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Walker Elementary Celebrates High Attendance

By: Jayli Smith

“High Attendance Day” at the Wayne County Schools held many fun activities for students that encouraged them to be present at school. “High Attendance Day” was on September 13th, and is held each year throughout the state of Kentucky to emphasize the importance of consistent school attendance to the success of a student.



Students and teachers at Walker Elementary were given the opportunity to dress as their favorite character from a nursery rhyme, and there were many appropriately themed activities throughout the day. Walking through the halls of the school, many students and teachers that were dressed up could be seen, with plenty of recognizable costumes.

In one classroom, there were several different nursery rhyme themed activities that had been going on throughout the day. At around noon, the students were just finishing up drawings of *Humpty Dumpty*, and were gathering at the front of the room for their next activity. Their teacher read the *Itsy Bitsy Spider* and *Humpty Dumpty* to the students and then had them get active for a *Humpty Dumpty* dance.

While the students were dancing, the teacher aides were preparing an *Itsy Bitsy Spider* themed snack, which included an Oreo cookie, with pretzel sticks stuck in the sides to form a spider. The students finished their dance and went to sit down at their tables. They were very excited for their snack and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Cardinal Opinions is Another Publication from Journalism

The WCHS Journalism class is very busy creating high-quality content for the students in the school. In addition to this publication, which is still a work in progress, students in the class are also working on another weekly publication, titled *Cardinal Opinions*.

While this particular newspaper will focus mostly on actual news stories happening in the building and on the Wayne County Campus, *Cardinal Opinions* is going to focus more on editorials and the opinions of the Journalism staff. So, when you want real, reliable news articles about the happenings at WCHS and across the campus, check out our weekly publication of *Cardinal News*.

On the other hand, if you're looking for opinions and editorials to do with the school, the community, and the world around us, please check out *Cardinal Opinions*.

The editor of *Cardinal Opinions*, Brayden Lowe, welcomes any guest contributors who would like to write “Letters to the Editor” that could be published to do with current events or anything a student wanted to write about. You may email Brayden at brayden.lowe@stu.wayne.kyschools.us with any article ideas or letters you might like to see published in future editions of *Cardinal Opinions*.

Physical copies will be located in the library and cafeteria.

Mr. Criswell's Dual Credit English Class Goes on Pilgrimage

Last week, students in Mr. Criswell's English Class got the opportunity to dress up as characters from the Middle Ages and go on a “pilgrimage” to other teachers' classrooms.

During the activity, which Mr. Criswell does every year, students dressed up as characters from the text, *The Canterbury Tales*, written in the 1300s by Geoffrey Chaucer.

Characters varied from a Nun wearing jewelry, called “The Prioress,” to a Cook with a disgusting sore on one leg.

During the activity, students wore their costumes as they went from class to class in the building, based on clues left for them by Mr. Criswell. Each clue was a poem pointing the students in the direction of a different teacher in the building.

This year's teacher participants included Dean Sumpter, Colleen Steele, Taylor Criswell, Brooke Gregory, Jeremy Barnett, Angela Morrow, Presley Sutton,

Jimmie Hafley, Carol Ford, and Tiffani Bertram.

The students really seemed to enjoy the activity.



Mr. Criswell, who was dressed as Geoffrey Chaucer himself, remarked, “This has probably been the best-dressed group of pilgrims I've had in all my years doing this activity.”

Mr. Criswell commented that he did this activity himself in high school when he had English IV with former WCHS teacher Angela Sloan.

“She really knew how to put us on the spot,” Criswell stated. “I'm glad I get to keep this tradition alive at WCHS.”



Aubree Kennett, Hannah Kempton, Alexa Kempton, and Hunter Frost dressed as characters from *The Canterbury Tales*.

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Located in Room 132, the WCHS Youth Services Center is here to serve your needs! Any student in need of assistance is encouraged to come by and speak to Mrs.

Audra Branscum!

WCHS Student Spotlight: Brayden Lowe

By: Olivia Thompson



Wayne County Schools are home to numerous exceptional students who come to school each day eager to learn and do their best within the classroom. However, some students go above and beyond, such as student Brayden Lowe. Brayden can be found in various activities in and out of the classroom. During the school day, he is found in multiple college classes, as just a junior, where he manages a high GPA in preparation for his future. He was accepted and attended the Rogers Scholars program last summer where he got to learn as well as partake in community service opportunities.

Brayden is also involved in school clubs such as the Kindness Club. He is a TSA club officer as well as an FBLA club officer. Brayden involves himself in every school opportunity he gets by running for many leadership positions in school and clubs. For example, he plans on running for student government this school year as well as staying active in his other clubs he is a part of.

Also, Mr. Lowe is active in his community outside of school as well. He is often found at his church, Steubenville Baptist Church. There, he is a part of a student-led bible study group with three other student-leaders where he gets to share sermons and messages to his fellow peers. He uses his church as a way to feed his passion for community service by attending the projects his church puts together. He is planning various projects for the community as well he hopes to implement in the future. Great job, Brayden, we appreciate all that you do!

Spirit Week at WCHS Great Success

By: Madelyn Frogge

During the week of September 18-22, WCHS students and staff celebrated Spirit Week, an annual tradition at high schools nationwide.

WCHS students gave the event their own special flair, however, with days devoted specifically to dressing up and having fun.

Monday was “America Day”, Tuesday was “Barbie Day”, Wednesday was “Glory Days,” Thursday was “Jake from State Farm,” and Friday was “Cardinal Crazy.”

WCHS Media Center Specialist Carol Ford said, “We’ve all really enjoyed the student participation and costumes this year. It has been a lot of fun.”

Ms. Emma Turner, a new English teacher here at WCHS, particularly enjoyed “Glory Days,” as she got to dress as her teacher mentor, Mr. Jared Criswell.



“He was a really good sport about being called ‘old’,” Ms. Turner stated.



The week ended with the students gathering on the football field for a pep rally. There, the students spelled out “HOCO” (short for HOMECOMING) for a drone-assisted photo.

Students then had an opportunity to show their “Cardinal Pride” during the pep rally.



A good time was had by all in attendance, and this year’s Spirit Week was definitely one for the books!

Tech Design Class Attends Event at Kentucky State Capital

Did you know that only a little over half of the public schools in the state of Kentucky offer a computer science pathway in their schools? Did you know that the number decreases when you talk about rural schools? Did you know that Wayne County has had computer science and 3d printing classes for the past six years?

All of this information was shared and celebrated in Frankfort on Tuesday, September 19. Wayne County High School was one of only nine schools in the state of Kentucky represented at the "Coding in the Capital" event. Wayne County’s program, which is located at the Wayne County Area Technology Center, was celebrated along with other premiere programs from across the state.



“We presented information to representatives, KDE department chairs, CTE leaders, Advance Kentucky program representatives, and staff members. Our program was unique due to the Tech Design class which is both a technology and an entrepreneurial class,” said local Technology Teacher Marsha Bertram.

Bertram continued, “All were amazed that the students run their own small business and maintain a website in order to keep supplies coming into the program. The breadth of the program from coding to printing was also a talking point.”

The students who represented Wayne County were seniors and longtime participants in the computer science classes which included: Caleb Cook, Jakob Brammer, Sanali Upchurch, and Braden Upchurch.

These students have taken courses where code.org was used in the curriculum. The keynote speaker at Tuesday’s event was the president of code.org, a nationally recognized curriculum in computer science.

“Many thanks to Advance Kentucky for recognizing the quality of computer science education in Wayne County High School and for inviting us to this prestigious event,” said Bertram.

Thank you to the technology classes that put Wayne County Schools ‘on the map’ this week, due to the wonderful work that happens in the technology classes at such a high level The roadshow continues for the tech class as they head to the SOAR Summit23 at the Corbin Arena on October 3-4 after being invited to exhibit their 3D Printing and Tech Design skills. The JAG class will be attending that conference, as well.

A New Event at WCHS?



According to a source close to the matter, WCHS administration will soon release plans to hold a type of “Parent Night” in the building.

At the event, parents of WCHS students would get to tour the building and attend a very

shortened “mock school day,” where they can visit their children’s classes and teachers just as if they were in their shoes attending WCHS.

Though this event is in the planning stages, it could still be held before Christmas Break.