, perimeter, and measurements.

## Fourth Grade



Some fourth grade students along with fellow Oakview students participated in the Tower of Power Science Night. In first place with 91 cm was MacKenzie Clere, Ben Fisher, Brendan Dalton, and Logan Coover. 2nd place with 81 cm was Madison Spears, Hailee Guffey, and Tyler McKnight. And in 3rd place with 52 cm was Luke Thibodeaux, Daniel Shytte, and Curtis Harris.

## Fifth Grade

To demonstrate their knowledge of equivalent fractions, they made fraction flowers! Students were given one fraction and were asked to make seven equivalent fractions to place on their paint chip flowers to display on Miss Royalty's bulletin board. During their geometry unit, students got to break a rule to play with their food! Trapezoids, squares, rectangles, and hexagons and many other shapes were constructed using pretzels and marshmallows.



## Sixth Grade

Mr. Anderson's class has been very busy! Our class raised \$420.23 for the March of Dimes "Dime War" between the Ashland and Boyd Co. schools. In class we have been working extremely hard in all of our content areas and are ready to do our absolute best on KPREP testing!

Congratulations to Oakview's Michael Sammons on winning the Mike Beloit Memorial Achievement Award for Safety Patrol.



# Poage Elementary School

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The renovation to Poage is complete. Ms. Harding's and Mrs. Anderson's third grade classes are proud to call these new classrooms theirs. We now have a total of 14 classrooms that will enable us to house two classes per grade K-5 in the not-so-distant future. Stop by and take a tour.

## Kindergarten

Students in Mrs. Moore's and Mrs. Woods' kindergarten classes have been very busy learning about plants and how they grow. We recently planted grass seeds in cups to make "People Plants." We also made sprout houses with lima beans so that we can see



what happens to seeds when they sprout. Next we are moving on to insects and farms. We will end our year with a trip to the Heritage Farm in Huntington where we will see farm animals and learn more about life on the farm.

## First Grade

The first graders at Poage spent a week learning all about the community they live in. The students each made a scrapbook to keep track of everything they learned. They found Ashland on a map and practiced writing their addresses. The students talked about all the places they like to go in their community including their favorite restaurants and where they go grocery shopping. They even made their own driver's licenses. They finished up the week, getting to go on a field trip all around our community that included the fire station, police department, library, park, and the museum.



## Second Grade

Our second graders have been busy learning about the Earth and how to protect our planet. We started with a class project called Me On the Map. The students learned all about their community, city, state, country, and continent. They also learned about recycling, natural resources, and pollution. They enjoyed an experiment called The Seepy Sandwich. This experiment helped the students understand what happens to pollution when it rains. They worked in pairs using bread to represent the ground, food coloring to represent the pollution, and water to represent the rain. After placing a few drops of food coloring on the bread the students poured a little water on the bread. The students were amazed at how quickly the pollution spread into the ground. This was a great jumping off point to discuss how pollution spreads, how pollution ends up in our oceans, and why we need to be careful not to litter and pollute. They also planted seeds with Lena



Reese, an assistant for the Nutrition Education Program at the Boyd Co. Extension office. She taught the class about recycling newspaper into pots and planted sunflower seeds for Earth Day.

## Third Grade

Mrs. Anderson's 3<sup>rd</sup> graders "Heart the Earth." They celebrated Earth Day on Monday, April 22, 2013. After learning about the history of Earth Day and all the ways to "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle" in our everyday lives, students wrote about the ways they "Heart" the Earth.



Ms. Harding's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class is enjoying our new classroom and being back in the mainstream of Poage. While there are still a few kinks to work out regarding where things are since the move, the students are adjusting well. Currently, we have been reading another Andrew Clements

book, Lunch Money, to go along with our author study. We also have been getting ready to participate in our first year of K-PREP!

## Fourth Grade

Inertia Experiment—Our 4th grade class is learning about inertia. We gathered information for an experiment. For our experiment we needed long boards, matchbox cars, different sized books, and some yard sticks to make different-sized ramps. First, we went to pick out cars to use.



The weight of the object affects how far it can roll. Then, we stacked up books in different areas. Each group put the Matchbox car behind a piece of tape on the boards. When we put it behind the tape, we let it drop without any force. Eventually friction stopped the car. We measured how far the cars rolled and wrote it on a piece of notebook paper. When the project was over, we found that an object in motion wants to stay in motion and an object at rest wants to stay at rest. By: Kate, Tabitha and Camryn.

## Fifth Grade

All of Poage's 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students gave a 4-H demonstration on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Students were required to make posters and utilize props to teach others how to do something. The students described what they were doing while demonstrating their project. All 55 students received a blue ribbon for participation. There were 15 students awarded "School Champion" who were invited to attend the regional competition at ACTC on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Six of those students were awarded "Grand Champion" and will attend the District competition at Lawrence Co. Middle School on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Ashleigh, Jared, Emma, Kaitlin, Reilly, and Maya!





# Charles Russell Elementary School

**CRS STLP Wins National Competition**—CRS STLP was a winner in this year's Siemen's "We Can Change the World" National Contest. They won the competition with their Paper Savers project. They began the project last school year and continued the project this year. It began with six team members and now has the entire school involved. The team felt that the school district needed to have a paper recycling plan so they researched, gathered data, and designed a plan. Last year they wrote a letter to the school board who agreed with the plan. This year the board designated Charles Russell as a pilot school for the district. The City of Ashland provided the school with three large garbage cans to collect the paper for recycling. Team members collect paper from around the school each week and the custodian takes it to the recycling dumpsters beside ACTC. CRS STLP challenged the other Ashland schools to begin a paper recycling program with a contest and Oakview won \$500 towards a technology purchase. The CRS STLP wins a \$2,500 grant from Siemen's to further the school's green efforts. Each team member receives a \$50 prize, too. Congrats CRS STLP!!! -Hailey Cabell & Mrs. Elkins (more info— <http://www.wecanchange.com/elementary-school/about-challenge/2013-challenge-winners/2013-3-5-national-winners>)



**ACTC Science Fair**—Several CRS students participated in the Ashland Community and Technical College's five county Science Fair. Students who participated included: Will Adkins, Gage Hignite, Kaitlyn Lee, Shalayna Rice, and Hollie Sipps. Will and Gage's entry "Water Filtration" won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade engineering category and 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Way to go guys! -Mrs. McDavid

**Animals in the Library**—Ms. Meade has acquired some furry friends in the library—a cheetah, a tiger, a lion, and a giraffe. Don't worry, not real ones, just stuffed. She named the cheetah Charlee and then held a contest to let the kids name the other three. The students voted for their favorite choices using a blog on the library's web page. The winners were Gizelle the giraffe, Simba the Lion, and Aristotle the Tiger.



**Academic Teams News**—Results @ Russell on 2/11: Soc. Studies- 2<sup>nd</sup> -Zachary Lee; Math- 2<sup>nd</sup> -Grant Kelley, 5<sup>th</sup> -Cameron Marushi; Science- 3<sup>rd</sup> -Miguel Talamantez; Arts/Humanities- 1<sup>st</sup> -Delaney Jackson, 5<sup>th</sup> -Willow Triplett; Lang. Arts- 4<sup>th</sup> -Delaney Jackson; Quick Recall- CRS-15 vs. Russell-21 & CRS-19 vs. Cannonsburg-20. Results from District Governor's Cup @ Poage on 3/2: Soc. Studies - 4<sup>th</sup> -Zachary Lee, 6<sup>th</sup> -Grant Kelley, 7<sup>th</sup> -Zach Francis; Math- 4<sup>th</sup> -Grant Kelley; 8<sup>th</sup> -Cameron Marushi, 9<sup>th</sup> -Noah Carey; Science- 6<sup>th</sup> -Miguel Talamantez, 8<sup>th</sup> -Melanie Grimm, 9<sup>th</sup> -Dalton Gray; Arts/Humanities- 4<sup>th</sup> -Maggie Thompson, 7<sup>th</sup> -Willow Triplett, 12<sup>th</sup> -Delaney Jackson; Lang. Arts- 4<sup>th</sup> -Ashleigh Taylor, 9<sup>th</sup> -Faith Nivens & Delaney Jackson; Composition- 2<sup>nd</sup> -Willow Triplett, 5<sup>th</sup> -Maggie Thompson, 6<sup>th</sup> -Gwen Akers; Future Problem Solving Team- CRS - 1<sup>st</sup> (Jocelyn Damron, Anna Heineman, Paige Kelley, Mimi Moore); The team received 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall and won the Katherine Hume Sportsmanship Award.

**Six Yellow Chicks**—In April, three 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes, Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Bocook, and Mrs. Schirtzinger, raised chicks as part of studying the life cycle of a chicken. The chicks looked like yellow, fluffy fur balls. They sounded very noisy except when they slept; then they just snored. Some days a chick was put on a table; the students held hands and made a "fence" around the table so the chick wouldn't fall off. The kids got to hold the chicks, too. They kept the chicks for two of weeks then Mrs. Geyer, a kindergarten teacher, took them to her farm. -Dakotah Forth



**Derby Day**—And they're off! All the grades at Charles Russell did something to celebrate the Kentucky Derby. The primary studied the derby and Kentucky facts and some classes had stick horse races. The 4th grade watched the movie *Secretariat*. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade did derby spritzers, cookies, crafts, and watched Kentucky movies. Almost every classroom colored silks and hung them up in the hallway. One 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, Riley Dixon, designed a silk using MS Paint and Governor Beshear displayed it on his Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.541042832598237.1073741826.331949303507592&type=1>. There was even a Derby Hat Parade. It was exciting on Friday, May 3. -Melanie Grimm

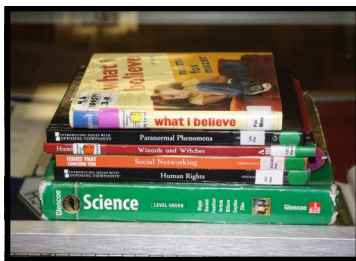




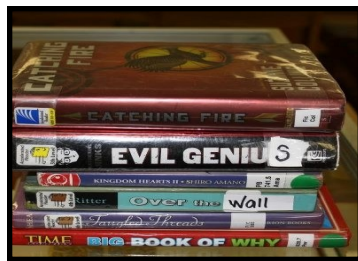
Verity Middle School competed in the MATHCOUNTS state competition Saturday, March 23. The team, consisting of Ingam Acha, Connor Hutchison, Zachary Stafford, & William Zheng, placed 11th in the state! Way to go, team!

The Explorers' ELA classes created Book Spine Poems to be entered in the Boyd County Public Library Facebook page contest in honor of National Poetry Month. Students were to pull a minimum of six book titles to create a poem that expressed an idea, thought, or emotion. Billy Kovacs' entry was the first place winner.

By Will Fisher



By Billy Kovacs



Verity Middle School achieved Silver Level status by completing Math Challenges provided by the MATHCOUNTS organization. The following students performed exceptionally well and had their work submitted for review: Ingam Acha, Abby Crites, Lydia O'Nan, William Zheng, Riley Neill, Reilly Barker, Hannah Reese, Angie Calvert, Emily Watkins, Robbie Francis, Laken Prince, Wesley Whelan, Keeston Clark, Rachael Barber, Perla Hernandez, Bryan Lucas, Blake Rogers, Brad Hall, Molly Baldock, Harrison Hall, Madeline Tipton, & Courtney Wheeler.

Verity achieved Gold Level status by having 12 or more participating students score 80% or better on the Ultimate Math Challenge. The UMC consists of 10 challenging math problems provided by the MATHCOUNTS organization. Verity will receive a trophy, banner, and national recognition on the MATHCOUNTS organization's web-site! The following students achieved a perfect score on the Ultimate Math Challenge: Ingam Acha, Trey Arbogast, Molly Baldock, Shelby Conley, Hunter Copley, Gage Daniel, Hannah DePriest, Robbie Francis, Riley Neill, Lydia O'Nan, Laken Prince, Noah Roberts, Megan Simpson, Courtney Wheeler, Wesley Whelan, Reilly Barker, Cody Blevins, Kaylee Butcher, Abby Caines, Demarcus Carlisle, Keeston Clark, Tate Dowdy, Brad Hall, Perla Hernandez, Keandre Jordan, Bryan Lucas, & Emily Watkins.



Shelbi Owens speaks to YFC (Youth for Christ) in April to teach students about Autism and the effects it has on her. YFC invited Shelbi to speak since April is Autism awareness month.

Ashland won the Dime Wars between Ashland and Boyd County for March of Dimes. Verity collected more money than any other school in either district!

Congratulations to the following String Orchestra students for their success at the KMEA District 8 Solo and Ensemble Festival on Saturday: Receiving a "One" or "Distinguished" rating for performing as part of an ensemble were Sami Taylor, Jamie Downey, Raegan Williams, Kenzie Pennington, Angie Calvert, Kara Kingsolver, William Zheng, Britany Guerrero, Lydia O'Nan, Carlie Geyer, Caleb Geyer, Caroline Geyer, Lexi Smyser, Chloe Whitlock, Will Carroll, and Julia Lyons. Receiving a "One" or "Distinguished" rating for performing a solo were Carlie Geyer (Violin), Caleb Geyer (Violin), Caroline Geyer (Cello), Cheyanne Salley (Violin), Will Frye (Cello), Raegan Williams (Violin), and Evan Bilips (String Bass).

One of the activities during "College Week" at Verity consisted of staff members decorating their doors to promote different colleges. Pictured is Kathy Hall's winning door for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).



Verity's STLP's "Team Patritots," was one of 11 National Finalist in the Siemens Discovery "We Can Change The World Challenge." The team submitted a comprehensive case study of the recycling program at Verity Middle School.

Verity's wrestling team completed a very successful season finishing 23-9. The roster was comprised of the following students: 86lbs Bryce Ray, 92lbs Wesley Wheylan, 98lbs Blaine Collins, 113lbs Cameron Fraley, 121lbs Landon Price, 130lbs Vance Kreuger, 140lbs Trey Arbogast, 140lbs Elijah Keaton. 152lbs Austin Scarberry, 152lbs T.J Love, 152lbs Aaron Hill.

Verity's band received a Distinguished rating at the Kentucky Music Educators Association District 8 Concert Band Festival.



Britta Dalton's artwork won first prize for the Operation Unite, the nonprofit anti-drug coalition active in the 32 eastern Kentucky counties of the 5th Congressional District.

Read Across America winners were nominated by their teachers for high achievement in reading. Students celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss with a pizza party. They played games, made bookmarks, and selected free



books and magazines.

# Paul Blazer High School

The Spanish Honor Society held its induction ceremony on April 21 in the cafeteria of Paul G. Blazer High School. Students in Spanish 3 needed an A average, and students in A.P. Spanish 4 needed a B average. The officers this year are: Harsha Iyer,



President; Kelly Heishman, Vice-President; Morgan Canty, Secretary; Laura Stewart, Secretary; Alex Hamlin, Treasurer; and Logan Salow, Historian. New inductees included: Matthew Cathey, Jamie Church, Charity Collins, Austin Craft, Lindsey Duncil, Emily Ford, Cameron Garner, Megan Hensley, Peter Jenkins, Alex LeBrun, Jordan Meade, Brant Sammons, Doug Mollett, Ragan Neill, Annabel Noe, Alex O'Neill, Haley Pierce, John Pina, Meredith Sergent, Montana Sparks, William (R.J.) Washington, Margaret Wonn and Aidan Young. Seniors who received cords and tassels included all of the officers and Craig Alexander, Taylor Bradley,



Deanna Bruce, Lindsey Duncil, Daphne Garner, Maddy Gould, Ann Heck, Tyler Hill, Dana Palmer, Ali Rice, Jamaka Williams, and Emma Wonn.

Following the ceremony, which was entirely in Spanish, there was a reception.

Lesley Phillips and Gabby Ingram received recognition at the 2013 Kentucky FCCLA Conference. They placed first in the National Programs in Action event with a project focusing on character education. They advance to national competition in Nashville, TN, in July.

Congratulations to the following Blazer String Orchestra students for their success at the KMEA District 8 Solo and Ensemble Festival on Saturday, March 2nd: Receiving a "One" or "Distinguished" rating for performing as part of an ensemble were: Sophie Nishimoto, Dylan Harper, Olivia Black and Elissa Renneker. Receiving a "One" or "Distinguished" rating for performing a solo were: Levi Kouns (Viola), Hunter Gullett (Violin), Kevin Mullins (Cello), Hayley Deal (Violin), Elizabeth Ellison (Violin), Lauren Fazenbaker (Violin), Autumn Hoffman (Violin), and Olivia Black (Violin).

Mrs. Hieneman's Biology II classes received an AEG mini-grant for a study on genetics and microbiology. The classes participated in a number of labs and activities that furthered their knowledge of genetics and microbiology. An exhibit of their work will be displayed at the Ashland Town Center Mall on Saturday May 5, 2013.

The Blazer Academic Team has had a season for the record books! The team has put in hundreds of hours of practice this year and it has paid off. The Quick Recall team had an amazing year, going 53-6 in competitions around the state. After sweeping the competition at Districts, Blazer won the Quick Recall Regional gold by defeating rival Russell for the first time since 2000. Team testers also saw success at Regionals. Tyler Hill 1st in Social Studies & 5th in Science, Stephen Corbitt 3rd in Social Studies & 4th in Arts, Aryssa Damron 3rd in Arts & 5th in Language Arts, Cameron Garner 3rd in Math. Jason Zheng 4th in Math. Both Quick Recall and testers went to the State competition in Louisville. Blazer



swept their pool on Day 1, making it into the Top 16 on Day 2. Blazer then defeated Glasgow County in a great match. Blazer had advanced to the Quarterfinals, one of only eight teams left in the competition. After a close match, Blazer finally fell to eventual

runner-up, St. Xavier High, finishing in the Top 8 teams in Kentucky. The state Quick Recall team included Captain Stephen Corbitt, Tyler Hill, Aryssa Damron, Cameron Garner, Jason Zheng, Doug Mollett, Shannon Cook, Alex Newmark, Shelby Street, Hannah Wade, Kyle Conley, Brenna Daniel, and Anthony Hall. Coaches are Eric Lambert and Amber Chapman, with subject area support from Justin Imel, Katie Bias, and Bridgette Williams. The students and coaches had an amazing season and plan to work even harder next year to reach ever closer to a State Championship. The team would like to thank their Principal, Mr. Runyon for his awesome support and leadership. They would also like to thank Mr. Gilmore and the District for their recognition and support of the team.

The following students from Paul Blazer High School won awards at the FBLA State Leadership Conference held in Louisville, April 8-10, 2013. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jordan Steele—Computer Problem Solving, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Morgan Canty—Job Interview, Austin Kelley—Networking Concepts, 4<sup>th</sup> Place, Timmy Neill—Game Development. Lakyn McCaffrey was elected Kentucky FBLA State Treasurer. Jordan, Morgan, Austin, and Lakyn along with newly elected Region 5 Treasurer Emily Cassity will be attending the National Leadership Conference to be held in Anaheim, California, June 26-July 1. Their advisers are Debbie Barnett and Ramona Bellew.





# District News

## 2013 STLP State Championship Winners!

### Showcase – Finalists



Hager Elementary  
"Healthy Heart Challenge"  
Trey Coburn, Clare Huff,  
Micah McClave, Langley  
Sebastian

Oakview Elementary  
"Your Vote Counts"  
Jacob Baldock, Lauren  
Howard, Ashley Hudson,  
Zoe Ingram, Jacob Sansom



Oakview Elementary  
"Switch to \$ave"  
Niamh Denny, Cassie Stevens,  
Mary Thornburg, Kyleigh West



### Showcase - Participants

Charles Russell Elementary – "SOS (Save Our Skin)" -  
Olivia Allen, Jake Damron, Braedon Ward, Kyle Webster

Charles Russell Elementary – "Paper Savers" -  
Maddy Greene, Anna Heineman, Shalayna Rice, Gabby Talamantez

Crabbe Elementary – "Be the Cure: Stop Bullying" –  
Tyler Reed, Adrianna Riggs, Alex Kessler, Bailey Taylor, Breanna  
Lowe, Casie Henry

Oakview Elementary – "Fire up a Safety Plan" - Haleigh Baer,  
Mykayla Akers, Luke Alley, Maddie Reihs, Michael Sammons

Poage Elementary – "Video Book Techies"  
Scott Busch, Caleb Keelin, Delaney Orndorff, Olivia Short

Verity Middle School – "Trash Talk"  
Keandre Jordan, Dillon Lucas, Shelby Smedley, Wesley Whelan

### Individual Competitions

Bench Repair (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) - Verity Middle School  
Dillon Lucas, Shelby Smedley

Computer Programming (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) - Verity Middle School  
Caleb Geyer, Jerrett Morrison

Digital Music (1<sup>st</sup> Place) Verity Middle School—Zach Stafford

E-Publishing (1<sup>st</sup> Place) Verity Middle School—"Patriot Lantern"

Flight Simulator (2<sup>nd</sup> place)  
Charles Russell Elementary School  
Eli Miller

Gazette Cyber Reporter:  
Charles Russell Elementary School  
Kimberly Boyd

Kentucky Outstanding STLP - Charles Russell Elementary School  
Olivia Allen, Jake Damron

Networking (1<sup>st</sup> Place) Verity Middle School—Jamie Downey  
(2<sup>nd</sup> place) Verity Middle School—Jessica Hunley

Friend of STLP - Sherry Johnson



## Monsters in a Box

Students in Mrs. Spade's art room at Blazer have worked on a collaborative art project involving over 100 students in the district including Kindergarten classes at Hager Elementary.

To begin this Monster project, Kindergarten students were instructed by their classroom teachers to draw a monster, which were sent to Mrs. Spade. Art 1 students were given the Kindergartners' drawings which were interpreted into clay figures that were sculpted, painted, and embellished to resemble the childrens' illustrations. Finally, Mrs. Spade's digital design class used Photoshop and Illustrator to design and create "packaging" for the monsters which also employed use of a logo previously designed for a toy company.

This project was an amazing feat of collaboration, especially for the digital design students who had the task of reinterpreting both Kindergarten and Art 1 student work. They creatively named their monsters and came up with characteristics to market them.

Megan Clere's creation of Loopsy Daisy which also has the clay work of Tammy Cyrus.



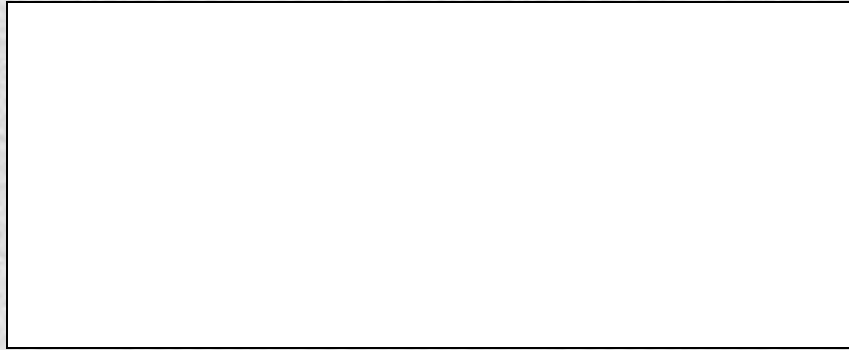


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Bob Blankenship, Poage Elementary School  
Steve Salyers, Charles Russell Elementary School  
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*Sixth grade students from Crabbe enjoyed a luncheon at the Chimney Corner .*

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