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District News

A Great Year for Technology

Cary Williams—Director of Instructional Technology

For the past decade a huge emphasis has been placed on technology in the classroom. At first teachers were encouraged to use computers for information management and communication purposes. Now computers and other technical devices are seamlessly integrated into the daily lives of our teachers and students. I am sure most cannot imagine life before computers, multimedia projectors, document cameras, smart boards, and hand-held devices.

Our students do not only expect teachers to use technology but are actively engaged in the implementation. Through the Student Technology Leadership Program, students in each of our schools support technical, instructional, community, and entrepreneurial causes.

The 2011-2012 school year has been an exceptional year for these young leaders. The school year started with STLP students at Charles Russell Elementary being named the International ThinkQuest Winners and ended with students from Oakview Elementary winning the STLP State Championship.

The administration of the Ashland Independent Schools would like to congratulate each STLP group for its outstanding performance this year. The 21st Century has proved to be an interesting time in which to live. We appreciate our teachers embracing technology in their instruction and for giving our students the opportunity to shine among their peers throughout the state.

2012 STLP State Championships

Showcase – Elementary State Champion – will represent Kentucky at ISTE in San Diego in June

Oakview Elementary School – “ProTech the Ones You Love”
Luke Alley, Haleigh Baer, Kaylie Muzic, Cassie Stevens, Mary Thornburg, Kyleigh West



Showcase – Top 10— State Semi-Finalist

Hager Elementary School – “A Cause for Paws”
Austin Lovelace, Alexis Nichols, Sydni Pierce, Langley Sebastian



Showcase – Top 50 State Finalist
Charles Russell Elementary School – “OWAP (Obesity Weight Awareness Project)”
Ema-Leigh Forbes, Ivy Hobbs, Tyler Williams, William Zheng

Showcase - Participants

Hager Elementary School – “Hager Energy Challenge”
Alexa Craft, Ty Duckwyler, Katelyn Ferguson, Cooper Jordan

Oakview Elementary School – “Tailgate with the Tomcats”
Mykayla Akers, Zoe Ingram, Lydia O’Nan, Maddie Reihls, Michael Sammons

Poage Elementary School – “Poage Paparazzi”
Savanah Gifford, Trinity Kittle, Olivia Short, Alexis Smyser

Poage Elementary School – “Trout Is A-LUREing”
Scott Busch, Adrianna Johnson, Caleb Keelin, Chloe Whitlock

Verity Middle School – “Verity Tees”
Marshall Heath, Jessica Hunley, Dillon Lucas, Shelby Smedly

Verity Middle School – “Safe Pates”
Savannah Hammond, Emily Hollingsworth, Landry Paluch, Hayley Thompson

Paul Blazer High School
Aryssa Damron, Dennis Eitnear, Austin Kelley, Samantha Smith

STLP State Championship Individual Winners

Beth Henderson 120% Award
John Leistner – Verity Middle School
STLP Coordinator



Cinematica

1st Place: Jacob Baldock, Zoe Ingram, Jacob Sansom – Oakview Elementary School

Computer Networking

1st Place: Jessica Hunley – Verity Middle School

Outstanding STLP:

Ema-Leigh Forbes, Zach Stafford, & William Zheng – Charles Russell Elementary

School News

2nd Place: Lauren Howard, Ashley Hudson – Oakview Elementary School

Technology Quick Recall

1st place: Zach Stafford - Charles Russell Elementary School

ThinkQuest: Digital Media

1st Place: “SOS (Save Our Skin)” - Olivia Allen, Blaine Collins, Jake Damron, Aaron Simpson, Braedon Ward, Kyle Webster - Charles Russell Elementary School



Ashland Head Start



Currently in Mrs. Abbott's class we are learning about changes that we observe in spring. We have learned that many baby animals are born in the springtime, and that some of them go through big changes called metamorphosis. We have

made our own adorable "Name Caterpillars" and are hoping to watch a real caterpillar go through all the phases of its life cycle to become a butterfly.

We are also exploring things that grow such as plants, flowers, and trees. Some of our planned activities include seed counting and sorting, flower graphing, and comparing/contrasting fruit and vegetables. We have also planted grass seeds and are going to make weekly entries in our journals to record the growth and changes we observe.

We are studying flowers in Mrs. Dee's class. We have a floral shop in the dramatic play center. We have been planting flowers and watching beans sprout. Our study will end with a Mother's Day Celebration on May 8th. We will have a shower of flowers and an art show to end the celebration.



Miss Amanda's class has been studying plants. During our plant study we have discovered that plants grow best in the sunlight by planting pea seeds. Some seeds we planted we hid in the dark and others we sat on the windowsill. We also painted a picture to illustrate what we learned by adding new things to the picture



each day. First we added our plants and sang a song about the parts of the flower; then we added dirt for the roots to grow in, rain clouds in hopes that they would water our plants, sunshine to feed our plants and lastly we added glitter that we

Mrs. Steele's class has been studying insects. We have been learning about where insects live, what they eat, and the different parts of an insect. We have made coffee filter butterflies, caterpillars, and have completed



many fun activities involved around our insect study. The picture above shows a student doing a ladybug math game. In this game, the students had to count the dots on the ladybug and match that with the correct numeral. We are continuing with our insect study on Science Day. The activities that our class will be making are binoculars to use to look for insects and ant headbands.

"Ladies and Gentlemen...Children of all ages
.....Welcome to the circus!"

Mrs. Whitehead's class started the month studying transportation and with the turn of a page; The Little Engine That Could. The children's curiosity was sparked once again. This time our direction became one of exploration. Interest advanced into the circus.

You may have seen the flyers around town about the circus coming to town. Few of our children were able to attend, so they all decided to make their own. We first talked about the animals. What types of animals would you find at a circus? What do the people who work at the circus do?, What things would we need to make our own circus? The children worked very hard coming up with different acts to do and created new ones. With great success the children preformed for parents, friends, and staff several times. It was wonderful! I was so proud of them all. This study was a GREAT SUCCESS!



Mrs. Rutman's class has been studying flowers. We have been learning the parts of a flower, different kinds of flowers, and how flowers grow. Our class has also been busy getting ready for Mother's Day. We have been making many special things for Mother's Day to make it a very special event for all mother's. Our class has been working on kindergarten skills for those moving on to kindergarten. We have been preparing those students for the transition.

Crabbe Elementary School

Oviparous is our favorite Kindergarten word these days. We are patiently waiting for our fourteen little chicks to hatch. The past twenty-one days we have monitored the temperature and the moisture level in our incubators to insure our chicks will turn out just right. During this time we have read all sort of books about oviparous animals. It is so much fun studying about which animals lay eggs and which do not. We have learned lots of great things about all kinds of animals. This unit is so much fun for all of us. So if you see a Kindergarten student feel free to ask them what they know about oviparous animals.

Below is Ms. Conley's class with Stuffie. Stuffie came to the class and taught them about being healthy.



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The first grades walked to the Kentucky Highlands Museum on May 2nd. The students took a tour and then enjoyed the Discovery Center on the bottom floor of the Museum. The children dressed in costumes and role played the characters. There were many fun learning activities for the children. It was a fun-filled afternoon.

Second Grade is sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs. Nelson. After many years of service to our Crabbe School and the Ashland Schools, she will be relaxing and doing many other great things. Thank You, Mrs. Nelson, for all your years of teaching and dedication to our kids and the community.

The third grade students read a story called the "The Best School Year Ever" by Barbara Robinson. In the story we discussed the characteristics of the Herdman family. Many times, the Herdmans do not follow rules or have good behavior. We discussed the characteristics of having good and bad character. Officer Menefee invited our class to Ashland Police Department. He gave a tour of the building and discussed with students all the many ways the police protect the citizens of our city.

Third grade has been soaring with Accelerated Reader this year. The teachers are very proud of the accomplishments the students have made. Overall, the third grade students have earned 3,232.6 points (and continuing to read). Way to go third grade!!

The third grade students in Ms. Clemons' class have been working on nonfiction reading passages. A couple stories we read were on auroras. For a challenge, Kyesha Johnson wrote the following poem on The Northern Lights:

Halos of light dance around the Earth,
that when people die that's what hurts.
People sing with love and with all their heart.
People's hearts tear apart,
seeing the most beautiful thing in the sky,
is what fills their heart with care inside
By: Kyesha Johnson

Crabbe 4th graders were able to experience doing the work that scientists do by dissecting owl pellets, identifying their contents by using a bone classification chart, and making conclusions about the owl that made their pellet.

Need a word? Just ask Makyla Skeans from Mrs. Withrow's homeroom or Hayleigh Buckler from Mrs. Barber's homeroom. Together these girls have read a combined 2,419,130 words so far this year!!! Makayla has read 1,089,924 words and Hayleigh 1,329,206 words. Congratulations girls on being such bibliophiles!

Crabbe Elementary School is proud to announce an exciting program for enrolling kindergarten children called Kinderprep. Children will be specially selected to participate in Kinderprep. This classroom will provide a nontraditional experience for selected children. They will participate in many hands-on activities as they learn about the world around them and work towards mastering the kindergarten exit criteria. We are excited about Kinderprep!



Crabbe Elementary PTO held the 4th Annual Spelling Bee on May 21st. After some stiff competition, sixth grader, Alexis Ball correctly spelled the word "success" to clinch the win!

Congratulations Payton Scott, Xavier Stambaugh, Briannah Taylor and Taylor Daniels, for meeting their AR goals. These 5th grade students met their AR goals for each 9 weeks or their entire time at Crabbe. Mrs. Compher, Mr. Kennard, Mr. Greene and the entire staff at Crabbe are extremely proud of you and all your hard work. Great Job!

On Thursday April 12th, Mr. Walter's sixth grade class took a special field trip. Shortly after lunch, the students took a short walk to the Ashland Midtown Kroger's where they got to meet Kentucky's head coach John Calipari and staff. The students had the opportunity to hear an inspiring message on selflessness and how Kentucky won its eighth NCAA National Basketball Championship. Mr. Walter wanted his students to experience true Kentucky culture, and something very special to the Bluegrass state and UK fans young and old.

Hager Elementary School

Kindergarten students at Hager have been busy gardening! During our Earth Week unit, we were able to go outside and weed our garden. We planted new flowers and gave the old flowers new life. Please stop by and notice how beautiful our flower garden is around the Hager sign. Mrs. Plummer's kindergarten class was very fortunate to have Charis Artist in the classroom for 8 weeks. Mrs. Artist was completing her CDA and was very helpful and resourceful. Students learned about many modes of transportation. Mrs. Artist worked with students to create this beautiful transportation mural.



Hager's first and second graders have been hard at work. Both grades attended Marathon's Savage Branch for a fun day of wildlife experiences. While there, students were able to participate in hands-on, interactive learning experiences. Students fished wildlife out of the pond, took a hike through the woods, learned about habitats and talked about nature.

Students in third grade are designing tiles as a part of their geometry unit and arts and humanities curriculum. Pottery Place is coming to work with the students next week and they are very excited! *By Jacob Peach*

Fourth graders at Hager Elementary have been studying electricity. They have also been studying series, circuits, and parallel circuits. The 4th grade science teacher, Mrs. Walters, has some circuits that the 4th grade students have used. One of the circuits allows you to connect a wire to a light bulb which then turns on with the energy from the battery. Another circuit allows you to connect two wires to the battery which then allows you to turn a switch that makes the light bulb turn on like a lamp. 4th graders have really enjoyed learning about electricity and circuits. *By Clare Huff*



In 5th grade, we are preparing for our K-Prep test. We are studying hard to make sure we succeed! Right after testing, we get to take our trip to Kings Island for Math and Science Day. We are very excited! Not only will we get to do fun experiments, we will get to

ride all the rides! The 5th grade emergency patrols just got back from Great Wolfe Lodge. They had a good time! It was a great way to be rewarded for their hard work! *By Courtney Lewis and Destinee Rearden*

Over the last few weeks, Hager's sixth grade has been using Play-Doh to represent US economics. We used multicolored dough to produce our own items that we might sell, barter, or buy. We had several contests to see who had the best item. We quickly realized that the most detailed items got picked for the top three. Each lesson was taught to show ways the United States buys and produces goods. *By Alexis Nichols and Austin Lovelace*

It's how you act to be a Character Cat! Character Cats is all about being a Hager Wildcat that is trustworthy, respectful, responsible, fair, caring, and a good citizen. It's about students in grades 4-6 being recognized for their behavior in school. Each nine weeks students will be chosen as a Character Cat and given a reward for achieving this goal. The first reward was an ice cream treat, the second reward was a movie, and the third reward was a t-shirt. The last reward has yet to happen. If the student chosen has received all three rewards, they will be invited to an end-of-the-year Hager cookout. Next year, Mr. Caudill has informed us that Character Cats will be for all grades (K-6th). Make sure you follow all of these steps so you too can become a Character Cat! *By Niah Andueza and Megan Atkins*

Hager's school track has been amazing! We have come in first place in all three of our track meets this year. We've had tremendous performances this year and hope to bring home the City Championship on May 17th. Our runners are; Ty Duckwyler, Coleman



Fannin, Mykasa Robinson, Lexi Tygart, Sarah McLeod, Zandrya Gabris, Connor Robinette, Reed Daniel, Parker Clark, DeVaunte Robinson, Grace Burgess, Annabelle Clark, Megan Redman, Abbey Green, Rachel Craft, Emma Johnson, D'angelo Ward, Avery Childs, Mackenzie Smith, Boshia Daniel, Sydney Shepard, Micah McClave, Aramis Riley, Blake Hester, Abby Huff, Clare Huff, Will Spade, Elise Fields, and Max Robinette. *By Robby Krick and Mykasa Robinson*

On Friday May 25, Hager Elementary will close a great school year with a special principal for the day. As a reward for achieving the most AR points during the 2011-2012, Jordi Pullem, a third grader, will step into the role of Principal. When asked about her favorite books, Jordi said she really enjoyed the Harry Potter books. She and 9 other students who achieved top reading status were also rewarded with a special lunch with Mr. Caudill and Mrs. Swinney.

Oakview Elementary



The following students have outstanding keyboarding skills and the highest words per minute in their grade: Matthew Edwards 2nd grade, (40WPM), Lanae Odne 3rd grade (56 WPM), Emma Rice 4th grade (39WPM), Madison Reihls 5th grade (86 WPM), Luke Dickerson 6th grade (69WPM).



The second grades of Oakview Elementary School have spent this school year hard at work. These students have worked diligently to perfect their typing skills and improve their speed and accuracy throughout the school year. These students are not only working on their speed and accuracy but learning proper technique with every student typing with keyboard covers, thus increasing the difficulty with the payoff being that much more rewarding. All of the second grade students are typing at least 10 words per minute with many exceeding this number. Mrs. Bowling rewarded her students for a year of hard work and dedication by allowing them to celebrate with making computer cupcakes and literally putting the icing on the cupcakes.



A third grade student in Mrs. Ross's room, uses different colored fractional parts to help her understand equivalency. The students have been working hard reviewing and preparing for the KPREP test.

May is National Pet Month! We will once again gladly welcome any donations (new or loved!) for the shelter.

Oakview Elementary School PTO hosted its First Annual Science Fair Thursday, April 26, 2012, in the school gymnasium. Topics ranged from life cycles, electricity, chemical reactions, solar energy, sunscreen protection, cloud formation, the solar system,

and birds. The students did an awesome job creating a hypothesis, doing their research and conducting their experiments, analyzing their data, and formulating their conclusions. Overall Winners:

3rd Place(Tie) – Emily Martin *Lemon Battery* and Katie Hutchison *Animal Color Protection*; 2nd Place -- Mykayla Ackers and Kyleigh West *What is Coral?* , 1st Place -- Josie Bevins *The Magic of Fairy Floss*



AND THEY'RE OFF!! Oakview's second grade classes have once again been spending time studying one of Kentucky's oldest traditions~ the Kentucky Derby! Students have been learning all about Kentucky, the Derby, horses, Derby hats, and more.

Each second grader was invited to make his/her very own racehorse~ of the "stick horse" breed~ and bring it to school to join in on the Eighth Annual "Second Grade Run for the Roses." The festivities began with the singing of "My Old Kentucky Home" by our own fourth grade students under the direction of Susan Boyer, our music teacher, and the "Call to Post" played by former Oakview parent Dana Franks. Second grade families and all of Oakview's students were invited to watch our version of "the fastest two minutes in sports" take place.

Each class then had races to determine its classroom winners. The three top winners from each classroom received blue, red, or white ribbons.

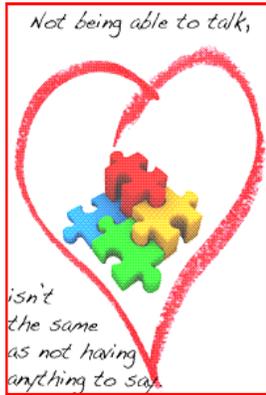
The classroom first place winners then ran in a final race to see who would be the "Grand Champion of the Second Grade Derby" and receive the trophy! Congratulations!

Students were also invited to design and make Derby hats to wear to school for a hat parade. And, of course, no Derby would be complete without a Derby celebration. What a memorable second grade experience for these students!



Poage Elementary School

Poage Special Education staff participated in the I Believe Foundation's "Walk for Autism" in honor of National Autism Awareness Month. Poage staff wore t-shirts that were designed by Senior, Amber Broughton. Amber is a student in Jennifer Spade's Digital Design Art Class at Blazer High School. Poage raised close to \$400.00 for the Foundation's event. The I Believe Foundation is a non-profit organization that allows students with special needs to participate in various team activities. The activities are adapted to meet individual needs of the students in the Tri-State Area.



Poage Elementary participated in the Pennies for Patients program, raising \$1,123. Mrs. Damron's 4th grade class led the school, raising over \$300. Earning a silver classroom pennant for raising over \$200 was Mrs. Moresea's 3rd grade. And earning bronze pennants for raising over \$100 were Mrs. Woods—kindergarten, Mrs. Cooper—1st grade, Mrs. Hill—2nd grade, and Mrs. Anderson—6th grade.



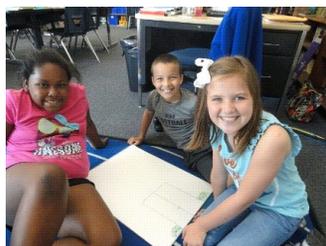
The 1st graders in Mrs. Cooper's class have had a busy spring learning about the weather, plants, the tropical Rain Forests, and how to properly select and take care of your pets during National Be Kind to Animals Week. Every student presented the weather forecast as

each child was meteorologist for the day. They were disappointed to never be able to predict snow in their forecasts! We planted sunflowers and recorded their progress while learning about the stages and parts of a plant. The importance of rain forest conservation was demonstrated through our small group research and presentations.

Alvaro Arospeide-Fletcher visited with Poage Elementary 5th and 6th grades. He discussed life in his native country of Peru. History, culture, daily life, diet and nutrition, sports, leisure, climate, and education were discussed, among other things. Alvaro is spending time in Kentucky with Mrs. Judy Linn, RTI teacher, before traveling to Baltimore, MD, where he will study physics at the University of Maryland.



In Mrs. Moresea's class, students designed their own business for the riverfront, using economic concepts and creating a business plan. The plans will be presented to Commissioner Marty Gute. In language arts we will make digital presentations about our favorite book we have read during book clubs this year. Then we will work to design our own bedrooms on a budget, using our math, art, and consumer skills. Finally we wrap up the fun with a day of Fizz Factor where students present their own science experiment with soda pop. Before you know it, this amazing class will be blasting off to 4th grade. It's been such a treat for Mrs. Broughton and I to have them.



Poage 5th Graders learned to apply Newton's Laws of Motion and reinforced measurement skills in math to produce dragsters that raced in the Poage Metric 500.

- Zach Hinderliter, **Winner**
- Tommy Noffsinger, **Runner-Up**
- Ryan Spinda, **Best Design**
- Savanah Gifford, **Funniest**
- Dylan Bentine, **Most Creative**

The students in the 4th grade classroom created various games to play with K-Prep math vocabulary. The children pictured are playing a golf game created by Maya Blankenship. The students were given a question after making the putt. If the answer was correct, they received one point for their team; and if they were incorrect, they received 4 points. Of course, in golf, the lower the score....the better!



The first graders in Mrs. Goodwin's room have just gotten back from their classroom campout! The students got to spend part of everyday in the classroom tent. During the week they read about animals you might see when you go camping and especially loved learning about those stinky skunks. They wrote a "how to" piece on how to make s'mores, then

followed their own directions to make them. The students got to go "spelling word star gazing" with flashlights and told campfire stories. Finally they got to go fishing for their "sight" words. The week proved how much fun camping can be without ever leaving the classroom.

Charles Russell Elementary School

Kids Helping Kids—During the week of March 7-16, CRS staff and students brought in toiletries and school supplies to help with the tornado relief effort for near-by communities. Parent volunteers delivered the items.

Dome Theatre— On March 19, the Dome Theatre came to CRS. Each class chose a movie to watch for a 30 minute time limit. 4th grade saw one on natural forces



or bad weather like a blizzard and tornado. The movie was all around the dome; wherever you looked the movie was there. It was a really good thing for the students to watch. Zach Francis & Kyle Webster

Heritage Farm— The 3rd graders went to Heritage Farm on March



27. We saw the schoolhouse and learned the 3 R's, about ink wells, paddling, and dunce caps. In the Progress Building we saw Appalachian houses from 1850-1925 which show how things changed. We saw a covered wagon, stagecoach, and model-T's in the Transportation building. We got to do chores like milk a cow, pump water, grind corn,

gather eggs and wash laundry by hand. All of us agreed that we are glad we live in the year 2012. Going to Wal-Mart is a lot easier! -Preston Ledford

McTeacher's Night— Thursday, April 19, was the CRS annual McTeacher's Night at the Winchester Avenue McDonald's. It was a great success with over \$700 raised for the evening.

KDMC Helicopter Visit— On Friday, April, 20, the KDMC helicopter flew into the CRS playground for a visit. We were the first school they had visited. There was a pilot, paramedic, and a nurse. We learned about what they do to the patients they transport. They told us the helicopter cost \$3 million. That's a lot! We hope they come back. Anna

Heineman & Paige Kelley



4-H Winner— 5th Grader Preston Ledford won grand champion at the 4-H County Competition in April and he advanced to regionals on May 19 where he was reserve grand champion.

Earth Day— Ms. Janice Ledford came to Mrs. King's 2nd grade class to teach a lesson on Earth Day. The students chose a slogan and picture for their folders. They read an essay, "Earth Day, Every Day" and learned that Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 and was founded by Senator Gaylord Nelson in 1970. The students learned ways they can help by recycling, turning off lights, and not littering. Each student made a door hanger to remind them to "Go Green." -Bethany Ledford

Keyboarding Achievement— 6th Grade/Distinguished - Zach Stafford-68/97; Britany Guerrero-62/100; 5th Grade/Distinguished - Olivia Allen-50/100; Proficient - Shalayna Rice-46/100; 4th Grade/Distinguished - Terrick Smith-46/100; Raven Rodas-40/100; Proficient - Riley Dixon-38/100; Grant Kelley-32/100; Cameron Marushi-32/100, Danielle Spears-31/100

Talent Show— On May 1, the 6th Grade sponsored a Talent Show to help raise funds for their field trip. There were 15 participants that included singers, acrobats, pianists, and even a ventriloquist. The winners were: 1st place-Blaine Collins & Sarah Ratliff, 6th graders, Tae Kwon Do demonstration; 2nd place-Hailey Cabell-3rd grade & Bethany Ledford-2nd grade, dance duo; 3rd place-6th graders-Ema-Leigh Forbes, Carrina Hensley, Baylei Park, Tyler Williams, Ian Wright & Mrs. Reinhard-The HarmoniCats.



5th Grade Play— On Friday April 27, the 5th grade held their annual play written and directed by Ms. Meade. This year's play was "The Imagination Zone." The play had four showings, two by each class. It was about a girl who said she had no imagination. She was visited by several story book characters like Sherlock Holmes, Queen of Hearts, Laura Ingalls, and pirates who helped her get her imagination.

Beta Club— On Friday evening, April 27, CRS Beta Club held its yearly induction. New inductees included: 6th grade-Cameron Conley, Madelyn Hamilton, Shelbi Owens, Britany Guerrero, Jakob Williams; 5th grade-Shalayna Rice, Braedon Ward, Russell Rogers, Gabi Griffith, Sarah Brison, Preston Ledford, Dillon Adkins, Joe Sewell, Chloe VanHorn, Robbie Francis, Tyler McKnight, Olivia Allen, Jacob Kemper, Harlea Blevins, Nick Endicott, Brianna Lambert, Kaitlyn Lee, Miranda Martin, Holden Harris, Will Adkins, Jake Damron, Gage Hignite, Zachary Greene, Elizabeth Senters, Maddy Greene, Jade Mains



STLP 110% Award— For 30+ hours of service: 6th Grade-Madalon Burnside, Blaine Collins, Julia Conley, Ema-Leigh Forbes, Makenzie Lucas, Sarah Ratliff, Leah Smith-Mensah, Zachary Stafford, Aly Taylor, Tyler Williams, William Zheng; 5th Grade-Olivia Allen, Maddy Greene, Preston Hughes, Braedon Ward; 4th Grade-Kyle Webster

PVSA Award— The President's Volunteer Service Award is awarded each year for 50+ hours (Bronze) of community service for STLP: 6th Grade-Blaine Collins, Ema-Leigh Forbes, Sarah Ratliff, Leah Smith-Mensah, Zachary Stafford, Aly Taylor, William Zheng, 5th Grade-Maddy Greene, Braedon Ward; For 75+ hours (Silver): Ema-Leigh Forbes, Zachary Stafford, William Zheng; For 100+ hours (Gold): Ema-Leigh Forbes.

Verity Middle School

The Verity library hosted a Scholastic Book Fair May 7-11. In addition to the buy-one-get-one free fair, students were treated to a free book from the One Child Helping Others (OCHO) Project. Reading teacher Nicky Whitt secured over 600 books with a grant provided by Marilyn Perlyn. Chip Houghton from [Look At A Book](#) provided titles. All Verity students thank Mrs. Whitt for her hard work and dedication to literacy.

Students in Ms. Toplis's Project Proficiency class created a math game called "Integer Land," which has created quite a stir in her classroom! The challenge begins with students computing problems involving integers. The positive solution to a problem helps them proceed forward through the maze and negative solutions require them to move backward. The desks play the spaces of a game board! If there is a student already in the seat you are required to sit in a "face-off" must occur. The one who completes the problem quickest earns those number of spaces forward! The game winner gets the job of designing a maze through repositioning the classroom desks. Integer Land has become a classroom favorite through some serious excitement and absolute entertainment!!



Verity students dressed as their favorite teacher during Teacher Appreciation Week. The students shown above dressed as Mr. Whelan

Verity's 7th and 8th grade bands performed at the annual KMEA Concert Band Festival and did well in their respective adjudication events. 7th Grade Band achieved an Overall-Distinguished, and 8th Grade Band achieved an Overall-Proficient.

Several clubs at Verity participated in a pancake breakfast for tornado relief on March 24th and **raised \$1,434.34**. Way to go, Patriots!!!!

In celebration of National Poetry Month, students in the Explorers Team reading classes participated in National Poem in Your Pocket Day on April 6. Students chose a poem, carried it with them, and shared it with others throughout the day!

In April, Beta Club read to Head Start students and hid Easter eggs.



On March 29th, 250 eighth graders participated in the 4-H Reality Store. The Reality Store is a one-day activity designed to help middle school students become aware of basic skills in financial planning, goal setting, decision-making, and career planning. Students receive an occupation based on their

current GPA and then enter the "Reality Store" where they spend their salaries on the necessities and luxuries they want and need as part of the adult lifestyle.

The following students were chosen to be part of KMEA District 8 All District Chorus 2012: Rachel Akers, Geoffrey Bennett, Lyndsey Blair, Sara Brown, Cayla Campbell, Gerri Green, Danny McGraw, Madison Poff, Caitlin Roberts, Katarina Burns, and Chase Tadlock .

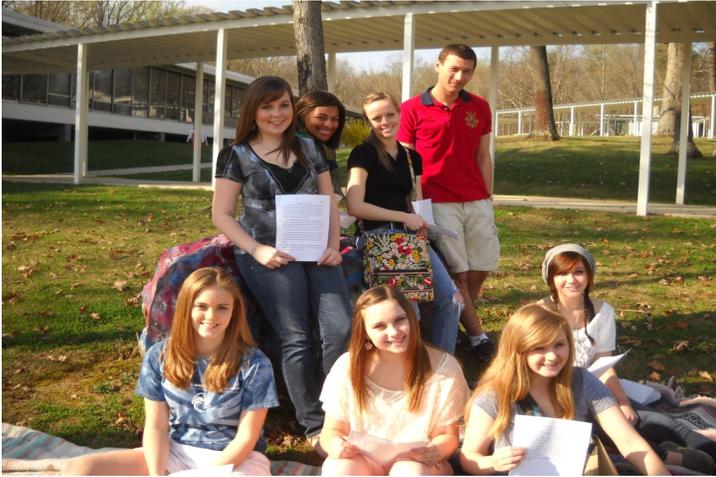
Verity's Math Counts students scored at least 80% or better on the Ultimate Math Challenges (UMC), achieving Gold Level Status. The school is entered into a drawing for a \$500 gift card and the grand prize of a trip to Orlando, FL, to witness the Raytheon MATHCOUNTS National Competition - 2012.

The following 8th graders attended Leadership Day activities on Friday, March 23, at KEDC: Kenzy Moore, Brady Keeran, Jacob Thacker, Jason Zheng, Gabby Ingram, Shelby Street, Kaitlyn Stevens, Sierra Williams, Jenna Cook, and Madison Davis.

The Beginning and Intermediate String Orchestras from Verity were judged as Distinguished Ensembles at the KMEA District 8 Festival held at Raceland on Saturday, April 14th. Each group rated Distinguished from all three judges in their performances. The fourth judge in the sight-reading area rated each group distinguished as well. Congratulations to the orchestra students for their outstanding effort in attaining the highest score possible!

Congratulations to the following Verity String Orchestra students for their performance at the KMEA District 8 Solo and Ensemble Festival on March 3rd. Awarded a Rating of Proficient for Ensemble were: Haley Deal, Lauren Fazenbaker, Autumn Hoffman, Amber Williamson, Hunter Gullet, & Carlie Geyer. Awarded a Rating of Distinguished for Ensemble were: Carlie Geyer, Caleb Geyer, & Caroline Geyer. Awarded a Rating of Proficient for Solo were: Molly Baldock, Kenzie Pennington, Amy Moore, Autumn Hoffman, Amber Williamson, & Caroline Geyer. Awarded a Rating of Distinguished for Solo were: Will Frye, Keandre Jordan, Raegan Williams, Haley Deal, Caleb Geyer, Carlie Geyer, & Hunter Gullet.

Paul Blazer High School



Ms. LeMaster's Spanish V class did a unit on the environment as seen through the eyes of famous Hispanic writers. After writing their own themes in Spanish about the environment, the class had a picnic and read their themes to each other (in Spanish, of course).

The Sports Medicine Program banquet will be held May 26th at 3:00 PM at Gospel Tabernacle Church

The sports medicine class at Blazer participated in a class sports medicine skills and knowledge Olympics Competition May 14th - 18th during 7th period at Blazer.

Both Blazer's String Orchestra and Intermediate Strings were judged as Distinguished Ensembles at the KMEA District 8 Festival held at Raceland on Friday evening, April 13th. Each group rated Distinguished from two of the three judges in their performances. The fourth judge in the sight-reading area rated each group distinguished as well. Congratulations to the orchestra students for their outstanding effort in attaining this prestigious rating!

The Blazer Band received a Distinguished rating at the 2012 KMEA District Concert Band Festival on April 21.

Blazer Student Council sold "Links for the Cure" for Cystic Fibrosis. Links were sold to the students during lunches and \$400.00 was sent to Cystic Fibrosis.

Mrs. Chapman's Art 2 class 'planted' flowers on April 23rd that they made from plastic bottles in honor of Earth Day.



Blazer's FBLA members organized a book drive for the students at Ashland Head Start. Over 200 books were collected, meaning that each of the 171 students enrolled at the Head Start was able to keep one book, plus around 35 extra books were added to their library. FBLA members travelled to Ashland Head Start to distribute the books and read to students.

The following students from Paul Blazer High School won awards Thursday, March 8 at the Region 5 FBLA Conference:

1st Place: India Burris—Accounting II, Stewart Rolen and Michael Lemon—Banking and Financial Systems, Craig Alexander—Personal Finance, Allen Flath—Mr. Future Business Leader; **2nd Place:** Maddy Ryan—Client Services, Molly Elam—Hospitality Management, Morgan Canty—Job Interview, Rachel Jarvis/Mary Adkins/Alex Buskey—Marketing, Andrea Bellew—Ms. Future Business Leader; **3rd Place:** Parker Touchton—Networking Concepts; Andrea Bellew—Who's Who in KY FBLA. Craig Alexander was re-elected FBLA Region 5 Treasurer.

Blazer winners competed at FBLA State Conference in Louisville April 23-25 where the following students won awards:

3rd Place: Allen Flath—Mr. Future Business Leader; **4th Place:** India Burris—Accounting II; **5th Place:** Craig Alexander—Personal Finance, Stewart Rolen and Michael Lemon—Banking and Financial Systems. Justin Butler was elected Kentucky FBLA Treasurer.

The Agnes Foster Golden Horizon Award is given to outstanding FCCLA Senior members who exemplify the qualities of Ms. Foster. These qualities include: sunny disposition, positive attitude, unselfishness, team player, work ethic, dedication, character, and honesty. The chapter members who are constantly faithful, often quietly working behind the scenes to ensure the success of their chapter and local community are nominated by their chapter adviser. These are the students whose patience, good humor, flexibility, and skill form the foundation of FCCLA at the local level. Alexandra Buskey was one of eight recipients of the Golden Horizon award at the 2012 Kentucky FCCLA State Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Tomcat Battalion



Paul Blazer High School
2011 to 2012

The Tomcat Battalion recently had their formal inspection and received the distinction as an Honor Unit. We would like to thank the teachers for supporting the inspection. Also, please take a moment and congratulate the cadets for the hard work that they have put in leading up to today.

District News

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Corey Lee Powers
Emily Ann Preece
Geoffrey Allen Price
Christopher Ryan Prichard
Jacob Shawn Queen
Amanda Lee Ramella
Steven Grant Ramey
Vivien Leigh Raper
Ashley Marie Reeves
Robert Stephen Reeves
Ellen Adams Reynolds
Cassie Marie Rice
David Morris Riedel
Jeffery Tyler Lee Riffe
Joshua Alan Riffe
Shane Christopher Riley
Kayla Ihilani Rivera-Pascual
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David Cody Withrow
Kory Lynn Witkus
Robert Clayton Woford
Heather Nichole Worstell
Patrick Shane York



**Congratulations
Graduates!**

LEDFORD SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Dr. Loren J. Ledford Memorial Scholarship for Health Care Majors went to Blazer High School senior Alyssa "Noell" Conley who will attend the University of Kentucky. She plans to become a physician and return to eastern Kentucky to practice medicine.

The Janice Brown Ledford Scholarship for Education Majors was awarded to Maleesa Clark who will attend Morehead State University to pursue a career in elementary education.



2012 Northeast Kentucky Academic League Awards Banquet

Blazer: Rex Gonzales (2nd JV Soc. Stud., 2nd JV Sci.), Cameron Garner (1st JV Sci, 1st JV Math), Doug Mollett (5th JV Sci, 4th JV Math), Aryssa Damron (1st JV Language, 2nd JV Arts), Katherine O'Nan (2nd JV Math), Allen Flath (4th Vars Arts, 7th Vars Soc Stud), Tyler Hill (1st Vars Science, 4th Vars Soc Stud), Aaron Krick (5th Vars Lang, 6th Vars Lang) Stephen Corbitt (2nd Vars Arts, 2nd Vars Soc Stud), Brent Garner (2nd Vars Math).

Also placing in the top 10, but not pictured: Kayla Wells (10th Vars Lang), Kevin Mullins (7th Vars Arts), Sophie Nishimoto (7th Vars Math), Shannon Cook (7th JV Lang, 7th JV Arts), Noah Kramer (T-7th Soc Stud, 8th JV Arts), Brenna Daniel (10th JV Lang), Tristan Hill (T-7th JV Soc Stud), Anthony Hall (10th JV Soc Stud), Alex Vockery (9th JV Math)

The following 6th grade violin students performed with the Verity and Blazer orchestras on April 24th:

Crabbe: Hannah Hickman, Kionna Slone, Abby Stambaugh, Emily Stapleton, Savannah Thomas

Hager: Niah Andueza, Alexa Craft, Tyriq Duckuyler, Blake Johnson

Oakview: Kade Dye, Ben Fazenbaker, Hailee Gullett (2nd Gr.), Connor Hutchison, Wren Jenkins, Lydia O'Nan

Poage: Chloe Artis, Shelbi Barnett, Trinity Nolan, Alexis Smyser, Chloe Whitlock

C. Russell: Blaine Collins, Julia Conley, Brittany Guerro, Hattie Killin, Makenzie Lucas, Alexis Moore, Morgan Vanover

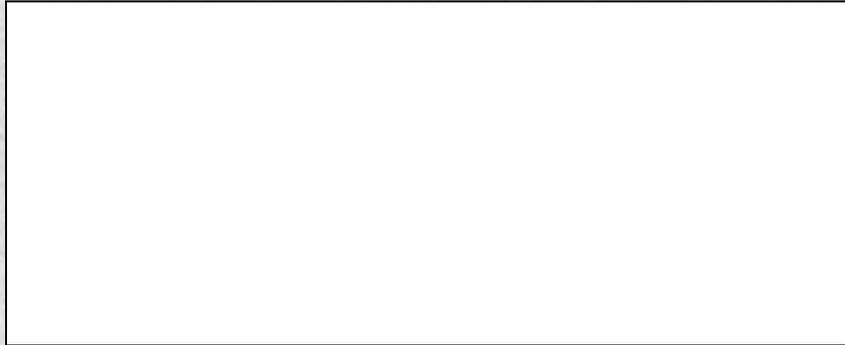


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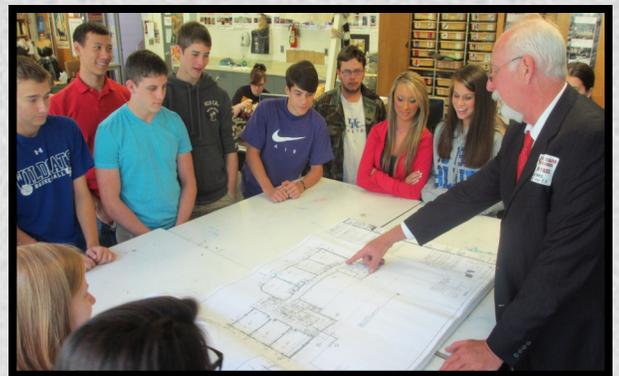
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 Brad Greene, Crabbe Elementary School
 Phillip Caudill, Hager Elementary School
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Architect Dave Stone from TSHD Architects spent a day talking with Mrs. Spade's art students about the career of Architecture. Students learned about the specifics of planning around environmental factors as well as how to interpret blue prints.

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