

Bell County School District NEWS

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Bell County School District Makes History with KPREP Results

Students, teachers, and staff across the Bell County School District had much to celebrate with the release of the 2015-16 KPREP test results. The Bell County School District has achieved the status of a **Distinguished District!** In addition to the distinguished rating, the district has also been labeled a High Progress District by the Kentucky Department of Education for demonstrating a significant improvement in scores, a designation given only to 10 of the 173 districts across the state. Test scores further indicate continued growth for the Bell County School district as evidenced by the system being the 4th most improved district in the state.

Not only has the district earned the Distinguished classification, but many schools across the district earned Proficient and Distinguished labels. Schools reaching the mark for those labels are:



Bell Central Elementary: Distinguished/School of Distinction

Bell Central Middle: Distinguished/School of Distinction/High Progress School

Bell County High School: Distinguished/High Performing School

Frakes Elementary: Proficient

Right Fork Elementary: Distinguished/High Performing School/High Progress School

Right Fork Middle: Proficient

Yellow Creek Elementary: Proficient

Yellow Creek Middle: Distinguished/School of Distinction/High Progress School

of the schools and local sponsors.

Some additional points of celebration are:

- Distinguished District
- District is 4th in state for improvement
- 10.3 point gain in overall accountability
- First district in Bell County to be labeled Distinguished
- Ranks 44 out of 173 districts
- Top district in Bell County, Top 10 in SESC COOP
- 5 out of 7 schools showed improvement at one or both levels
- Yellow Creek Middle is 4th in state for improvement; Bell Central Middle is 13th
- Right Fork Elementary is 6th in state for improvement; Frakes Elementary is 27th
- Bell Central ranks 3rd in the state at the middle school level

To commemorate the success of the district, the Bell County Board declared a district-wide “Day of Celebration” on October 4, 2016. According to Superintendent Yvonne Gilliam, the celebrations serve as recognition for the hard work and dedication of our students and employees. “Our students are the ones putting pencil to paper and taking these assessments. Their hard work is evidenced by the success of our district.” Students participated in various activities on Tuesday, October 4, including inflatables, field day activities, karaoke, movies and cook outs for all to enjoy. Also, each student and district employee received a t-shirt complements

**Celebration
Photos on
page 24**

A Change in School Board Divisions



Yvonne Gilliam
Bell County Schools Superintendent

It is important that I make the public aware that the precincts that make up the Bell County School Board divisions have been changed. Gary Smith got 100 individuals to sign a petition that stated “We believe that there is a disparity in representation among the educational divisions in the Bell County School District”. Gary Smith sent that petition to Dr. Stephen Pruitt, Kentucky Commissioner of Education. Dr. Pruitt, as required by statute, opened an investigation. Due to our county being hit so hard by the loss of our coal jobs, many people have been forced to leave Bell County to find jobs. Thus, some of the existing divisions do have smaller populations than other divisions. Because of this petition our Board was forced to restructure the five divisions. A total of thirteen proposals for restructuring were presented by board members, the public and central office personnel. The Board adopted the proposal which provided the most equal population among the five precincts.

Again, our board did not initiate this action. They did what they were directed to do. I know this new structure will not please everyone. I, personally, wish Gary Smith had not created this situation. However, he did and the Board did the best it could do to equalize the five divisions. The new precincts within the five board divisions are as follows:

Division I	Population
Sutty	1,113
Edgewood.....	1,684
Hutch.....	642
Total	3,439
Division II	Population
Lone Jack.....	668
Clear Creek.....	872
Meldrum.....	1,744
Total	3,284
Division III	Population
Greasy Creek	1,107
Laurel B.....	922
Laurel A	1,380
Total	3,409
Division IV	Population
Page.....	938
Brownies Creek.....	726
Blackmont.....	1,151
Straight Creek	720
Total	3,535
Division V	Population
Dorton Branch	779
Arjay	1,147
Right Fork.....	1,047
Beverly	162
Pineville West.....	7
Total	3,142

I hate we had to change the precincts which make up our current divisions. The old structure had served us well.

Yvonne Gilliam

KSP POST 10 and Bell County Schools Join Together for Clothing Drive

Pineville, Ky. (October 11, 2016) Kentucky State Police, Post 10 Harlan is teaming up with Family Resource Centers in Bell County for a clothing drive for kids that are less fortunate. A local trooper came up with the idea to assist our local schools with clothes and other items that the kids may be in need of. Trooper Roy Pace arranged a meeting with all the Family Resource Center Directors and started the process. Southeast Nursing Program is also assisting with the program.

Starting today, October 11, 2016 KSP is asking for assistance from the public to bring the following items to any Bell County Elementary School and also Bell County High School. These items need to be taken to the Family Resource Center at each school. If you can't make it to a school during their hours you can drop off any of these items at the Bell County

Bus Garage on Monday's between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. The Following schools are participating in the Program: Bell Central, Yellow Creek, Right Fork, Lone Jack, Frakes, Page , and Bell County High School.

DONATION LIST FOR FRYSC PROGRAM

Clothing

- New underwear boys and girls all sizes
- New Socks boy and girls all sizes
- Shoes new/slightly used all sizes
- New/slightly used (all sizes particularly little children's)
- Shirts
- Jeans
- Jogging/sweat pants
- Hoodies
- Belts

Hygiene Products

- Deodorant boy and girls
- Lice shampoo/spray
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Shampoo

Furniture

- Any new or used in good condition
- Couches
- Chairs
- Beds
- Tables
- Washer/dryers
- Refrigerators
- Microwaves

Any Monetary Donations Are needed and will be used for emergency situation

- Assist families after home fires
- Assist families with utilities needs during emergencies
- Assist families if medical needs arise and all other avenues have been exhausted.
- Assist families with food if there are no other resources available.

For monetary donations please contact Chris Warren, 606-337-7051
chris.warren@bell.kyschools.us
Bell County Board of Education
PO box 340, Virginia Ave.
Pineville Ky. 4095



Bell County Family Resource Directors along with TFC. Shane Jacobs and Tpr. Roy Pace

Bell County High School - 2015/16 Distinguished High Performing School

With the release of 2015-2016 Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress (KPREP) data, Bell County High School has achieved designation as a Distinguished-High Progress School. The Distinguished rank places Bell County High School as the top-rated high school in Bell County and among the top-performing high schools in the Commonwealth. "These results validate many of the great things going on in our classrooms," remarked Principal Richard Gambrel. "I am extremely proud of our students and staff for their hard work and dedication."

The KPREP is an annual examination of every public school district in the state by the Kentucky Department of Education. It scores state high schools on a variety of components including student test scores, student growth, graduation rates, and college and career readiness.



GEAR UP Week

Submitted by GEAR UP Academic Specialists, Mrs. Cindy Brock and Mrs. Trisha Long



Pictured are Bell County High School Link Crew Leaders with the sign celebrating GEAR UP Week.

Bell County GEAR UP Celebrates National GEAR UP Week

Bell County GEAR UP announced their participation in National GEAR UP Week 2016. This week commemorates the continuing success of Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP), a college access program providing students and families the support and resources they need for college success. Since its inception in 1999, GEAR UP has improved educational outcomes for millions of low-income, minority and disadvantaged students

across the United States.

Bell County GEAR UP will celebrate National GEAR UP Week 2016 by bringing in guest speakers, sponsoring KHEAA night for senior students and their parents as well as several college/career oriented activities throughout the week to help promote a college going culture at Bell County High School.

To date, the Bell County GEAR UP Program has served well over 1300 students.

Students like BCHS senior Tyler Barnett says, "GEAR UP has enlightened me about what is available to me at college and what life will be like there." National GEAR UP Week is a time to celebrate these accomplishments in our community.

For more information about Bell County GEAR UP please Angela Allen, Point of Contact at 606-337-7051. To learn more about the national GEAR UP program, please contact the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships at 202-530-1135 or www.edpartnerships.org.

At left: Cole Raines speaking in Frankfort, Kentucky during the GEAR UP Celebration and Award Ceremony. Cole Received the GEAR UP Student of the Year Award.

Message from Cole Raines, 2016 GEAR UP Student of the Year

"I, Cole Raines was selected as the 2016 GEAR UP student of the year. I was identified by the GEAR UP College and Career Advisor as a leader among my peers and an active participant in GEAR UP activities in my school. As the student of the year, I was invited to attend the first-ever Kentucky GEAR UP Week Celebration on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 in the State Capitol Building in Frankfort, Kentucky. At the capitol, I met with several dignitaries and toured Kentucky State University. In addition, I was asked to give a speech where I discussed what GEAR UP meant to me and how it had helped reveal the pathways to college."



AFJROTC Cadets Helping Feed The Hungry



Pictured from left to right cadets: c/Major Cameron Miracle, c/Lt Keith Roberts, c/Major Kirsten Middleton with **Eric Martin, Ashley Witt, Lisa Flannery** of CCM

On Saturday, 10 September, cadets at Bell County High School collected food in front of Kroger's, Middlesboro on behalf of the Cooperative Christian

Ministry of Middlesboro. Thanks to wonderful support of our local Kroger's and the generosity of great people of Middlesboro, the cadets were able to turn over 425 canned goods, 190 other food items

and 78 hygiene products and \$505. The Cadets of AFJROTC KY-931 wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to Kroger's and to the wonderful and generous people of our community.

Submitted by:
Lt Col Barry Tanner
and
MSgt James Browning,
Aerospace Science
Instructors

Hasan Davis Speaks at BCHS



Submitted by GEAR UP Academic Specialists, Mrs. Cindy Brock and Mrs. Trisha Long

The GEAR UP program at Bell County High School sponsored Hasan Davis, a motivational speaker, to present to the incoming freshmen during the Freshman Orientation in August. Mr. Davis will be returning to BCHS in October to speak to the entire student body about overcoming your circumstances and being the best you can be.

"The only people that we cannot reach are those we refuse to touch." – Hasan Davis

Free Dental Screenings Offered to BCHS Students

Bell County High School students received free dental screenings during the months of September and October. The dental screenings were

provided by Grace Community Health Center and Dr. Kathy Lefevers and her staff. All students who had a permission form on file to see

the dentist were seen in the Youth Service Center. If any of these students needed further treatment Dr. Lefevers will be able to bring a mobile

unit into the school to provide basic services. Any restorative procedures will still have to be done in her office. Bell County High School and

The Bell County High School Youth Service Center would like to thank Grace Community Health Center and Dr. Lefevers for providing these

services to our students.

Submitted by
Mrs. Samantha Wilson,
YSC Coordinator



Amy Baird with Dr. Lefevers' office provides dental services to Angel Simpson.



Tammy Brock and Alyssa Henderson with Dr. Lefevers' office provide dental services to Kelsey Saylor.

Bell County High FCCLA Wins Gold in San Diego, CA

July 2016 – Bell County High joined more than 8,500 FCCLA student leaders, members, and advisers at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, CA July 3rd-7th to participate in the annual FCCLA National Leadership Conference (NLC).

The conference provided Bell County High students opportunities come together for energizing learning while listening to inspiring speakers, expanding leadership skills, sharpening talents, and exploring career pathways. The theme of this year's conference was "Empowered", which inspired attendees to make the right choices and commit themselves to making a positive impact within their families, schools, FCCLA, and communities.

Brianna Guy, Josie Sproles and Megan Reynolds from Bell County participated in one of 30 Family and Consumer Sciences related competitive events offered at NLC, including STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events

and the FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl. These events support foundational, leadership, and workplace skills in areas such as advocacy, culinary arts, and entrepreneurship. Competing with over 4,500 STAR Event participants in San Diego, Brianna Guy and Josie Sproles received a Gold Medal in the Chapter in Review portfolio event and Megan Reynolds also received a Gold Medal in the Life Event Planning event. The Chapter in Review Gold medal is awarded to the most outstanding chapters in the United States, which speaks highly for the Bell County FCCLA chapter. The chapter must organize and implement several activities in membership, leadership, community service, participate in State and National FCCLA projects, and public relations. The Life Event Planning Event is an individual or team event that recognizes participants who apply skills learned in Family and Consumer Sciences courses to manage the costs of an event. An event

is defined as any upcoming occasion that will bring changes and/or new experiences and accompanying financial challenges. This event requires a student to use financial planning, budgeting skills, consumerism and goal setting techniques for a specific event.

"Our National Leadership Conference was a great success this year, with a record-setting attendance of over 8,500 members, advisers, partners and guests. During the past week we've watched thousands of students

come together and realize their full potential through competition, career training, and workshops. The relationships developed and training experienced during this conference have empowered students to go into their schools and communities and make a difference, bringing with them the values and passions FCCLA brings to our members," said Sandy Spavone, executive director of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.



Josie Sproles (left) and **Brianna Guy** (center) won Gold in Chapter in Review Portfolio. **Megan Reynolds** (right) won Gold in Life Event Planning Event.

About FCCLA

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA

has more than 160,000 members and more than 5,400 chapters from 48 state associations, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members, and it's the only career and technical in-school stu-

dent organization with a central focus on family. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in families, careers, and communities.

Submitted by Rosemary Jones, Family and Consumer Science/FCCLA Advisor

FCCLA Attends Farm Day

Bell County FCCLA attended Farm Day sponsored by the local UK Extension Office. The members led the children's puppet show, the student physics table, the art center, prepared snacks, served lunch and helped with cleanup. This was a community service project for the student led organization.

Submitted by Rosemary Jones, Family and Consumer Science/FCCLA Advisor



Back row: **Adrea Partin, Savannah Wood, Olivia Brock, Ginni Gambrel, Sarah Partin, William Honeycutt, Antonio Zachery, Josie Sproles, Caitlin Wilder**; Middle row: **Crystal Carter, Amber Collett, Sierra Lefevers, Cheyenne Lawson, Bailey Melton, J.M. Baker, Taylor Sturdivant, Cassie Saylor**; Front row: **Kinsey Barton, Morgan Cobb, Grace Hensley, Ashley Bray, Bailey Guy, Amber Hobbs**.

Bell Central School Center KPREP Accomplishments:

Top Overall
Scores,
Distinguished
Elementary,
Distinguished
Middle School



Elementary
and Middle
Schools a
School of
Distinction



Bell Central
School Center
Middle School
3rd in the
State

Photo by Julie Ealy

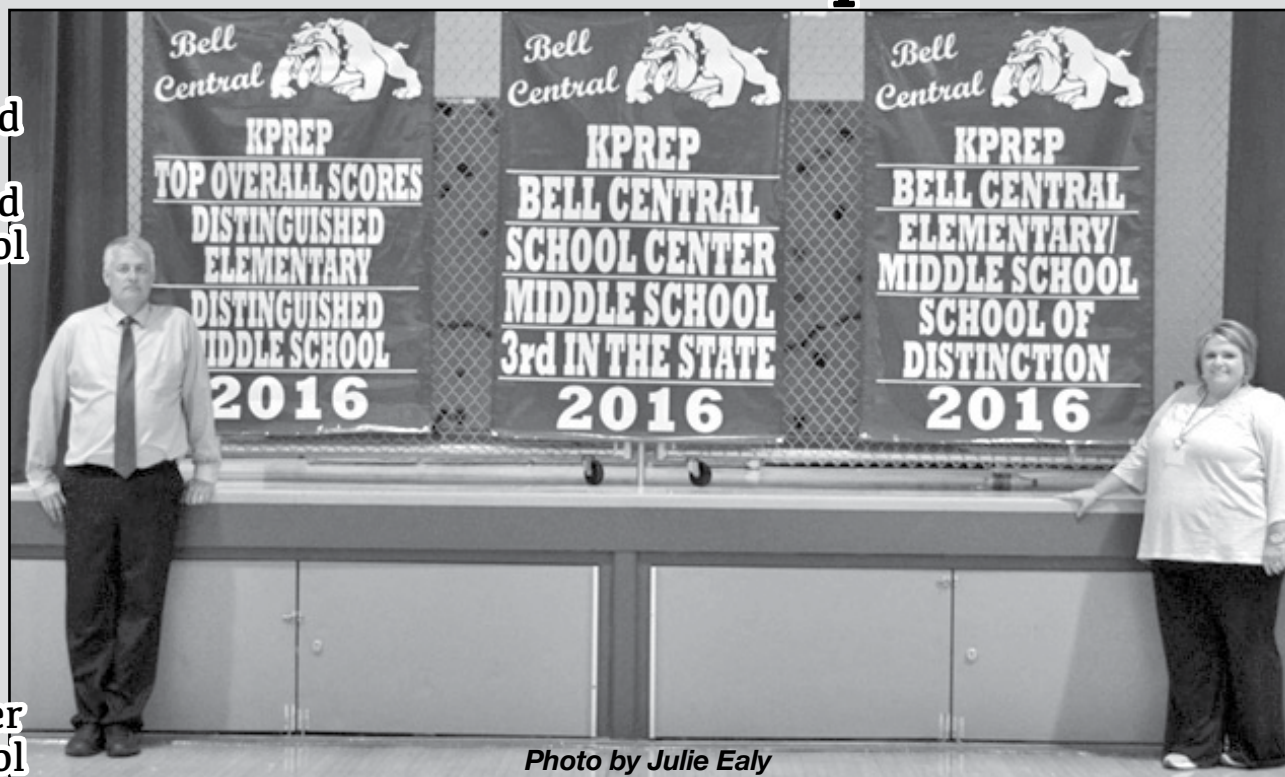


Photo by Julie Ealy

Former Bell Central Principal, **Mr. Greg Wilson**, and Principal, **Mrs. Jennifer Blankenship** with the banners recognizing the accomplishments on the KPREP Test.

National Jr. Beta Award Winners

Emma Gambrel, Austin Robbins, and Shelby Cornett represented Bell Central School Center at the National Jr. Beta Competition in New Orleans, Louisiana. They won first place in the "Battle of the Books" competing against 54 other teams from across the nation in Division 1 (4th and 5th graders). Students were given a reading list of ten books to read throughout the school year. Then they completed a test consisting of both multiple choice and essay questions based upon the books from the list. Congratulations on a job well done!!!

Bell Central was also represented at the National Convention by students who placed at the state level. Those students are Bub Treece who placed 1st in Language Arts at the state level, Joe Goodin who placed 2nd place in Science, and Kamryn Brock who placed 2nd in Digitally Enhanced Photography.



National Jr. Beta Award Winners: **Emma Gambrel**, **Austin Robbins**, and **Shelby Cornett**

Submitted by Beta Team Coaches, Mrs. Katrina Goodnight, Mrs. Trina Fuson, and Mrs. Becky Keck

Mission of Hope Visits Bell Central

Bell Central School Center had their back to school bash with Mission of Hope on Friday August 12, 2016. They brought all students at Bell Central backpacks and school supplies. Thank you Mission of Hope for all you do for our school.

Submitted by Mrs. Lesa Straup, FRYSC Coordinator, and Mrs. Marlene Knuckles, Parent Liaison

Pictured: Bell Central students enjoy picking out school supplies provided by Mission of Hope.



Grandparent's Day

Bell Central School Center's Kindergarten thru 3rd grade reading program, Once Upon A Friday, recently celebrated Grandparents Day on September 9, 2016. Students and grandparents shared stories and enjoyed refreshments.

Submitted by Mrs. Lesa Straup, FRYSC Coordinator, and Mrs. Marlene Knuckles, Parent Liaison



Neveah Smith enjoys time with her Grandmother, **Debbie Smith**



Pam Whitehead, Emma Winkler and Sherri Winkler enjoy a book together.



Amy Webb (Paraeducator), **Marlene Knuckles** (Parent Liaison), **Lesa Straup** (FRYSC Coordinator), and **Shirley Patterson** (Parent Volunteer) hand out materials for Grandparent's Day.

Great Educators Walk the Talk

A prime example of an educator who "walks the talk" is Greg Wilson. Greg began his career at Bell Central in 1997, when he became assistant principal. Watching the day to day dynamics of the faculty, staff and students, he knew what he wanted for this school. In 2002, Greg became principal of Bell Central and with this new position he was able to incorporate the vision of excellence he had for this school year. Greg set a goal for himself and his staff that Bell Central School Center would be one of the top schools in the state of Kentucky. This goal was achieved in the 2015-2016 school! After nineteen years of dedicated leadership, Bell Central School Center has been recognized as one of the top three schools in Kentucky! When Greg became principal in 2002, the school index was 55.5, for the 2015-2016 school year the index is 76.2 for the elementary and 87.2 for the middle school.

Greg Wilson is known for his drive, dedication and data driven ability, he in turn instilled these qualities in his teachers. Part of Greg's success is that he was always visible in the building. Whether it is monitoring hallways, visiting classrooms, controlling the cafeteria, checking in on recess or dismissing the buses, Greg was always pres-

ent with pen and legal pad in hand in order to document any issues that might need to be addressed. It is due to this dedication that he earned the respect of his faculty, staff, students and parents.

Greg's main focus is children and their well-being. Teachers and staff were encouraged to "know" their students and their needs. If a child needed clothing, food, school supplies, etc, he made sure that need was met. Greg expected each member of his faculty and staff to treat every child as if it he/she was their own.

"Teach to the bell", "What can we do to get better", "What did the data say", "Don't be complacent" and his most famous, "NOT DURING SFA!" are just a few of Greg's many quotes that will continue to ring in the ears of Bell Central teachers.

We would like to thank Greg for his leadership and the many sacrifices he made to mold Bell Central into the award winning school it is today. He will be greatly missed by all who have worked with him.

Best of luck, Greg Wilson, as you continue to work toward making the entire Bell County School System one of the top systems in the state of Kentucky.



Photo by Julie Ealy

Greg Wilson, former Bell Central Principal, and his wife **Samantha Wilson** with the banner that was presented to him in honor of all his hard work and dedication to students and staff at Bell Central School Center.

Bell Central School Center 2016-2017 ONCE UPON A FRIDAY DATES

Morning Time 7:30 – 8:30 A.M.
Afternoon immediately following dismissal until 4:00 P.M.

October Dates: 14th, 21st, 28th
November Dates: 4th, 11th, 18th
December Dates: 2nd, 9th, 16th
January Dates: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
February Dates: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
March Dates: 3rd, 10th, 24th, 31st
April Dates: 14th, 21st, 28th
May Dates: 5th

Dates are subject to change

Bell Central School Center 2016-2017 PRESCHOOL STORYBOOK WEDNESDAY DATES

October Dates: 12th, 19th, and 26th
November Dates: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th
December Dates: 7th, 14th
January Dates: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
February Dates: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd
March Dates: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
April Dates: 12th, 19th, 26th
May Dates: 3rd

Dates are subject to change

Bell Central School Center 2016 – 2017 PARENT WORKSHOP DATES

All workshops will be held on Wednesdays at 3:45 P.M.

November 30th
December 14th
January 25th
February 22nd
March 22nd
April 19th

Frakes School Center

Frakes School Scores Proficient on KPREP

Frakes School Center celebrated their 2016 Proficient Elementary School KPREP scores with cupcakes and a new banner to hang in the school. The Elementary scores improved 18.1 points! We are very proud of the hard work from students and staff. Good job Bears!



Open House at Frakes School Center

Linda Partin (Frakes FRYSC), Jana Caruso (Parent Liaison), and Salem Baptist Church from Knoxville were hosts to a back to school event for Frakes School Center families on Aug. 3rd. Salem Baptist Church supplied free clothing, household items, shoes, and school supplies for families. Collaborative partners were Salem Baptist Church members (21 in all visited), Pam Partin (Clearfork Clinic) who also gave away supplies, and Debbie Knuckles (Children's Reading Foundation) who gave away free books. Open House was also a success with parents meet-



Families at Frakes School Center browse through clothing provided at the back to school event.

ing and greeting with Frakes staff. Refreshments were provided by FRYSC and Parent Liaison.

Submitted by Mrs. Linda Partin, FRYSC Coordinator and Mrs. Jana Caruso, Parent Liaison



Frakes teacher **Tracy Saylor** with **Carla Hurst** (mom) and children **Austin** and **Caleb Hurst**. Mrs. Saylor welcomed them back with an array of refreshments and information for parents and students.



Mr. Wilson, Principal at Frakes School welcomes **Landon Mason**, sister **Abigail Mason**, and mom **Victoria Mason** during Open House.

Summer Reading Luau

Ms. Alicia, our RTA teacher, hosted a LUAU for all the students who completed their Summer Reading Log. She hoped that offering this incentive would encourage our students to read over the summer, thus, preventing summer learning loss. Students who completed their Reading Log were: **Mckenzie Boatright** (8th grade), **Adrian Villeda** (7th grade), **Wiley Jones**, **Serenity Villeda**, and **Emma Neal** (6th grade), **Shelton Jones** (5th grade), **Morgan Tipton** (4th grade), **Kaden Hatfield** (3rd grade), **Laiken Hammontree**, and **Logan Craig** (2nd grade). *Congrats to all! Great Job!*

Submitted by Mrs. Alicia Neal, RTA Teacher



Helping Hands

Jen Schaffer, Ashley Johnson and Daniel Beckner representing Ed Financial in Knoxville Tn. assisted Frakes on August 12th with a van load of school supplies. Ms. Linda, FRYSC Coordinator, gave them a tour of Frakes School and presented them with cards each class had made to show their appreciation for the donations.

Submitted by Mrs. Linda Partin, FRYSC Coordinator



Ashley Johnson, **Jen Schaffer** and **Daniel Beckner** holding the Kindergarten card the Kindergarten class made for them.

Students Meet a Hero

SPC Jeremiah Walker from Knoxville, Tn. visited Frakes School on Friday, August 2nd. Mr. Walker enjoyed visiting with Frakes students and the students certainly enjoyed their discussion time.

Submitted by Mrs. Linda Partin, FRYSC Coordinator



Sebastian Willis, SPC Walker, Bailey Blackburn and Hunter Frasure

Free Dental Screenings

Dr. Kathy Lefevers, DDS and Amy Baird along with Jackie Lefevers, Alyssa Henderson and Tammy Brock visited Frakes School on August 23rd. The dental staff and Dr. Lefevers did a free dental assessment on students who had a parent permission form signed and returned. In addition to the FREE screening, children who are identified as having further dental needs have the option of being transported to Dr. Lefevers office to have those issues addressed. This is only done with parent permission. The dental program is through a partnership with the Elgin Foundation.

Submitted by Mrs. Linda Partin, FRYSC Coordinator



Frakes student, **Bill Isaac Griffin** sits back for his dental screening.

Frakes School Center Poetry Contest

Students at Frakes School Center competed in a poetry contest in classes 1st-8th grade. The teachers submitted top winners to be judged. One entry was selected per grade level as the winner of that class. The poems were written based on 9/11 and/or the emergency

responders. Pictured are the winners who will get to have lunch and watch a movie with their teacher as a reward! Congrats to all the winners!

Submitted by Mrs. Carol Aderson, Intermediate Reading Teacher



Pictured left to right: **Shelby Wilson, Alex Perkins, Samuel Thacker, Bailey Wilson, Lukas Brown, Autumn Powers, Noah Lambdin and Autumn Green**

Frakes Bear Store

Our primary classes are earning Bear Bucks to purchase items in our Bear Store. We have four behavior expectations we work on each day. We earn a dollar each week for following the rules. We can also earn them for our homework and partner work. Students can earn Bear Bucks for completing homework

too. Students are also saving money to purchase bigger and more expensive items in the store. Toys, books, and snacks are a few of their favorite items.

Submitted by Mrs. Jan Vance, Kindergarten Teacher



Kindergarten students with their "Bear" Store purchases: **Landan Mason, Brody McCrory, Peyton Smith, Tyson Jones, McKenna Schwartz, Anthony Partin, Kyleigh Lasley, and Kaitlynn Hamontree.**

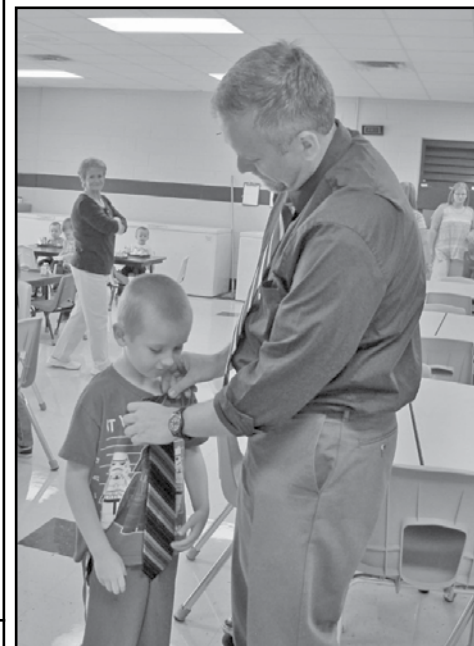
Students in Mrs. Tracy's 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade Math Classes participated in purchasing items from the Coupon Stand. Students were awarded coupons for being classroom helpers, having monthly perfect attendance, participating in class, being prepared for all tasks, giving outstanding answers, and meeting goals on the MAP Test.

Submitted by Mrs. Tracy Saylor, Math Teacher



4th grade students: **Morgan Tipton, Lukas Brown, Abbi Middleton and Kanler Frasure**

A Positive Role Model



Frakes School Principal, Terry Wilson presented **Dylan Hatfield** a tie. Dylan received the tie because he looks up to Mr. Wilson and had asked him on several occasions about him wearing a tie every day. He was thrilled when Mr. Wilson presented him with his very own tie. Dylan has worn his tie every day to school and says he looks like Mr. Wilson. What a wonderful role model you are Mr. Wilson!

Submitted by Mrs. Linda Partin, FRYSC Coordinator

Visual and Performing Arts Class



6th grade students learn about the elements of dance.

Students in all Visual and Performing Arts classes (Grades K-8) have been learning about the different Elements of Dance (SPACE, TIME and FORCE). Last Friday, students went to the gym to perform different dances using the 3 Elements of Dance that were taught in class. Emma Neal said, "Dance can be very creative and my favorite part was free-style." In the next few weeks students will be concentrating on different cultures and their ways of dance.

Submitted by Mrs. Michele Sziksai, Music and Dance Instructor

Back to School Readifest at Lone Jack School Center

Lone Jack School Center hosted its annual Back to School Readifest on Monday, August 8, 2016 from 5:00-7:00pm. Feeding God's Children and Northstar Church from Knoxville, TN helped Mrs. Sheila Fuson, Family Resource Youth Service Coordinator prepare for the BIG event. They brought a moving truck full of school supplies for both the students and teachers to help them prepare for a successful school year. Every

student received a backpack loaded with school supplies. Each classroom teacher was presented with a basket full of classroom supplies, including Germ-X, paper clips, Kleenex, Clorox Wipes, etc. Mr. Brian Crawford, Principal, and school janitors helped the team unload the truck. A special thank you goes out from the Lone Jack Faculty and Staff to this special group for adopting our school this year.

Many parents and students attended the Back to School

Readifest to meet with teachers. The Lone Jack Family Resource Youth Service Center; Sheila Fuson and Suzy Baker, welcomed students Back to School with the backpacks and school supplies provided by Feeding God's Children and Northstar Church of Knoxville, TN. Mr. Brian Crawford and Mr. Jordan Turner rolled up their sleeves to provide the families a grilled hot dog dinner for supper. Debbie Knuckles from The Children's Reading

Foundation gave away free books and greeted parents with the important message of reading with their child(ren) for 20 minutes each day. Rebecca Miller and Christy Blevins from The Bell County Cooperative Extension Office handed out nutritional information. Casey Martin from Commercial Bank talked to the parents about the SMART CENTS Savings program that Lone Jack students began participating in last year. Mrs. Martin encouraged parents

with the importance of teaching their children to begin saving at an early age and gave away free coloring books. Mrs. Martin even rolled up her sleeves and helped in preparing the hot dogs! Christina Partin from the Pineville-Bell County Public Library had activities set up that students could participate in. She also gave away prizes and information, encouraging students to visit the public library. Board member, Doug Ramsey, supported the school and vis-

ited with parents during the event. Teachers greeted parents and students in their classrooms and presented them with schedules and beginning of the year classroom procedures.

Lone Jack Faculty and Staff would like to thank EVERYONE who attended or assisted in making this an OUTSTANDING event!

*Submitted by
Mrs. Melanie Mills,
Library Media Specialist/
Literacy Facilitator*



Ms. Staci Slusher, RTA Teacher, welcomes **Taylor** and **Kaylan Layne** back to school with smiles and hugs.



Members from Northstar Church in Knoxville, TN, along with Mrs. **Sheila Fuson**, Family Resource Youth Service Center Coordinator, and **Mr. Brian Crawford**, Principal, pose with enough backpacks and school supplies to give every child that attends Lone Jack School Center.



Morgan and **Danielle Sowders** are excited to be returning to school, as they are meeting their teachers and introducing them to their dad.

Universal Love Day

In collaboration with Lone Jack School Center's Family Resource Youth Service Center Coordinator, Sheila Fuson, Feeding God's Children and Northstar Church from Knoxville, Tennessee hosted a Community Summer Bash to provide a fun-filled evening for the school community to get together to communicate with each other while school wasn't in session. Feeding God's Children and Northstar Church are missionaries who are sponsoring Lone Jack School Center for Back to School and Christmas Programs during the 2016-17 school year. The summer bash was a terrific success with approximately

350 in attendance. The school received fantastic support from Bell County's Superintendent, Mrs. Yvonne Gilliam; board member, Doug Ramsey; Bell County School District DPT, Chris Warren; the faculty and staff of Lone Jack School Center; and parents, students, and families of the school. The missionaries provided Inflatables, Sno Cones, a Dunking Booth, Games, Prize Giveaways (water guns, basketballs, games, and many other items), Concessions (Popcorn, Gatorades, Water, etc.), and a Grilled Hot Dog Supper for all to enjoy. Compliments to the chefs: Mr. Brian Crawford, Lone Jack School Center's

principal, Chris Warren, Bell County School District's DPT, and Jordan Turner, teacher at Lone Jack! Thanks to everyone who participated in the event to support the school. Lone Jack Faculty and Staff would like to shout out a very special "Thank You" to each and every missionary family who is represented by Feeding God's Children and Northstar Church for providing this spectacular event that brought our school community together for the summer!

*Submitted by
Mrs. Melanie Mills,
Library Media Specialist/
Literacy Facilitator*



Feeding God's Children and Northstar Church missionaries and their families

BELL CENTRAL BULLDOGS



A TEAM
Front row:
Sydney Abbott,
Mikayla Gambrel,
Talyah McQueen,
Kaleigh Cox,
Tori Marcum;
Back row:
Selena Hopson,
Grace Wilder,
Keisha Wilder,
Abby Cornett,
Makenna
Lefevers,
Lenia Miracle,
Mackenzie
Napier;
Coached by
Jason Cornett
and Lawrence
McGeorge



B TEAM - Front row: Chloe Brown, Emma Gambrel, Hannah Clark, Jasmine Hopson, Mikayla Gambrel; Back row: Lauren McGeorge, Emily Marcum, Caroline Rice, Taylah McQueen, Faith King, Anna Miracle; Coached by Jason Cornett and Lawrence McGeorge



C TEAM
Kaylie Mills,
Laine Partin,
Kadence
McQueen,
Kenley Foster,
Kairi Lamb

Not pictured:
Lauren
McGeorge,
Leah Jones,
Lyndsey
Phipps,
Kadence Taylor

Coached by
Jason Cornett
and
Lawrence
McGeorge

RIGHT FORK PANTHERS



A TEAM
Front row:
Morgan
Sizemore,
Samantha
Blevins,
Katlyn Blevins,
Jasmine Mosley,
Abigail Blevins

Back row:
Jennie Philyaw,
Velda Smith,
Nevaeh Wilson,
Abby Coe,
Alissa Hurst

Coached by
JoAnn Smith and
Stephanie Brock

B TEAM
Front row:
Mossie Johnson,
Katlyn Blevins,
Abigail Blevins

Back row: Mary
Jane Brock,
Morgan
Sizemore,
Haley Redmond,
Samantha
Blevins

Coached by
JoAnn Smith and
Stephanie Brock



C TEAM
Front row:
Katlyn Blevins,
Aryah Zahnd,
Kearsten Brock

Back row:
Makeiley Lewis,
Gracie Beverly,
Mossie Johnson,
Gabrielle Bullins
Not Pictured:
Anna Caldwell,
Emma Brock

Coached by
JoAnn Smith and
Stephanie Brock

PAGE WILDCATS



A TEAM

Front row:
Natasha Miracle,
Virginia Hall,
Lillian Lingar,
Rachel Eldridge

Back row:
Joy Redmond,
Lindsey Woody,
Lauren Lefevers,
Sarah Kidwell,
Madison Shelton

Coached by
Kacy Denny and
Pam Miracle

B TEAM

Front row:
Maggie Calloway
Kaitlyn
Middleton,
Kaelyn Miracle,
Alyssa Howard,
Shonna
Browning
Back row:
Jaslyn
Rutherford,
Nadine Johnson,
Courtney Miracle,
Maddie Miracle,
Gracie Calloway,
Valerie
Rutherford
Coached by
Kacy Denny and
Pam Miracle



C TEAM

Front row:
Casey Vaughn,
Breanna
Kidwell,
Anna Miracle
Back row:
Kaitlyn
Middleton,
Riley Hensley,
Jasmine Vasby
Coached by
Kacy Denny and
Pam Miracle



LONE JACK MUSTANGS



A TEAM

Front row: Haley Smith, Kelcay Helton, Shelby Collins, Madison Lewis
Back row: Akirra Brown, Shayla Jackson, Minnie Lewis,
Mary Jo Smith, Alissa Taylor, Alyssa Edmondson;
Coached by Rebekah Brooks



B TEAM

Front row: Shelby Collins & Minnie Lewis
Back row: Alissa Taylor, Haley Smith, Kelcay Helton
Coached by Rebekah Brooks

YELLOW CREEK LONGHORNS



A TEAM

Front row: MaKayla Brown, Kiersten Phipps, Hannah Jones; Back row: Coach Louise Saylor, Claudia Black, Kaylee Mullins, Adriann Strouth, Sidney Robinson, Gretchen Hawk, Kasie Wilder

B TEAM

Front row: Kari Hatfield, Rheagan Warren, Charli Fuson/ Evans, Chloe Hendrickson, Kenna Gambrel; Back row: Coach Louise Saylor, Anna Myers, Hailey Thacker, Kalynn Simpson, Faith Ervin, Madison Jones
Not Pictured: Gretchen Hawk, Sidney Robinson



FRAKES BEARS



A TEAM

Front row: Jayden Partin, Kiersten Baker, Jenna Bogucki, Alex Perkins
Back row: Assistant Coach Isaac Hammontree, Brianna Partin, Gracie Hammontree, Abigale Jackson, Coach Sonja Partin



B TEAM

Front row: Abbagail Mason, Baleigh Thacker and Bailey Wilson
Back row: Assistant Coach Issac Hammontree, Kaitlyn Green, Abigale Jackson, Milka Woodring, Coach Sonja Partin



BELL COUNTY BOBCATS



BCHS SOCCER

Front row: Lexus Rogers, Autumn Simpson, Jerrah Partin, Harmony Hensley, Maddie Green, Hannah Rhodes; Back row: Assistant Coach Brenda Gambrel, Jasmine Adams, Ashley Taylor, Shelby Wilder, Izabelle Barton, Faith Redmond, Kayla Payne, Head Coach Adam Huber

Photo by Wayne Mason



BCHS CROSS COUNTRY

Front row: Nicholas Stewart, Hayden Jones, James Arno, Liam Risner, Caden Miracle, John Saylor; Middle row: MacKenzie Abner, Kennedy Miracle, Sydney Miracle, Lindsay Bryant; Top row: Coach Jason Stewart, Jacob Saylor, Isaac Eldridge, Sean Southerland, Jonathan Henry, Mitchell Miracle, Tyler Abner, Cade Nolan, Noah Stewart, Ben Bowling

Photo by Wayne Mason



BELL COUNTY BOBCATS



BCHS CHEER

Front row: Sophia Browning, Hanna Gollahan, Kassidy Harrell;
Second row: Caitlin Crockett, Kaitlyn Henderson, Sydney Jones,
Sarah Hoskins;; Third row: Charity Asher, Lexi Greer, Madison Brock,
Jessica Taylor, Kaitlyn Mace, Taylor Thomas, Emily Pendleton,
Hannah Collett, Jeana Fultz, Ashlyn Jones; Back row: Holli Stacy, Anna
Wilson, Abby Idol, Kayleigh Mason, Sydney Miracle, Kelsey Saylor, Madison
Shepherd, Brittany Brock. Coached by Trisha Long

Photo by Wayne Mason



BCHS VOLLEYBALL

Front row: Ramie Reese, Alisha Couarm, Madison Mason,
Reagan Robbins, Katie Slusher
Back row: Coach Patti Morris, Emily Pendleton, Sarah Howard,
Taylor Shackelford, Olivia Gambrel, Kaitlyn Willis, Alexis Brock

Photo by Wayne Mason



BOBCAT FOOTBALL TEAMS



BELL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Front row: Braylon Kindle, Everett Taylor, Erik Fossum, J.M. Baker, Tyler Nelson, Tanner Settles,
Josh Allen, Brandon Pace; Second row: Bruce Merick, Bobby Partin, Justin Goodin, Gary Mills,
Freddie McCreary, Head Coach Amos McCreary, Darrin Clark, Kevin Napier, Matt Williams,
Fish Baker; Third row: Tanner Asher, Timothy Lawson, Sam Lawson, Matthew Gambrel, Toby
Beverly, William Dean, Travis Fuson, Dalton Calles, Jordan Wombles; Fourth row: Blake
Jackson, Nathan Collett, Marcus Collins, Colby Frazier, Treyton Humfleet, Antonio Zachery,
Sam Smith, Charlie Blevins, Austin Asher, R.J. Coe; Fifth row: Caleb Coe, Nick Tolliver, Shawn
Posey, Jarrett Collins, Lane Hoskins, Raynoch Thompson, Adam Partin, Ryan Lambdin, Justin
Smith; Top row: Caleb Lefevers, Issac Collett, Keagen Lefevers, Shae Miller, Kyle Burnett, Ethan
Murray, Nick Caldwell, Devin Minor, Jerrod Taylor, George Philpot *Photo by Wayne Mason*



BELL COUNTY MIDDLE FOOTBALL

Front row: Ethan Raby, Freddie Hunter, Shane Lawson, Head Coach Darrin Clark,
P.J. Burnett, Eric Woolum, Brant Hoskins, Caleb York;
Second row: Jonathan Rutherford, David Advant, Dawson Woolum, John Philyaw;
Third row: Evan Hunley, Brandon Baker, Hunter Bailey, Brian Macias, John Bailey,
Ray Eldridge, Shawn Asher, Tristan Orr;
Fourth row: Conner McGeorge, Jonathan Langford, Noah Caldwell,
Aaron Dean, Dawson Widner, Hayden Clark, Noah Akers;
Back row: Tyson Thomas, Cameron Burnett, Chase Huff, Kage Baker,
Josh Helton, Trevor Kidd, Chandler Mink, Isaac Lefevers

Photo by Wayne Mason



You're Finally Here!

Mrs. Melanie Mills' first grade Writing/Language Arts class kicked off the school year with a narrative writing piece. Mrs. Mills read the book, *You're Finally Here* by Melanie Watt and used it as a springboard (Prewriting) to get students to think about what they had to do before they could come to school/first grade. (How did they prepare?) The students responses were priceless! Some of them included: "I went to Preschool and Kindergarten." "I had to go to the store to buy school supplies." "I had to listen to Mrs. Ferguson, my Kindergarten teacher, and learn to read and write." "I read a lot of books." "I had to go to the doctor to get shots." Students then made writing booklets to describe everything they had to do before they could come to first grade. Students il-

lustrated the narratives. After writing about how they prepared for first grade, the students used a graphic organizer to share some of their accomplishments and the things they are most excited about doing now that they are another year older and in the first grade. Their responses included: "Changing classes eight times a day." "I can read Accelerated Reader books!" "Check out books from the library." "We get to play with second and third grad-

ers at recess." "We have our own desks, instead of tables and chairs." Students used the graphic organizers to make "Bunny" books (like the character in *You're Finally Here!*) to set goals for themselves and write about what they want to accomplish and learn this year in the first grade.

*Submitted by Mrs. Melanie Mills,
Library Media Specialist/
Literacy Facilitator*



Front row (left to right): **Morgan Sowders, Ashlynn Jones, Alivia Reed, Tanner Edwards, Levi Gibbons, & Alyssa Gray;** Second row (left to right): **Landen Collins, Bayleigh Wilson, Isabella Grubbs, Jonah Gambrel, Kaydence Gambrel, & Audriana Partin;** Third row (left to right): **Kylee Reagan, Danielle Sowders, William Hoskins, Brooklyn Brock, & Desirae Lawson**



Bulletin Board displaying the first grade students telling how they prepared for first grade.

How Can You Tell If A Tree is a Dogwood Tree? (By Its Bark!)

Sheila Fuson, the FRYSC Coordinator at Lone Jack School Center, invited Ms. Brandy Calvert, from the UK Extension Agency, to visit the Lone Jack School Center's 4th Grade class on Wednesday, September 7, 2016. Her visit resulted in the creation of Lone Jack's Chapter of the 4-H Club as well as 22 junior Dendrochronologists (the science or technique of dating events, environmental change, and archaeological artifacts by using the characteristic patterns of annual growth rings in timber and tree trunks). Students found that the investigation of tree cookies (cross-cut pieces of a tree trunk) reveal not only the tree's age but also times of drought, fire, fast growth, and slow growth. The young investigators ultimately created their own tree cookies, marking special events in their own lives so far! The new 4-Hers had a fantastic time and are looking forward to Ms. Calvert's next visit.

*Submitted by Mrs. Sheila Fuson,
FRYSC Coordinator*



Pictured with **Mrs. Calvert** are **Jacob Goodin, Destiny Allen, Madisyn North, Taylor Layne, Emma Lambdin, Taylor McNab, Brayden Saylor, Tagora Wilder, Evan Heck, Charles Miracle, Kelcay Helton, Logan Cupp, Kaylan Layne, Lyssa Goodin, Allen Buell, Mecah Uhrig, and Aliviah Emery.**

Students Create Selfies



In Mrs. Sarah Napier's 4th through 8th language arts classes, students spent the first two days of their new school year creating "selfies". First, students created "text messages" where they wrote about things that interested them, like their favorite books. Then, students worked on some goal setting. They set a MAP goal, a KPREP goal, a classroom goal, and a personal goal. Students finished their project by drawing and decorating a "selfie" that represented them and their interests. Lone Jack's students are ready for a successful year!

*Submitted by Mrs. Sarah Napier,
Intermediate (grades 4-8) Language Arts
and 7th grade Reading Teacher*

Career Choices

Mr. Jay Steele, the Bell County Coroner, was the 8th grade career speaker on Monday, August 29, 2016. He gave a history of his job as a funeral director and embalmer. The students were very interested and engaged Mr. Steele in a question-answer discussion. They asked him many probing and important questions about the duties of his career.

*Submitted by Mrs. Candy Partin,
8th Grade Social Studies Teacher, and
Mrs. Sheila Fuson,
FRYSC Coordinator*



Mr. Jay Steele shares his career as a funeral director and embalmer with Lone Jack's eighth grade students: **Madison Lewis, Alissa Hurst, Shayla Jackson, Hunter Hendrickson, Alissa Taylor, and Chance Maiden.**

Tops and Bottoms

Mrs. Christy Blevins from the Bell County Extension Office read a story, titled *Tops and Bottoms*, by Janet Stevens to Lone Jack School Center's Preschool and Kindergarten classes on September 8, 2016. This story taught the students the difference between garden vegetables that are grown under-

ground and on top of the ground. The kids got to play a fun game to reinforce their learning after the completion of the story.

Submitted by Mrs. Brenda Ferguson, Kindergarten Teacher, and Mrs. Sheila Fuson, FRYSC Coordinator



Mrs. Pam Sutton's Preschool Class listen to Mrs. Christy Blevins read the story, *Tops and Bottoms*, by Janet Stevens. Students pictured: Connor Stewart, Landon Hoskins, Connor Goodin, Faith Bingham, Madison Levi, Noah West, and Alex Partin.



Mrs. Brenda Ferguson's Kindergarten Class listen to Mrs. Chisty Blevins teach about vegetables that are grown underground and on top of the ground. Students pictured: Ezekiel Trosper, Hayden Saunders, Madison Howard, Katie Hobbs, Cooper Epley, Shelby Jones, Tayler Mills, Mikayla Wooten, Kylee Elliott, Bristol Jordan, Dalton Grubbs, and Allie Saylor.

Honoring Our Heritage

Grandparents of Lone Jack School Center's primary students (grades Kindergarten through third grades) packed the house on Monday, September 12th to celebrate Grandparents' Day. The grandparents were invited to attend a reception in the school library, honoring them as an important part of each child's life. Miss Staci Slusher, RTA Instructor, greeted each grandparent and welcomed them as they signed in for the reception. During the reception, Ms. Christina Partin, librarian from The Pineville-Bell County Public Library, read the book, *Llama Llama Gram and Grandpa* by Anna Dewdney to the students and grandparents. Upon completion of the book, the grandparents and students worked together to make a sock doll, like the one in the book, for students to take home and enjoy as a result of spending time with their grandparents. Lone Jack would like to extend a special thank you to Christina Partin for making this such a fun event for the grandparents and students! Students also made special keepsakes in their Arts & Humanities classes to present to the grandparents at the reception. Cookies and punch were served by Mrs. Sheila Fuson (FRYSC Coordinator), Mrs. Suzy Baker (Parent Liaison), and Mrs. Billie Fuson (Instructional Aide) to everyone that attended. Mrs. Gale Bush, grandmother of Morgan and Danielle Sowders won the door prize given away (a Kentucky License Plate, a Kentucky Flag, and a Kentucky Vegetable Tray). Each child was also presented with a free book compliments of The Children's Reading Foundation, which spreads the importance of reading for 20 minutes each day with your child. Lone Jack would also like to thank the PTSA parents for assisting in the preparations for the reception and Long's Pic Pac Bakery, Jennifer Amburgy with Gem City Cakes, and Subway of Middlesboro (Village Square Shopping Center) for preparing such delicious cookies for everyone to enjoy!

Submitted by Mrs. Melanie Mills, Library Media Specialist/ Literacy Facilitator



Grandparents and students are excited to choose the materials they need to make sock dolls. Pictured are: **Christina Partin**, Pineville-Bell County Public Librarian passing out materials to **Eric Layne** (1st grade) and grandmother, **Linda Layne**; **Jacob Jordan** (2nd grade) and grandmother, **Wilma Winters**; **Audriana Partin** (1st grade) and grandmother, **Candy Partin**; **Natalie Hobbs** (2nd grade) and grandmother, **Renee Wilson**; **Cooper Epley** (Kindergarten) and mother, **Kim Epley**; Grandmother **Gale Bush**, Grandfather **Thomas Trosper**, and **Payton Elliott** (2nd grade) with grandmother **Donna Elliott**.



Kylee Elliott (Kindergarten) shows off the cute sock doll her and grandmother, **Donna Elliott**, made.



Cooper Epley and grandmother, **Jenny Epley**, are stuffing the sock with Polyfil to make the body of the doll.



Audriana Partin (1st grade) and grandmother, **Candy Partin**, work to stuff the sock doll with Polyfil.

Page Middle School Grades Score Proficient on 2014-2015 KPREP Test



We would like to give recognition to Page Middle School grades for accomplishing Proficient on the 2014-2015 KPREP test. Pictured are some of our Middle Grade teachers: **Brandi King** (reading), **Jason Stewart** (math), **Pam Miracle** (social studies), **Jeff Overbay** (science), and Principal **Will Lefevers**. Keep up the good work! Submitted by **Mrs. Misti Hoskins**, Reading Recovery Teacher

Kindergarten Fun!

Kindergarten students in Mrs. Brooke Sanders room at Page School Center share pictures of their families with their classmates in the friends and family unit called “Those Nearest and Dearest” Submitted by **Mrs. Brooke Sanders**, Kindergarten Teacher



Emma Wilder daughter of **Rufus** and **Ellen Wilder** and little sister to **Bailey Wilder**.



Cash Hacker son of **Hannah Baker** and little brother to **Marli Hacker**.

First Grade News

Mrs. Carroll’s and Mrs. Cox’s 1st grade classes have been learning about “Community Helpers”. Here they made firefighter hats to show their appreciation for all the hard work our local firefighters do. Submitted by **Mrs. Angela Carroll** and **Mrs. Susan Cox**, First Grade Teachers



Front row: **Lakin Clem**, **Seren Barnes**, **Savannah Frye**, **Haylie Craig**, **Emma Poore**, **Ali Emery**, **Brooklyn Collett**, **Alexis Patterson**, **EmmaLin Hubbard**, **Addison Nunn**; Back row: **Andrew Rice**, **Hayden Croley**, **Jacob Warren**, **Zachary Perry**, **Jacob Calloway**, **Sawyer Frye**, **Evan Wilder**, **Laryssa Matthews**, **Emily Kennedy**



Front row: **Stephani Davis**, **Savannah Hensley**, **Brooklyn Howard**, **Tina Baker**, **Madison McCoy**, **Rylee Fuson**, **Abby Bray**, **Katie Metcalfe**, **Selena Johnson**; Back row: **Kyle Sexton**, **Nathaniel Stewart**, **Brennon Hill**, **Jacob Reynolds**, **Collin Bays**, **Landon Chapman**, **Aaron Thompson**, **Dalton Warren**, **Matthews**, **Emily Kennedy**



1st Grade students make Family Trees while completing their All About Me unit.



Grandparent's Day



Norma Saylor, FRYSC Coordinator, poses with **Eulene Brock**, Bell County Board Member, during Grandparent's Day.



Page School Center's students and families enjoy all the fun activities provided during Grandparent's Day.



Mrs. Brooke Smith reads to student **Ivy Miracle**

5TH GRADE SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Pictured at right - Back row: (Left) 3rd place 5A **Nathan Miller** and **Anthony Hurst** (not pictured) "Ramp Angles"; (Right) 5B 3rd Place **Nadine Johnson** "Egg Drop"; Second row left to right: 2nd Place Winners 5A **Hayden Jones** "Car Activity"; 5B **Carl Barlow** "And They're Off!"; 5A **Jacob Morales** "Car Activity"; 5B **Trey King** "And They're Off!"; Seated 1st row: 1st place Winners; **Jacob Stigal** "Balloon Rockets" from 5A; **Courtney Miracle** "Athlete vs. Nonathlete" from 5B

Submitted by
Ms. Chasity Wilson,
Library Media
Specialist/SFA Facilitator



4TH GRADE SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Pictured at left - Back row: 3rd place 4A **Blake Burnett** and **Elijah Hampton** "Bouncy Ball Project"; 4B **Marcus Slusher** and **Isaac Greene** (not pictured) "Zombie Parachute"; Middle row: 2nd place 4A **Marli Hacker** "Different Breath Mints" 4B **Landon Eldridge** and **Peyton Ford** "Hovercrafts"; Seated 1st row: 1st place 4A **Jackson Walters** and **Kaelyn Miracle** "Blood splatter"; 4B **McKenzie Abner** and **Kasey Vaughn** "Freeze Faster"

Submitted by
Mrs. Chasity Wilson,
Library Media Specialist/
SFA Facilitator

Some of Page Students Competed in the Harlan County Cross Country Races Representing Bell County

Cross Country **Coach Jason Stewart** with **Nicholas Stewart, Hayden Jones, Caden Miracle, Mackenzie Abner, John Saylor, James Arno** (Bell Central)



Right Fork School Center TOP 6 with the biggest gains in the STATE



All students received a cookie with the letter "P" for proficient or the letter "D" for distinguished.

Mission of Hope



Students at Right Fork received backpacks filled with school supplies from Mission of Hope to help get the school year off to a good start.

Open House

To kick off the new school year, Right Fork held an Open House on Monday, August 4. Parents and students enjoyed good food and an opportunity to meet with teachers. Students also enjoyed inflatables in the gym.



Pictured left to right: **Olivia Caldwell, Melanie Wilson, Aubree Miracle, Tim Lewis, Peyton Warren, Gabriel Sowders**



Pictured left to right: **Jessica Howerton, Amanda Middleton, Amelia Helton, Kaelyn Lyrock, Darlene Helton, Caleb Mason**

Right Fork Welcomes New Staff Members



Teachers: **Heather Hopkins, Camille Miracle and Marty Mills**



Left:
Melissa Clifton,
Lunchroom
Manager



Right:
Amy Hoskins,
Cook

Grandparent's Day



Many grandparents visited Right Fork and enjoyed having lunch with their grandchildren to celebrate Grandparents' Day. Grandparents also had an opportunity to visit classrooms and participate in specially planned activities. We had nearly 100 in attendance for our grandparents day luncheon. Pictured are just some of those who attended.

Left: Principal **Renee' Howard** greets grandparents **Marsha Stewart, Ruth Hillman, and Charles Hillman** before lunch.

Paper Chain Challenge Champions

Pictured are the 2nd and 3rd grade winning teams from the paper chain challenge in Ms. Stephanie's third grade science class. This hands-on STEM activity designed to integrate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math required students to create the longest possible paper chain using only one piece of construction paper.



Pictured Left to Right: **Isaiah Baker, Amelia Helton, Autumn Collins, Abrielle Muncy, Emily Simons, Hayden Hoskins**



Pictured Left to Right: **Hailey Baker, Emily Sexton, Chase Caldwell, Alexis Burchett, Clayton Zahnd**

For 2016-2017, Right Fork saw an increase in student enrollment. Pictured are students who are new or re-enrolled at Right Fork this year.



Suicide Prevention and Literacy Program

In conjunction with their monthly literacy program, Right Fork FRYSC Coordinator Rosie Haley and Title 1 Parent Liaison Marlene Knuckles held a Suicide Prevention workshop to educate parents, Celebrating Literacy, with the theme, "Fall for a Good Book." Parents and students selected free books and then read together. All present enjoyed prizes and refreshments.

*Submitted by
Mrs. Rosie Haley,
FRYSC Coordinator, and
Mrs. Marlene Knuckles,
Parent Liaison*



Back row: **Marlene Knuckles, Darlene Helton**; Middle row: **Hunter Smith, Rosie Haley, Chase Helton, Shane Howerton, Brittany Mason, Rhonda Collins**; Front row: **Lucas Brummett, Susan Brown, Ray Eldridge, Caleb Mason**

New Classroom Library



Students in **Mrs. Amy Woolum's** current and previous reading classes proudly display books from their new classroom collection. In an effort to create a classroom library to promote independent reading, Mrs. Woolum received over 100 free books through her Donors Choose page. Students are thankful for their new classroom library and are excited to be reading these new books!

School Safety Training



On September 1st Kentucky State Police trained faculty and staff at Right Fork School on school safety and how to better protect our students.

A New Year... ...A New Beginning

Welcome to a new school year at Yellow Creek. The great thing about back-to-school is that each year every person gets a fresh start! Every fall each student engages in learning with a new teacher, meets new and old friends alike, and learns new content based on the common core standards. We, as teachers look out on all the new smiling faces with whom we will spend a school year. As everyone settles into their new routine, it is our hope that the excitement and anticipation felt during the first few days of school will continue through May! We have a few changes and new faces to share with you to on the fourth grade team! Mrs. Connie Baker is joining our team as the science and social studies teacher, Mrs. Charity Hayes is shifting into the math position, and Mrs. Carrie Daniels is still teaching reading and writing! We look forward to a year filled with opportunities to make meaningful memories with each student, while giving them a new outlook on each content area!

*Submitted by Mrs. Carrie Daniels,
4th Grade Reading & Writing Teacher*



**Mrs. Connie Baker, Mrs. Charity Hayes,
Mrs. Carrie Daniels**

New Faces and New Places at YCS



There are lots of new faces and changes that have taken place with staffing at YCS this year. Our brand new faces include:

Mrs. Christel Hoskins: Assistant Principal, Michael Bolton: 5th – 6th grade Social Studies Teacher, Dale Hoskins: 7th – 8th grade Social Studies Teacher, Teresa Napier: Special Education Teacher, LeighAnne Shumate: Speech Pathologist, Caitlin Miracle: Preschool Teacher, Brandon Holland: Custodian, Cody Rice: Custodian, Tanya Anderson: Nurse, Matthew Warren: AmeriCorp

We have had several staffing moves that include changes with grade levels, content taught, or an entirely new position this year as well. The familiar faces in new places (or content) include: Cindy Ellison: Kindergarten, Elaine Johnson: 1st Grade, Carrie Daniels: 4th Grade Writing, Charity Hayes: 4th Grade Math, Connie Baker: 4th Grade Science and Social Studies, Tasha Barnett: 5th Grade Math, Paul Haley: 5th – 6th Grade Science, Lisa Gambrel: 7th Grade Writing, Eva Brock: 7th Grade Math, Mrs. Debbie Warren: Office Secretary, Mrs. Nicole Middleton: Attendance Clerk

*Submitted by Mrs. Amanda Slusher,
Library Media Specialist*

Yellow Creek School Center

Yellow Creek School Center KPREP Accomplishments:

- Elementary School – Proficient/Progressing
- Middle School – Distinguished/Progressing
- Middle School Rewards Classification-School of Distinction/High Progress School

Welcome to Kindergarten

Welcome to our Kindergarten classes at YCSC! We are really excited to get the school year started and on its way! We want to welcome Mrs. Cindy Ellison to our Kindergarten family. She joins Mrs. Lea Fultz and Mrs. Shirley Huffman. Our Kindergarten teachers rock!!!



Robin Cox, Lea Fultz, Courtney Hudson, Shirley Huffman, Cindy Ellison, Jeanie Stewart

We have been doing many exciting things so far and have many fun ideas and activities planned throughout the year. The students started out the year writing their names and some letters on our new dry-erase tables. They've been using writing strategies and completing sentences about what they've been doing each day in our writing journals. We cover many standards during

this activity. They will be so proud when they are able to write this independently. During math and calendar time, we meet as a whole group and learn the day's date, the days of the week and months of the year. We talk about the weather, count how many days we have been in school, learn our numbers to one hundred, work on patterns and much more!

During reading, we've been practicing reading, writing, speaking, listening, and working with letters and words. We've been working on fluency, patterns in words, reading strategies, predicting and comprehension. We are looking forward to having a wonderful school year.

Submitted by Kindergarten Teachers: Mrs. Huffman, Mrs. Fultz, Mrs. Ellison

First Grade Firsties

The teachers and students have been so busy in 1st grade this school year and we have been working very hard. On the first day of school, we enjoyed some delicious Jitter Juice to get all the butterflies to go away and

be off to a great start. We have also been using our amazing white board tables to practice our number bonds in math and we already know so many different ways to make numbers! We are so excited

and look forward to a wonderful school year with our firsties!

Submitted by First Grade Teachers: Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Kelley



Above: **Mrs. Dunn's** class enjoying a cup of Jitter Juice: **Alexis Partin, Abigail Johnson, Haylie Phipps, Allison Osborne, Trey McDonald, Zachary R. Lewis.**

Right: Students in Mrs. Johnson's room learn about number bonds on the white board: **Keeli Damron, Brady Williams, Lucas Gibson, Dezinnie Brock.**



Bulletin Board sponsored by First Priority



We are very proud to announce our Dojo Leaders of the Month. These students have earned the most points in Class Dojo so far this school year, which means they have been working hard, following all the rules, and being a good classroom citizen! Congratulations to

Chloe Whitehead (Mrs. Brown's Leader of the Month), Ava Eddy (Mrs. Grigsby's Leader of the Month), and Gracie Banks (Ms. Banks' Leader of the Month)!

Submitted by Second Grade Teachers: Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Grigsby, and Mrs. Banks



**Chloe Whitehead-
Dojo Leader of the Month,
Mrs. Brown's class**



**Ava Eddy
Dojo Leader of the Month,
Mrs. Grigsby's class**



**Gracie Banks
Dojo Leader of the Month,
Mrs. Banks' class**

3rd Grade News

As a culminating activity for their Communities Unit, the 3rd graders at Yellow Creek learned about many area attractions in and around Bell County. The students selected areas of interest to them and created travel brochures for Bell County. The brochures were complete with pictures and descriptions of many area attractions.

*Submitted by Mrs. Hope Carroll,
3rd grade Teacher*



**Shawnalynn Bussell, Dameshia White,
Chris Eastridge, Alysa Goins**

CAVE ART

Miss Amy's Fourth Grade art class has been learning about Prehistoric Art through the Lascaux Caves in France. The class read a book and viewed a power point on how they found the caves and the drawing on the walls. The class recreated cave art drawings of animals found on the walls with crumpled brown paper to recreate the texture of the cave and used chalk to draw their animals. Our next stop is Egyptian Art.



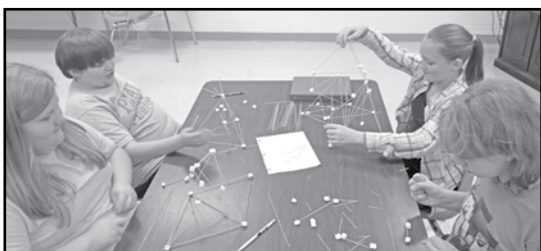
**Cave Art drawn by
Kylee Ayers**

*Submitted by Ms. Amy Hufstедler,
K-4 Technology/Art Teacher*

5th and 6th Grade Science Students Embracing New Engineering Standards

As part of the new Next Generation Science Standards students in Mr. Haley's 5th and 6th Grade classes have been learning about engineers and have been doing some engineering themselves. To introduce engineering students were tasked with designing the tallest tower possible out of nothing but spaghetti noodles and mini marshmallows (Pictured). To complete the engineering unit students will now begin a group project where they have to design and build a device to protect an egg from cracking when dropped off of a ladder!

*Submitted by Mr. Paul Haley,
5th and 6th grade Science Teacher*



Mikayla Ealy, Devin Duncan, Madison Jones, Austin Garrett

Yellow Creek School Center

Yellow Creek Sixth Graders Visit Georgetown Toyota Plant

Yellow Creek sixth grade students received a chance to see math and science used outside the classroom in America's first and the world's largest Toyota manufacturing facility. They engaged in a state of the art tour of engineering and technology while learning the importance of reducing waste, recycling, conserving energy, and protecting the environment. The tour allowed students to ride on a trolley while wearing safety glasses (which they loved), and headphones so they could hear the guide deliver information of the plant. Students were treated to a first-hand view inside the Plant to learn how people and machines work together to build Camry, Camry Hybrid, Avalon, Avalon Hybrid, Venza and Lexus ES 350.



Sixth grade students pose for a picture at the Toyota Plant in Georgetown, KY.

Did you know our state produced the first American-made Camry in 1988? Nearly 10 million vehicles have rolled off the Toyota assembly line in Georgetown, KY.

The Plant is over 1,300 acres and employs over 9,000 people. The tour lasted about an hour and students enjoyed a short video about the plant as well as a chance to ask any

questions for future career opportunities. After the tour, students had a picnic lunch outside and enjoyed discussing all they had learned and participated

in while at the Toyota Plant.

*Submitted by
Sixth grade teachers:
Jennifer Carter,
Mandy Creech,
and Paul Haley*

Where in the World is Flat Stanley?

During the first week of school, the Intermediate Grades (4-6) at Yellow Creek School Center began an exciting creative learning activity, the Flat Stanley Project. This literacy and community project centers around the book Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown. To begin, the students read about Stanley Lambchop, a boy who was accidentally flattened by a bulletin board in his room. They were then intrigued to learn how one boy, who was handed lemons, turned them into lemonade by using his flat status to go on all sorts of amazing adventures through the mail!

As extension activities throughout the

week, all students learned how to greet people in different languages, studied various geographic regions for his travels, created their own versions of Flat Stanley, and composed letters asking friends and family to host Stanley for a week at their homes. Hosting families were also asked to show Stanley life in their towns, and then, return him with a letter and any memorabilia reflecting interesting things he learned while away.

Many thanks are extended to everyone in our community who volunteered to help make this project a success for our kids! Thanks to you, Stanley is currently traveling not only all

over the United States, but also all over the world! To chronicle our flat friend's adventures during his expeditions, we have established a Facebook page for hosting families to visually journal what he has been doing. Feel free to check it out @YCFlatStanleyProject!

*Submitted by Mrs. Misty Barnes,
5th and 6th grade Writing Teacher*



**Flat Stanley visits
Disneyworld**

Community Problem Solving Team Competes in International Competition

The Yellow Creek School Center Community Problem Solving Team traveled to Michigan State University to compete in the Future Problem Solving International Competition, June 1-5, 2016. During the conference, the team members met and competed against students from seven different countries and twelve different states. They presented Project GREEN (Get Recycling - Everyone Enroll Now) which is a curbside recycling program that was implemented in the City Of Middlesboro, January, 2016. Yellow Creek School Center placed 2nd in their category of Civic Cultural/Environmental Concerns. Team members include: Brian Banks, Stephen Justice, Olivia Lynch, Kayleigh Mason and Andrew Kelley.

*Submitted by Robin Kelley,
Project GREEN Coach*



Andrew Kelley, Brian Banks, Stephen Justice, Coach Robin Kelley, Kayleigh Mason, and Olivia Lynch

Yellow Creek Art Club

The YCS Art Club will begin this month for students in six through eighth grades. In the Art Club this year, students will be working to improve their drawing, sketching, and shading skills. Also, we will venture into other forms of art such as clay sculpture, 3D art, digital art, and ceramics. "I am excited about our students sharing their creative art talent. I can't wait to see what our students create!" exclaimed Mrs. Brock, the Art Club coach. Many of our talented art students will have their artwork entered into various art contests. Artwork by our Longhorn artists will be featured in the "Art Gallery" located in the hallway leading to the new primary wing of our building. Stop by and check out our artistic creations!

*Submitted by Mrs. Eva Brock, 8th grade
Writing and 7th Grade Math Teacher*

Feeding God's Children Continues Tradition of Supporting Bell County Students

Feeding God's Children was founded in November 2005 as a program of the Global Outreach Ministry at Two Rivers Church, Lenoir City, TN. In June of 2008, it became a separate 501(c)3 foundation.

In 1982, Pastor David Alvarez, with a small band of believers, started Centro Christiana Cultural de Guatemala in the midst of one of the poorest and desperate neighborhoods in Guatemala City. In 2002, with few resources but incredible faith in the power of God, they started a feeding program with 35 children from the neighborhood.

In 2004, Sid and Shannon Kemp, founders of Feeding God's Children, visited pastor Alvarez's church. When they saw the conditions the children were living in and the impact the program was having on the children, they were deeply impacted. Sid, Shannon and Pastor Alvarez decided to partner together to change a generation for Christ, one life at a time.

Feeding God's Children is a conduit to provide organizational, financial and prayer support for their partners wherever they are called. They are currently partnered with a Christian school 45 minutes outside of Guatemala City and they have their ministry here in Appalachia that oversees weekend feeding programs to children in all six of our elementary schools. They also partner with organizations in East TN and Dade County, FL in a variety of special events and feeding programs. Although the program can look different

with each partner, their model is to provide hot meals, vitamins, hygiene, tutoring, skill training, school supplies and, most important, the love of Jesus Christ to God's children wherever He calls them.

The Weekend Backpack Program provided by feeding God's children serves all six of our elementary schools, with Yellow Creek school center being the most recently added school during the spring of 2016. Each week qualified children receive a backpack filled with enough food to help carry them through the weekend. Feeding God's Children partners with Long's Pic Pac to provide food for the backpack program at a discounted price. Lighthouse Missions Center as well as Taylor's Pharmacy are also partners that work to help sponsor backpacks for students in Bell County.

In addition to the Backpack Program Feeding God's Children participates in several other activities throughout Bell County. At Christmas they work to provide food boxes for sponsored elementary students. Each box includes a toy for each child. They also travel to several of our schools to provide hands-on programs to students. One of these programs is the Anti-Bullying program which is very beneficial to all of our students.

The Bell County School district would like to extend our sincerest thanks and gratitude to Feeding God's Children for the love and support that they show our students. They are truly a blessing to all of us.



Gifts were presented to members of Feeding God's Children by the schools and students they serve. Front Row: **Sheila Fuson** (Lone Jack FRYSC Coordinator), **Rosie Haley** (Right Fork FRYSC Coordinator), **Shannon Kemp** (Feeding God's Children), **Linda Partin** (Frakes FRYSC Coordinator), **Norma Saylor** (Page FRYSC Coordinator). Back Row: **Patricia West** (Yellow Creek FRYSC Coordinator), **Sid Kemp** (Feeding God's Children), **Troy Holt** (Feeding God's Children), **Samantha Williams** (Feeding God's Children), **Lesa Straup** (Bell Central FRYSC Coordinator).

Teachers Attend Harry Wong PD

Harry K. Wong is one of the most sought after speakers on teacher effectiveness, academic instruction, management and teacher expectations. He has published a variety of books, but is perhaps best known for *The First Days of School*. Mr. Wong presented to over 800 Kentucky teachers on Tuesday, July 19, 2016, in Lexington, Kentucky at the Northeast Christian Church.

A group of 17 teachers, administrators, and curriculum specialists representing Bell County attended this session. The day consisted of presentations by Harry Wong, his wife Rosemary, and Chelonnda Seroyer.

Those in attendance were: from Bell Central - Missy Bingham, Channon Broughton, Laura Cawood, Jennifer Blankenship, and Kevin Hoskins; from Right Fork - Julie Goodin, Becky Collett, Stephanie McCune, Laura Beth Bingham, and Amy Woolum; from Yellow Creek - Paul Haley; from Bell County High School - Alma Cardwell, Coty Paul, and Brandon Salas; and from the district - Angela Allen, Christel Hoskins, and Jennifer Yankey.

All those attending received a copy of the book *The Classroom Management Book*.



Pictured from left to right: From Bell Central – **Missy Bingham, Channon Broughton, Laura Cawood, Jennifer Blankenship, Kevin Hoskins**; from Right Fork – **Julie Goodin, Becky Collett, Stephanie McCune, Laura Beth Bingham, and Amy Woolum**.

How to get started with our new on-line, interactive menus:

Go to our district website www.bell.kyschools.us

Click on the **Quick Links- My School Menu**

You will be taken directly to our menu website.

Type in your student's school name in the first box, choose the menu (breakfast or lunch) and click the green box to go to the menu.

The menu lists the foods that will be served at your student's school for the month. The menu shows nutrition information when you put your cursor over the food item.

For **allergy information** click on the gray box "Filter by Allergen", check the food your student is allergic to, and note the menu items that turn gray. Those foods have the allergen in them and should not be eaten. Please have a special dietary needs form on file with the school to ensure we know what to do for your student.

For **Carbohydrate Counts** select the "Build a Menu" bar on the day your student plans to eat and choose the food items. The system will automatically add the carbohydrates for the meal at the bottom of the page.

For any questions, you can call Tina Tipton, Food Service Director, or Regina Collett, Food Service Coordinator at 606-337-7051, or talk to your school Food Service Manager. Their names are listed below.

Bell Central School Center-
Bell County High School-
Frakes School Center-
Lone Jack School Center-
Page School Center-
Right Fork School Center-
Yellow Creek School Center-

Rosie Brock-
Fayette Fuson-
Katrina "Tina" Webb-
Kim Slusher-
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Cindy Ramsey-

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