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Bell County Honors Veterans With Celebrate America Program



Superintendent's Message



SUPERINTENDENT, MRS. YVONNE GILLIAM

The schools in our district recently received their 2015 KPREP assessment scores. The last three years students in the Bell County School District have shown steady academic improvement, gaining an incremental index increase of 11.9 points to an all time high of 65.9. Our district goal next year is to attain an index higher than 70. We will set the bar higher each year. But I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate our students, teachers and all employees for contributing to the academic success of our district.

Our county is being hit

hard with lost jobs. As a result of families being forced to leave our community to find work our school district has lost 117 students this year. This means we will receive approximately \$1,000,000.00 less funding next year than we received this year. Thus, we cannot start next school year without some major budget cuts. Those cuts will be very difficult but we cannot enter into a fiscal year with a budget reflecting \$1,000,000.00 more in expenditures than revenue to support those expenditures. We are seeking grant opportunities and private foundation funds to help

with the situation. However, those funding sources, even if secured, are usually one to three year allocations and often require the creation of programs that are not financially sustainable.

In spite of the difficult times that lie ahead I want our Bell County School District family, parents, students, employees and community members to know we will work even harder to make sure the quality of educational services continues to improve. Our principals are assuming more personal responsibility for the success of each student in

their building. We may be getting smaller but I want to assure the community we are getting better at educating all of our students to higher and higher levels.

It is this time of the year I am most thankful to live in Bell County. More than 150 individuals have stepped forward and purchased Christmas gifts for our children who are identified as most in need. 'Thank You' to those individuals and God bless you for your love and concern for a child you do not even know.

Yvonne

"Give Me A Reason"

Free Drug Test Kits Available to Parents of Bell County Students

Parents interested in giving their children another way to resist using drugs can pick up free drug test kits from all seven Bell County Schools.

The "Give Me A Reason" initiative, launched in October 2015 by Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (AHIDTA) and Operation UNITE, is completely voluntary and anonymous, said Dan Smoot, director of drug prevention and education for AHIDTA.

"The idea is to give parents and guardians a tool that will help their children make positive choices. Too often peer pressure overrides commonsense," Smoot said. "This is one way to level the playing field."

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- Yellow Creek School Center (Family and Youth Service Center) Patricia West 248-0547

By having a saliva-based test kit available, parents and/or guardians have an opportunity to immediately check for the presence of 10 substances whenever they suspect possible drug use.

"It's not about trust, but about showing how much you care. Statistics show that teens who avoid drugs in high school are less likely to develop a substance abuse problem as an adult," Smoot noted. "Your kids, on a daily basis, make hundreds of decisions. There is no more important decision you can make than to remain drug-free."

For more information about "Give Me A Reason" visit the Operation UNITE website at <http://operation-unite.org/youth-initiatives/drug-test-kits/>.

In 2003, Fifth District Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers (R-Somerset) worked to create Operation UNITE, a regional anti-drug initiative empowering citizens groups and community leaders in 32 southern and eastern Kentucky counties. UNITE, which stands for Unlawful Nar-



A meeting was held with all FRYSC Coordinators to discuss the new drug testing kits.

cotics Investigations, Treatment & Education, seeks to fight the drug epidemic by expanding drug awareness and education programs to keep people from using drugs; coordinating drug treatment and outreach pro-

grams for those who are already addicted; and operating regional undercover law enforcement task forces for interdiction and prosecution of those dealing drugs. For more information con-

tact Nancy Hale toll-free at 1-866-678-6483.

Drug Tip Hotline – 1-866-424-4382 / Treatment Referral Line – 1-866-90-UNITE (1-866-908-6483)

Yellow Creek School Center

Yellow Creek School Center Debuts Fairytale Wednesday

The Yellow Creek School Center in conjunction with the Family Resource Youth Service Center and Parent Liaison debuted Fairytale Wednesday for Preschool students and their families. Fairytale Wednesday is a twist to the School's Once Upon a Friday Program that is held for Kindergarten through third grades. For the very first Fairytale Wednesday, students were greeted by some of their favorite characters as they entered the school. It was a great start to their morning and made for a very

successful kickoff to the program. Every Wednesday that school is in session, families are invited to read to their Preschool child(ren) from 7:30 to 8:00 A.M. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to visit the school, enjoy the new primary wing of the school, and read with their child. Yellow Creek is the first school in the county to offer Fairytale Wednesday and hopes to have more families participate each week.

Submitted by Patricia West, FRYSC Coordinator



Tina Southern and Claire Partin



Damien Russell, Bailey Guy, Andrew Kelley, Mrs. Patricia, Macey Lair, Hanna Gollahan, Hannah Murrell, Shawn North, Cierra Fulton, Mrs. Jana, and Keith McPherson



Joyce Brooks and Kenlee Brooks

Kentucky State Trooper Educates Yellow Creek

Kentucky State Trooper, Shane Jacobs, visited Yellow Creek on two different occasions over the past couple months. On his first visit he came to educate students about the dangers of drugs. He discussed with them the different types of drugs that have become popular in our area as well as the effects that these drugs can have on a person's body. He explained that drug addiction is a growing problem and it is claiming the lives of people every day. Students were encouraged to talk with parents and teachers about drug addiction and not to be afraid to ask for help if they or someone they



Kentucky State Trooper Shane Jacobs

know has a drug problem.

On his next visit Officer Jacobs addressed another very serious issue that unfortunately takes place

every day. That is the issue of Bullying. Officer Jacobs explained in great detail to the students exactly what bullying is and why it is so important to take a stand against



Students are eager to ask Officer Jacobs questions.

it. He informed them that statistics show that every 25 minutes a child is bullied in the classroom. With that being said he went on to explain how the students can help

take a stand against bullying. He told students to talk to someone if they are being bullied or know someone who is. He asked the students to work hard on trying



Officer Jacobs with students Lauren Fultz and Hanna Gollahan

to eliminate bullying and making school a fun place to be for everyone.

Submitted by Patricia West, FRYSC Coordinator

YCS Students Perform in BCHS Celebrate America



Yellow Creek School Center was invited to take part in Celebrate America at Bell County High School on Veteran's Day. The students involved were from our 6th and 7th grade classes. They performed a dance to the song "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy." The performing students were dressed in military style uniforms which represented the World War II era. Our students were overwhelmed with the support from the high school students, veteran's, community, and audience present during the performance. The dance was choreographed by Mrs. Beverly Gilpin and Mrs. Courtney Weaver. The students' hair and makeup was provided by Ms. Carmella Foister of Eden Hair Salon.

YCS would like to extend a special thank you to BCHS Choir Director - Mr. Jonathan Wyatt for providing our children with this wonderful opportunity and experience.

Submitted by Mrs. Beverly Gilpin, 5th and 6th Grades Social Studies Teacher

8th Grade Trip to University of Kentucky



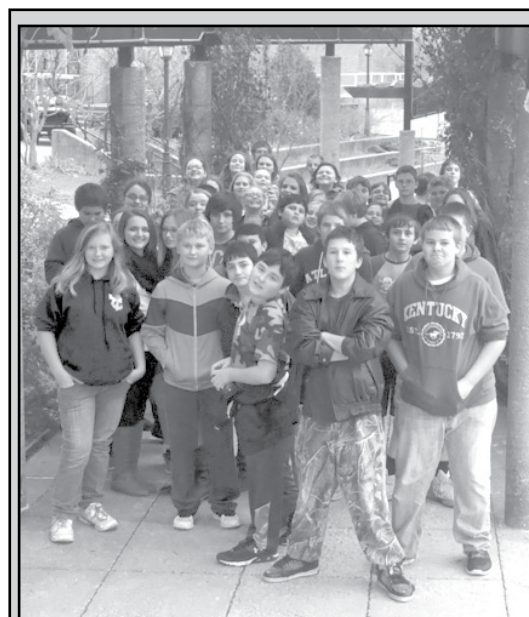
On Wednesday, November 4, 2015, Yellow Creek's eighth grade class traveled to the University of Kentucky for a campus tour and enjoyed lunch at the Bluegrass Café. During the tour, our students were able to get a first hand view of college life, ask questions, and take a peek into classrooms and the student dorm rooms. At the William T. Young Library, students were amazed at the study areas, resources, and size of the library. Our tour guide, Grace, informed our students about the opportunities that attending college could provide for their futures. She answered questions, explained responsibilities, and shared her personal college experiences and career goals. The highlight of the trip for our students was meeting two of UK's lady basketball players who graciously posed for pictures with our students as well as signing autographs.

As Kayleigh Mason, a YCS 8th grader reported, "It was the experience of a lifetime. The tour at UK and the insights of the classroom made me look forward to my future."

"As we prepare our students for College and Career Readiness, our students need opportunities to tour colleges like the University of Kentucky in order to be inspired about their futures," stated Mrs. Eva Brock.

Overall, the trip was a huge success thanks to our Gear Up grant. It's a trip that our students are still talking about!

Submitted by Mrs. Eva Potter-Brock, 7th and 8th Grade Language and Reading Teacher



Yellow Creek Elementary's 6th grade students enjoyed their Gear Up field trip to the Toyota Plant and Berea College. The students also enjoyed a delicious meal at the Golden Corral in London.

Submitted by Mrs. Gambrel, 5th-7th Grade Reading Teacher

Yellow Creek School Center

Yellow Creek Longhorn Cheerleaders



A Team

Front row, left to right: **Madison Jones, Elana Partin, Alyssa Brooks, Makayla Brown, Hanna Gollahan, Kaylee Hall**; Middle row: **Lauren Fultz, Shyan Upton, Hannah Murrell, Bailey Guy, Kayleigh Mason, Ashton Burchfield, Madison Coleman**; Back row: **Madison Money, Makenzie Lay, Brooke Muncy, Paige Johnson, Megan Barton**; Not pictured: **Jasmine Partin**. Coached by **Courtney Weaver**



B Team

Front row, left to right: **Karissa Harrell, Victoria Emmett, Destiny Upton, Kamryn Foster, Destiny Gregory, Desirae Upton, Emily Money**; Middle row: **Harmony Goins, Ki-ersten Phipps, Demetria Wheeler, Olivia Collett, Maci Burns, Jaylyn Mink**; Back row: **Morgan Taylor, Keylee Ayers, Lacy Simpson, Destiny Smith, Courtney Myers, Bree Stewart, Kaylee Mink, Olivia Wilson**; Coached by **Charity Hayes and Mandy Creech**

Principals Encourage High Attendance

Yellow Creek School Center recognized the state-wide high attendance day on September 24th. Principal, Mrs. Barbara Warren, and Assistant Principal, Mr. Josh Trosper, recognized the importance of school attendance by allowing students to participate in duct taping them to the wall. All students, Preschool through Eighth Grade, were given a piece of duct tape to place on the Principals as they entered the gymnasium. Students who had perfect attendance up to that point in the school year had their names announced in front of everyone and given a bag of popcorn. The students loved seeing Mrs. Warren and Mr. Trosper taped to the wall.



Students placing their duct tape on Yellow Creek Principal, **Mrs. Warren**



The finished product after all students had placed their duct tape on **Mrs. Warren** and **Mr. Trosper**.



Anti-Bullying Program

On Friday, September 11, 2015, 4th - 8th grade students at Yellow Creek sat down for an emotional look at one of the dangers that can accompany bullying – suicide. YC FRYSC director, Patricia West, invited Pendleton County Sheriff, Craig Peoples, to share his personal story of loss to advocate suicide prevention. Mr. Peoples captivated the YC audience as he spoke of his energetic high school son's life that included family, friends, and future aspirations of joining law enforcement like his dad. In a somber turn of events, Mr. Peoples allowed students to view his son's life in pictures – pictures that did not include his high school graduation due to the taking of his own life.

Mr. Peoples concluded by telling students about the dangers of bullying and the signs of suicide. He offered many outlets for resources and ended by asking anyone with suicidal thoughts to find someone close to them to confide his/her thoughts. For more information on bullying or suicide, feel free to contact the school or check out the Kentucky Center for Safe Schools website.

Submitted by Patricia West, FRYSC Coordinator



**Pendleton County Sheriff
Craig Peoples**

A Princess Visits Preschool



Students pictured with **Miss Katelin Dison** are **Sydney Parker, Bentley Lewis, Katilyn Osborne, Daniel Miracle**.

Katelin Dison, former Yellow Creek student, took time to read to Preschool Classes on Thursday, October 15th. Katelin is Miss Teen Bell County Fair and Teen Miss Cumberland Mountain Fall Festival. The students were very excited to have her read to them and loved having a "Real Princess" visit them. Yellow Creek School Center would like to thank Katelin for visiting and hopes that she will make plans to come again soon.

Submitted by Patricia West, FRYSC Coordinator

Academic Team



Pictured are members of the 2015-16 Right Fork Middle Grades Academic Team. From left to right are: **Velda Smith, Dalton Stepp, Emilee Hillman, Noah Caldwell, Tristen Strunk, Carter McCune, Caleb Green, Kennedy Carter, Josh Helton, Emma Hoskins, Ethan Smith, Dawson Widener, Chanse Belcher, and Eli Anderson.** Not pictured are **Hunter Johnson, Ray Eldridge, and Dawson Woolum.** Submitted by Academic Team Coach, Mrs. Susan Brown.

Right Fork's First Robotics Team

This is Right Fork's first ever Robotics team. The team will soon begin to prepare for the Robo Challenge X-treme Competition, which will take place in the spring. Submitted by Mr. Clifton Caldwell, Science Teacher



Front Row Left to Right: **Noah Caldwell, Ray Eldridge, Velda Smith, Carter McCune, Dalton Stepp, Dawson Woolum, and Caleb Green;** Back Row Left to Right: **Ethan Smith, Josh Helton, Kennedy Carter, and Jacob Miller**

Accelerated Reader Awards

Students at Right Fork are working to increase their time spent reading independently through the use of the Accelerated Reader program.

At the recent awards ceremony, these students received recognition for being the top point earners at their respective grade levels.

Submitted by Mrs. Susan Brown



Front Row Left to Right: **Josh Brock, Jasmine Winchester, Hayden Hoskins, Emily Philyaw, Drake Lawson, Zachary Brock, Arayh Zahnd and Tucker Hensley** Middle Row Left to Right: **Whitney Sexton, Dawson Woolum, LeeAnn Sullivan, Damian Messer, Cheyenne Wilder and RJ Love;** Back Row Left to Right: **Miranda Mitchem, Dawson Widener, Nevaeh Wilson, and Hannah Beverly** Not Pictured: **Chase Caldwell and Emma Hoskins**

Right Fork 6th Grade Field Trip

Right Fork's 6th Grade Class visited the Toyota plant in Georgetown, Kentucky on November 9th. On the tour, students saw how the Toyota Camry was built, from start to finish. Some of the things students learned on the trip are that the plant is able to produce two new vehicles every 55 seconds, which means 2,000 cars are produced there every day. Also our guide introduced us to the Japanese term "kaizen", which means continuous improvement. "Kaizen" is essential to Toyota's attitude and approach to building cars.



On our return to school the next day, we discussed how we could use "kaizen" in our classroom.

Submitted by Mrs. Amy Woolum

A Trip to the Zoo

Ms. Stephanie's 1st grade discovering different animal habitats at the Knoxville Zoo.

Submitted by Mrs. Stephanie McCune, First Grade Teacher



Right Fork School Center

Right Fork Panther Cheerleaders



A Team

Front Row Left to Right: **Kristina Mitchem, Sophy Jones, Baylie Lovett, Emilee Miller, Searra Hoskins, Amanda Hensley**; Middle Row: **Sidney Hoskins, Madison Saylor, Kennedy Carter, Tristen Strunk, Velda Smith, Miranda Mitchem**; Back Row: **Vera Armstrong, Nevaeh Wilson, Abby Coe, and Mackenzie Taylor**
Coached by **Ann Stepp and Julie Goodin**



B Team

Front Row Left to Right: **Katlyn Blevins, Mossie Johnson, Autumn Collins, Aryah Zahnd**; Back Row: **Samantha Blevins, Haley Saylor, Morgan Sizemore, Cheyenne Wilder, Hailey Fugate**; Coached by **Stephanie McCune**

Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program

Right Fork FRYSC in collaboration with the Title I Parent Liaison hosted their monthly Parental Involvement Meeting. Drug and Alcohol Prevention was the topic for this particular program. Jay Steele, Bell County Coroner, visited the school to discuss with students and their parents the dangerous effects of drug usage. Mr. Steele brought several displays that showed the students some of the things that drugs can do to a person's body. He also brought handouts and pamphlets that could be taken home as well as pencils that said "Too cool to do drugs." The students were very interested and listened attentively to what Mr. Steele had to say. On behalf of everyone at our school, we would like to say thank you to Jay Steele for caring about our students and taking the time to educate them on such a serious issue.



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The dates for upcoming Parental Involvement Programs are as follows:
January 12th – Bullying/

Internet Safety
February 8th – Summer Reading Camp Information
March 8th – Domestic/Child

Abuse Prevention
April 5th – Testing Preparation
All Programs start at 3:30

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

Red Ribbon Week at Right Fork

All Right Fork students participated in Red Ribbon week activities "Respect Yourself. Be Drug Free."



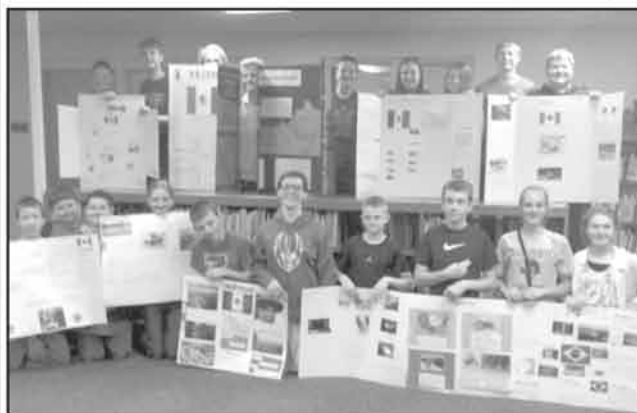
Above: Fourth grade students dressed in camouflage in observance of Red Ribbon Week.

Right: Third grade students dressed for hat and sunglasses day.



Right Fork School's 6th and 7th Grade Social Studies Projects

Mr. Dan Gambrel's 6th grade Social Studies class completed projects covering countries of North America, United States, Mexico, and Canada. Student's really enjoyed these hands-on activities as 6th Grade supplements to other assessments.



6th Grade

7th grade completed models of Ancient Egyptian Pyramids. Student's gained a better understanding of other culture's views on the afterlife.
Submitted by **Mr. Dan Gambrel, Social Studies Teacher**



7th Grade

Lone Jack School Center Hosts Open House

Lone Jack School Center Faculty and Staff hosted Open House on Tuesday, September 29th, inviting parents to meet with the teachers to discuss students' grades and achievements, as well as communicate to parents the importance of support from home in relation to the students' success. The Family Resource Youth Service Center Intern Director, Sheila Fuson, and Parent Liaison, Suzy Baker, served parents with refreshments to enjoy. Debbie Knuckles and Sarah Golden with The Children's Reading Foundation were present to spread the important message of reading every day for at least 20 minutes. They also gave away free books to students who attended Open House. The Lone Jack Faculty and Staff are grateful for the partnership and support The Children's Read-



ing Foundation provides the school. Parent, **Michelle Edwards**, and students **Tanner & Trenton Edwards**, visit The Children's Reading Foundation table to meet Debbie Knuckles and Sarah Golden and to get free books.

ing Foundation provides the school. Melanie Mills, Library Media Specialist and Literacy Facilitator, presented parents with students' mastery levels in reading for grades 1st through 8th, discussed the results of the Kindergarten

Brigance Screener with the Kindergarten parents, and disclosed the Fall MAP scores to parents, while explaining the RIT and percentile rankings in comparison to students' grade levels. Mr. Brian Crawford, Principal, and the Lone Jack



Melanie Mills, Library Media Specialist & Literacy Facilitator, presents parent, **Laura Black**, with a bar graph showing her child's reading progress over time.

Faculty and Staff would like to thank each and every parent who attended the Open House and expressed interest in their child's education.

Submitted by Melanie Mills, Library Media Specialist/Literacy Facilitator

Lone Jack Students Tell Appalachian Scary Stories



Tiara Morrison presents her story to the class

Mrs. Sarah Brooks-Napier's seventh and eighth grade students of Lone Jack School Center completed a writing project, where they created narratives with a scary theme that were based on Appalachian culture. The students went through the entire writing process and had a lesson on creating mood within their writing. Once they completed their final drafts, the 8th grade students shared their stories with the 4th through 7th grade classes by going to the classrooms and telling their scary stories to celebrate Halloween.

Submitted by Sarah Brooks-Napier, Intermediate Language Arts Teacher

Lone Jack Students are Rewarded for Improved K-Prep Test Scores

Lone Jack School Center's K-Prep test scores were the most improved in the Bell County School District. Lone Jack students were rewarded with a day of celebration for their hard work. Mr. Brian Crawford, Principal kicked off the day with a Pep Talk Morning Message congratulating the students for their results. Students enjoyed a cook-out and hours of Inflatable Fun. Mr. Crawford grilled hot dogs for every student in the school, while they were served by the Family Resource Youth Service Center Director, Sheila Fuson, and Parent Liaison, Suzy Baker. Faculty and Staff are so proud of the gains Lone Jack students are making. They are striving to be #1.

Submitted by Melanie Mills, Library Media Specialist/Literacy Facilitator



Primary (Grades Preschool through 3rd Grade) line up with excitement to get on the inflatables. Everyone is excited to try the BIG slide first!

Clifford, The Big Red Dog, Pays a Visit to Lone Jack School Center

Clifford, The Big Red Dog, kicked off Lone Jack School Center's Book Fair by paying the primary students (grades Kindergarten through 3rd) a SURPRISE visit! Clifford, the Big Red Dog, is an iconic character recognized by children everywhere. Clifford, the Big Red Dog, by Norman Bridwell, is one of the most popular series of books at Lone Jack. Clifford rewarded students with Halloween gift

bags for completing their Success for All Reading homework. Students are required to read for 20 minutes each night with an adult who signs a Read & Respond form that each child is responsible for returning to class on a daily basis. All students who completed their homework 93% or more during the first quarter of the school year (August 18th-October 23rd) were rewarded with special Halloween treats, a free book from The Chil-

dren's Reading Foundation (who also promotes 20 minutes of reading each day), and a bookmark. The school met its quarterly reading goal of students completing homework on a daily basis. Keep up the good work students and thank you to the parents who spend valuable time with your children reading each night.

Submitted by Melanie Mills, Library Media Specialist/Literacy Facilitator

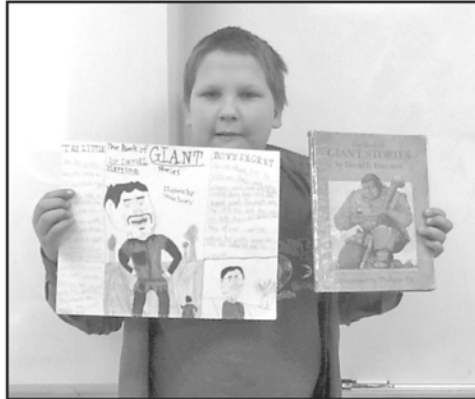


Mrs. Brenda Ferguson's Kindergarten Class

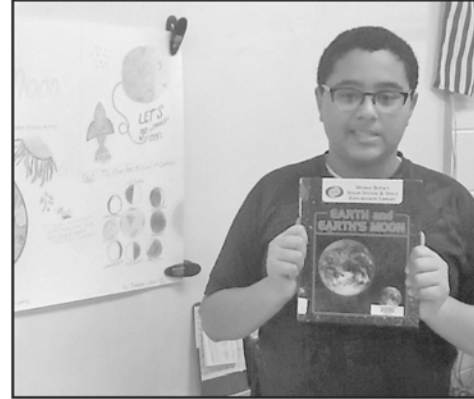
SFA Book Club Activities from Mrs. Hall's 4th Grade Reading Wings Class

Students in Mrs. Hall's 4th Grade Reading Wings Class are doing Book Club Activities on the books they are reading for Accelerated Reader. After students present their books orally, using a project they have created, Mrs. Hall displays their work in the hallway for everyone to explore. The Book Club displays help promote reading across the school because students are recommending books to others to read. Students are also able to read summaries of the books as they are switching classes because the projects are displayed in the hallway.

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



Joshua Beverly shares his book, *The Book of Giant Stories* by David L. Harrison. Joshua is quite the artist and drew a poster representing the main character in the book.



Zarahen Latham met his requirements for Accelerated Reader and is now working on reading a nonfiction series of books from World Book's Solar System and Space Exploration Library. Zarahen created a poster illustrating what he has learned from the book *Earth and Earth's Moons*.



Cindy Lewis enjoyed reading a Batman graphic novel and presented a summary of the comic by creating a tri-fold presentation.

Germs, Germs, Germs



Mrs. Christy Blevins reading *Germs, Germs, Germs* to Mrs. Pam Sutton's Preschool Class.

Christy Blevins from the Bell County Cooperative Extension Office partnered with The Lone Jack Family Resource Youth Service Center to present a program on Germs to the Preschool through second grades. Mrs. Blevins read a book called, *Germs, Germs, Germs* by Bobbi Katz to each class. She discussed how germs make you sick and did a demonstration with the students to show them how germs collect on their hands. Mrs. Blevins brought a black light germ box that she allowed students to stick their hands into before washing them. The black light revealed germs on the students' hands. Students were amazed to see how dirty their hands got throughout the day. The students then washed their hands and put them back into the box to see how well they had done at cleansing their hands. Mrs. Blevins used the demonstration to show students the importance of washing their hands to get rid of germs. Lone Jack appreciates the partnership with Mrs. Blevins and the Bell County Cooperative Extension Office in providing practical skills lessons to our students.

*Submitted by Melanie Mills,
Library Media Specialist/
Literacy Facilitator, and
Sheila Fuson,
FRYSC Coordinator*



Preschool students are excited to see how well they have washed their hands and gotten rid of GERMS! YUCK!

Guess Who? Book Character Pumpkins

Lone Jack Students, grades Kindergarten through Eighth Grades participated in a pumpkin decorating contest, hosted by the library media specialist, Mrs. Melanie Mills. Students decorated pumpkins to resemble book characters. The pumpkins were displayed in the library during the month of October. Some of the entries included: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney, Olaf from the movie and book, *Frozen*; Charlie Brown by Charles Schulz, *The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss, *Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold, *Diary of a Worm* by Doreen Cronin, and a host of many others. Winners were awarded with \$10.00 to spend at the "Monster" Book Fair, where "Reading is so much fun, You'll Get Goosebumps!" A special thanks to the Lone Jack PTSA for sponsoring the contest.

Congratulations to all of the Winners! Compliments to everyone who participated!

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



1st grader, **Payton Elliott**, with *The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss. (Winner of the K-1 Category)



Devin Fuson, winner of the 6-8 Category, with *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle

Lone Jack School Center



Lone Jack Mustang Cheerleaders



Back Row Left to Right: **Reiley Stivers, Joshua Beverly, Madison Phipps, Lillian Hobbs, Kiara Cloud;** Front Row Left to Right: **Alyssa Edmondson, Shelby Collins, Hannah Smith, Paiden Burton;** Not Pictured: **Madison Hoskins and Keara Helton;** Coached by **Jennifer Wilder**

Abracadabra! Lone Jack Students Meet Their Accelerated Reader Goals!

Lone Jack students who met their Accelerated Reader goals for the first six weeks enjoyed a Magic Show on Friday, October 2nd. Mrs. LaVonis Miracle, first grade teacher and magician, intrigued young minds with magic tricks that left them in awe! Many students were taken from the audience to participate in the show and they left wondering, "How did she do that?" Ms. Staci Slusher, RTA teacher, was Mrs. Miracle's assistant for the show.

"Accelerated Reader is a computer program that helps teachers and librarians manage and moni-

tor children's independent reading practice. A student checks out a book of his/her choice on his/her reading level and reads at his/her own pace. When finished, the student takes a short quiz on the computer. Passing the quiz is an indication that the student understood what he/she read. Accelerated Reader gives children, teachers, and librarians feedback based on the quiz results." (Rennaissance Learning, 2014)

Lone Jack implemented a new Accelerated Reader policy this year, in which students are required to read at least one fiction

and one non-fiction book per six weeks for third through eighth grades, but can choose as many books as they wish to read to improve their individual goals. Lone Jack faculty and staff want to help students develop a love for reading, as well as help them develop and improve critical reading skills that they will use for a lifetime.

Congratulations to the students who worked hard to meet their Accelerated Reader goals for the first six weeks!

Submitted by Melanie Mills, Library Media Specialist/Literacy Facilitator

Left: Mrs. Lavonis Miracle, Magician, calls Taylor Layne (3rd Grade) from the audience to give a card trick some "Hocus Pocus"

Right: Evan Heck (3rd Grade) watches Ms. Staci to make sure no cheating occurs.



Lone Jack Students are Taking a Stand Against Bullying

The Stand Strength Power Team, a Team of World Class athletes, brought their national campaign to defeat bullying to Lone Jack on Monday, October 19th!

The Stand Strength show is an unforgettable experience students will remember for years to come! The team teaches students to stand against violence, peer pressure, drugs and alcohol and to stand for respecting others and academic excellence! The Stand athletes use amazing feats of strength to create a motivating and positive message about making the right choices. Members of the team smash through large walls of concrete blocks, ice and boards, lifting massive logs over their heads, ripping phone books in half, breaking baseball bats, bending bars of steel, running through 2 x 4's, blowing up hot water bottles, folding frying pans in half, exploding unopened cans of soda with a crushing grip, ripping through license plates and much much more.



Madison Lewis (7th grade) and Clayton Goodin (8th grade) attempt to hold the props in place to keep the Power Team from lifting and moving them.

The Lone Jack Faculty and Staff would like to thank the Stand Strength Team for their gracious donation of backpacks, pencils/pens, pencil boxes, folders, calculators,

notebooks, and shoes.

Submitted by Melanie Mills, Library Media Specialist/Literacy Facilitator

Career Speakers Prepare 8th Grade Students for the Future

The Lone Jack School Center's Family Resource Youth Service Center in collaboration with Ms. Candy Partin, Intermediate Social Studies Teacher, schedules career speakers to talk to the 8th grade students at Lone Jack. The program is designed to help students prepare for their future. As students are beginning to prepare for high

school, the program presents them with ideas on careers they might want to pursue.

Career speakers are invited to talk to the students about everything their careers involve. As speakers present, students keep a journal, logging the things that interest them about each career. After the presentation, students ask

questions to learn more about the careers and log this in their journals as well. Recent career speakers that have visited Lone Jack are Jay Steele, State Trooper Don Perry, Colby Slusher, Clint Goodin.

Submitted by Melanie Mills, Library Media Specialist/Literacy Facilitator, and Sheila Fuson, FRYSC Coordinator



Colby Slusher visited with the Eighth Graders to discuss his role as a community leader.



State Trooper, Don Perry talked with students about pursuing a career in law enforcement.



Mrs. Misti's reading class incorporates a little baking into their book Cupcakes!



Students pictured are: **Matthew Bray, Adyson Scott, Tavern Asher, Paisleigh Wilson, Sidney Young, Braden Cox, Lexi Ellison, Chloe Collett, Jacob Grubbs, Bailey Wilder, Cami Brock, Troy Partin, and Rebecca Mills.**
Submitted by Misti Hoskins, Reading Recovery Teacher

Some little "Rockers" getting into the spirit of Red Ribbon Week. Pictured are **Lillian Lingar, Kamdyn Hoskins, Brianna Gallagher, and Rachel Eldridge**



Left: Mrs. Eldridge and all of our talented students presenting our Annual Musical "BUGZ"!

Right: Worker ants are **Blake Burnett and Elijah Hampton.**



BCHS Bobcats BCCHS Lady Cats

Photos by Wayne Mason



FRESHMAN

Front Row Left to Right: Antonio Zachery, Benjamin Goodin, Sawyer Brock, Ryan Lambdin, Samuel Smith; Back Row Left to Right: Coach Nick Napier, Jonathan Henry, Isaac Collett, Tyler Partin, Trey Brock, Dawson Atkins, Baylor Lefevers



FRESHMAN

Front Row Left to Right: Abigail Cornett, Courtney Bryant, Brittany Davis, Karri Johnson, Kayla Payne; Back Row Left to Right: Coach Kacy Denny, Lauren Sutton, Mackenzie Griffin, Meghan Mills, Brea Browning, Abby Harris, Whitney Caldwell, Coach Katelyn King



JUNIOR VARSITY

Front Row Left to Right: Antonio Zachary, Ben Goodin, Sawyer Brock, Ryan Lambdin, Sam Smith; Back Row Left to Right: Coach Nick Napier, Jonathan Henry, Isaac Collett, Tyler Partin, Kyle Burnett, Trey Brock, Dawson Atkins, Baylor Lefevers



JUNIOR VARSITY

Front Row Left to Right: Karlee Cox, Whitney Caldwell, Brittany Davis, Karri Johnson, Gabby Taylor; Back Row Left to Right: Coach Kacy Denny, Mackenzie Griffin, Meghan Mills, Coach Don Perry, Brea Browning, Abby Harris, Lindsay Bryant, Coach Katelyn King



VARSITY

Front Row Left to Right: Dawson Calles, Ethan Gambrel, Sawyer Brock, Keith Brock, Benjamin Goodin, Ryan Lambdin, Austin Daniels; Back Row Left to Right: Coach Nick Napier, Peyton Collett, Jacob Hunley, Zach Partin, Tyler Partin, Coach Lewis Morris, Kyle Burnett, Jared Saylor, Isaac Collett, Victor Morris, Coach Rodney Slusher



VARSITY

Front Row Left to Right: Cheyenne Deaton, Bethany Miracle, Allison Howard, Caleigh Collett, Brittany Davis, Karlee Cox, Lindsay Bryant; Back Row Left to Right: Coach Kacy Denny, Gabby Taylor, Kelli Smith, Zoe Taylor, Coach David Teague, Katrina Johnson, Chelsie Frasure, Coach Don Perry, Sarah Collins, Alex Brock, Abby Harris, Coach Katelyn King



Right Fork Panthers



A TEAM- Left to Right: Dawson Widener, Tyler Baker, Dawson Dozier, Carter McCune, Dalton Stepp, Chanse Belcher, Noah Caldwell, Josh Helton; Not Pictured: Dawson Woolum; Coached by Jon Defevers and Ray Stepp



B TEAM - Left to Right: Keytonae Nelson, Chanse Belcher, Carter McCune, Jacob Jones, Dawson Woolum, Dalton Stepp, John Philyaw, Noah Caldwell, Chandler Widener, Jadyen Hensley; Coached by Jon Defevers and Ray Stepp



C TEAM -Front Row Left to Right: Chase Widener, Joshua Owens, Connor Miracle, Logan Stepp, Devon Dozier, Luke Widener; Back Row: Isaiah Caldwell, Austin Goodin, Ben Rogers, Jared Moore, Isaac Jones, Shane Howerton Coached by Jon Defevers and Ray Stepp

Page Wildcats



A TEAM- Coaches: P.J. Burnett, Wade Hoskins, Bo Callebs, and Ronnie Caldwell. Players: Lane Hoskins, Dannie Hall, Isaac Eldridge, Kage Baker, Jared Moore, Julian Thompson, Cole Hoskins, Caleb Lefevers, Cameron Burnett, Hayden Lefevers, Braxton Caldwell, Ryan Evans



B TEAM- Coaches: P.J. Burnett and Bo Callebs. Players: Trace Freeman, Tucker Hunley, Caden Miracle, Daniel Osborne, Jordan Hall, Dylan Moore, Cole Hoskins, Cameron Burnett, Hayden Callebs

C Team
Coaches: Jason Stewart and Harvey Miracle
Players:

Andrew Howard, Nick Stewart, Cameron Smith, Tristan Johnson, Jade Earle, Blake Burnett, Elijah Hampton, Cooper Miracle, Trey King, Gavin Matthews, Brayden Ellis, Carl Barlow, Jackson Walters.





Bell Central Bulldogs



A TEAM- Front Row, Left to Right: Trevor Kidd, Andrew Caldwell, Collier Elkins, Jacob Smith, Blake Ramey, Brant Hoskins; Back row: Brennan Murphy, John Wilson, Dylan Hoskins, Cody Green, Colby Frazier, Johnathan Lankford, Chase Huff and Coach Lawrence McGeorge



B TEAM - Front Row, Left to Right: Braeden Ferguson, Josh Miller, Ethan Smith, Tristan Hobbs; Back row, Left to Right: Devin Hoskins, Brandon Baker, Seth Mills, Conner McGeorge, Caden Phipps, Tristan Orr



C TEAM -Front Row Left to Right: Zylar Thompson, Jaxson Pratt, Caden Huff, Gauge Bauer, Tate Murphy, Noah Brock; Back Row, Left to Right: Aiden Hollingsworth, Brandon Harris, Brayden Dunn, Tytan Mills

Yellow Creek Longhorns



A TEAM- Front Row, Left to Right: William Partin, Dillan Collins, Ozzy Norris, Stephen Justice, Thomas Smith; Back Row, Left to Right: Benjamin Howard, Shawn North, Dylan Muncy, Jacob Bower, Gary Baker, Cody Anderson; Coaches - Assistant Coaches Justin Warwick, not pictured Josh Collett, Head Coach Shawn Fultz



B TEAM- Front Row, Left to Right: Yassin Nabat, Dalton Campbell, Brady Carroll, Caiden Atkins, Yussif Nabat; Back Row, Left to Right: Skyler Ayers, Brian Baker, Jacob Coffman, Dillan Collins, Eli Baker; Coaches - Assistant Coaches Justin Warwick, not pictured Josh Collett, Head Coach Shawn Fultz.



C TEAM- Front Row, Left to Right: Ethan Johnson, Logan Reese, Matthew Wallace, Riley Foster, NaShawn Brooks, Hudson Carmical; Back Row, Left to Right: Devin Buttery, Maddox Temple, Landon Dunn, Caleb Hatfield, Matthew Wilson, Hayden Dameron; Coaches-Assts. Justin Warwick, not pictured Josh Collett, Head Coach Shawn Fultz



Lone Jack Mustangs



A TEAM- Left to Right: Nate Lawson, Richard Beverly, Nathaniel Uhrig, Caleb Partin, Clay Goodin, Cade Nolan, Jonathan Simpson, Dalton Mason; Not pictured **Kameron West**; Coached by **Jeremy Sanders**



B TEAM - Front Row, Left to Right: Blake Wilder, Caleb Hobbs, Jonathan Beverly, Nathan Anderson, Hunter Fuson; Back row Left to Right: Dylan Honeycutt, Ethan Rabby, John Havens, Gage Brock, Dakota Walters, Devin Fuson, Ashton Burns; Coached by **Jordan Turner**



C TEAM -Left to Right: Evan Heck, Bradyn Amburgy, Noah Mason, Jonathan Fuson, Logunn Littles, Josh Gambrel, Gregory Hurst; Not pictured: **Jacob Goodin**; Coached by **Derrick Lindsay**

Frakes Bears



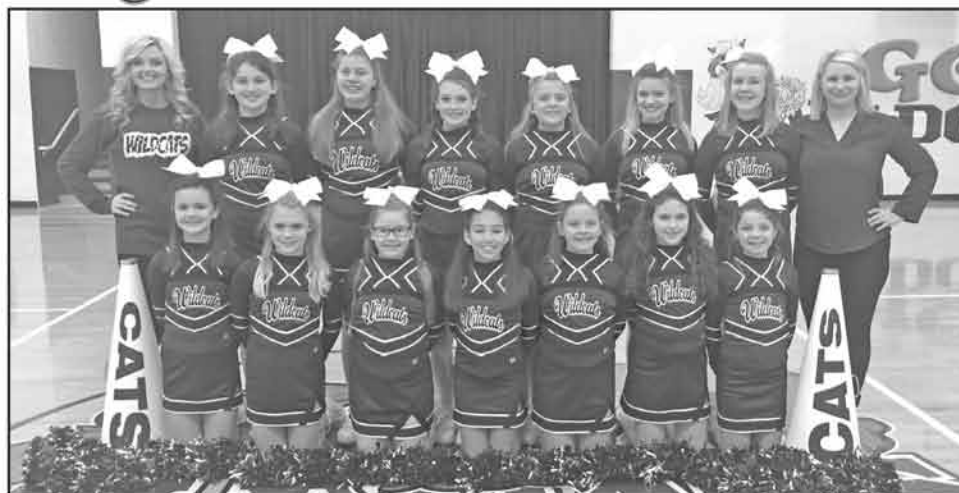
A TEAM- Left to Right: **Shane Collier**, **Austin Fuson**, **Harley Hatfield**, **Logan Miracle**, **Keean Fuson**, **Rickie Jeffries**; Not pictured: **William Miracle** and **Sean D. Phipps**; Coached by **Dewey Dixon**



B TEAM- Front Row, Left to Right: **Jordan Collins**, **Lukas Brown**, **Nasir Wilson**, **Andrew Simpson**, **Chase Powers**; Back Row Left to Right: **Wiley Jones**, **Rickie Jeffries**, **Shane Collier**, **Nathan Collier**; Coached by **Dewey Dixon**



Page Wildcat Cheerleaders



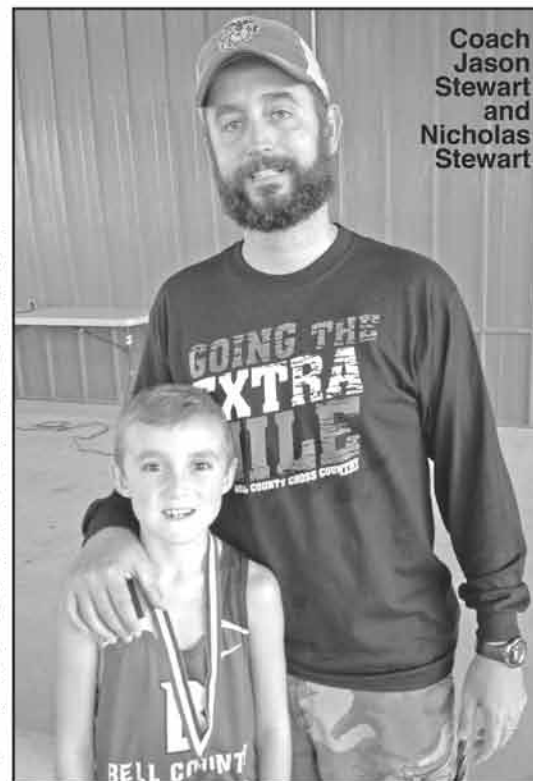
Front Row Left to Right: Jaslyn Rutherford, Shalisa Miracle, BreAnn Greene, AJ Hariston, Grace Calloway, Rachel Eldridge, Maggie Calloway; Back Row Left to Right: Katie Duffey, Kaylee Lewis, Brittany Brock, Kamdyn Hoskins, Chandler Brock, Allie Wilder; Not Pictured: Virginia Hall, Rachel Runions
Head Coach: Ashley Sharpe, Assistant Coach: Chasity Wilson



Stewart Finishes Elementary Cross Country Season Strong

Page 3rd grader Nicholas Stewart just completed an excellent cross country season. His season highlights include a 4th place finish at the Chuck Vitaoe Classic in Harlan County, 5th place at the Knox Central Invitational Middle School 3000 meter race, and 3rd place at the Boyle County Invitational. Nicholas was ranked in the top 20 in the 3000 meter Class AA Region 5 Middle School rankings most of the season. He closed out a great season with a 19th place finish at the KTCCCA Meet of Champions 2000 Meter Elementary 4th grade and Under State Championship Open race at Masterson Station Park in Lexington, Kentucky on October 24th.

Submitted by Coach Jason Stewart



Coach Jason Stewart and Nicholas Stewart



Page A Team Boys Basketball and Cheerleaders as well as Boys B Team Basketball players were appreciated and rewarded with a Championship lunch at our local Pizza Hut!

Students from each grade at Page School went to Tasty Time for a reading reward for having the most points in their class in AR.



Miss Ashley's homeroom had a beautiful Christmas display with joy to share and their beautiful stockings all hung with care!
Submitted by Mrs. Ashley Sharpe, Kindergarten Teacher



Frakes School Wins Attendance Contest



Frakes School Center won the regional high attendance award. The prize was \$500 and the board matched that for a grand total of \$1,000. A check was presented by the board to Principal Terry Wilson.

September the 24th was the date set for the State High Attendance Contest. Each Elementary, Middle, and High School across the state competed. Schools were divided into small and large categories. Frakes qualified for the small category.

Frakes middle school, grades 6th, 7th, and 8th, had 100% attendance on Sept. 24th.

"We are trying to prevent down time, but we can't do that unless they are there," said Wilson. "I am proud of my kids and my staff."

Submitted by Chris Warren, Director of Pupil Personnel

A Special Visitor Comes to Frakes



Frakes School Center had a special visitor who visited them in October. Ms. Alice Hammons from Indiana volunteered at Frakes School and provided an art program for all the students. Her program involved storytelling while painting a picture with chalk. Her stories were about overcoming obstacles in life and how to always believe in yourself and your accomplishments. The students had discussion time with Ms. Hammons and she showed them pictures out of her books she has published. The students learned that interpretation of abstract art was in the eye of the viewer.

Submitted by Linda Partin, FRYSC Coordinator

HERITAGE DAY

Frakes School Center celebrated Thanksgiving on Nov. 24th with staff, students, and parents. The activity involved the students and staff wearing Ap-
palachian or Native American clothing. Parents were invited to come and eat Thanksgiving dinner with

their child. "Heritage Day" at Frakes was a day of thankfulness for our many blessings both past and present!

Submitted by Linda Partin, FRYSC Coordinator



Ms. Jan's Kindergarten class and Ms. Melissa's First Grade Class



Pictured Left to Right: Ms. Marty (second grade teacher), Intermediate students Emma Neal, Serenity Villeda, Ms. Tracy Saylor (third grade teacher), and Milka Woodring

Feeding God's Children

Feeding God's Children visited Frakes School Center on Nov. 6th to present an Anti-Bullying program for all the students. The students were made aware of how painful bullying can be through many hands on activities, power point, songs, and presentation. The theme was "It is easier to uplift than to tear down"! Games and activities were provided after the Bullying Program for all the students. Sid and Shannon Kemp are the Director's of Feeding God's Children who supply food for the backpack program to five Bell County Schools. The Feeding God's Children volunteers provide a bullying program to a different school each year.

Submitted by Linda Partin, FRYSC Coordinator



Sid Kemp (Director of Feeding God's Children) and two volunteers giving Frakes students bracelets to remind them bullying hurts!



Mrs. Marty Mill's second grade students participating in the cheese puff toss (a game provided by Feeding God's Children volunteers)

Frakes Bears Cheerleaders



Front Row Left to Right: **Kendra Hollingsworth, Olivia Jackson, Autumn Brock, Emma Neal, Bailey Wilson**; Back Row Left to Right: **Adena Schwartz, Mackenzie Lawson, Gracie Hammontree, Brianna Partin, Chesney Blackburn, Madyson Partin**; Absent Members: **Kaitlyn Green, Baleigh Thacker**; Coached by Mrs. Alicia Neal

Making Reading Fun

Frakes School Center staff is teaming up with local grocery stores, library, and FRYSC to encourage students to read more and get their AR points in each six weeks. For the second six weeks, Frakes Principal Mr. Wilson challenged the students to read so they could participate in the scARE-crow making contest. The students who read an AR book and passed a test got to participate in making a class scarecrow for the Fall Festival. The students that achieved their AR reading goal for the six weeks got to participate in a series of games coordinated by Ms. Karen (Librarian), Ms. Liz (Librarian Assistant), and Ms. Linda (FRYSC). Local store owners from Chenoa



Pictured Left to Right: **Adrian Villeda, Bailey Wilson, Jayla Hurst, and Laurel Mills** participating in the "doughnut competition with no hands game" as part of the AR Incentive Reward Party

General Store and Hillside Market provided snacks for the students who got to attend the party

Submitted by
Linda Partin,
FRYSC Coordinator

Parent Workshop

Frakes School Center Parent Liaison, Jana Caruso and Frakes FRYSC Coordinator, Linda Partin collaborates with the Bell County Extension Office to provide a parent workshop and parent/child activity afterschool once a month. For the month of November the parent workshop was conducted by Gail Brock, who discussed food safety with the parents. Rebecca Miller read a Thanksgiving story to the students and had a parent/child craft planned. Refreshments were provided as well as free books for the children.

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



Rebecca Miller reading a Thanksgiving story to the students



Gail Brock discussing food safety with parents



Kanler Frasure with his parent/child turkey handprint made in the afterschool event at Frakes



Frakes School Center
would like to say
thank you
to our cafeteria staff
for all of the hard work they do.

We appreciate you all so much.

Pictured are Frakes School Center Cafeteria staff, **Katrina Webb** (left) and **Mary Lou Partin** (right) giving out fresh fruit at recess as part of the Fresh Fruit and Veg. program. Frakes students receiving fruit are **Logan Miracle** (left), **Gracie Hammontree** (middle), and **William Miracle** (right).

Bell Central School Center KPREP 2015 County Champs - 3 Years and Running!!!

Bell Central Elementary: Distinguished



Dr. Stephen Pruitt, Kentucky Commissioner of Education; Yvonne Gilliam, Bell County Superintendent; Greg Wilson, Principal Bell Central School Center; David Johnson, Director SESC Coop

Bell Central Middle School: Distinguished and a School of Distinction #21 in The State



The Bell Central Bulldog presented students with their trophy for being ranked #1 in Bell County for the 3rd year in a row.

KPREP Celebration

On Friday, Oct. 30, 2015 Bell Central celebrated their 2015 KPREP scores by rewarding their students with a day of fun activities. The day consisted of dodge ball tournaments, movies, an in-school dance, treats and a special performance by **Jordan Smith** from NBC's *The Voice*. It's always a great day to be a Bulldog!!!

Submitted by

Mrs. Jennifer Blankenship,
Assistant Principal



5th graders armed and ready for the Dodge Ball Tournament

Bell Central Renaissance

6th, 7th and 8th graders have a chance each six weeks to participate in the Renaissance Club. Attendance, behavior and grades are the key factors to earning this reward. Grade level students come each week at the



8th Grade Renaissance Students at Bell Central enjoy games and refreshments in the FRYSC

last period of the day for snacks and games. Primary and Intermediate grade levels receive a trip to the Goodie Box each 6 weeks for their reward to reflect Principal's List, Honor Roll, and Attendance. Submitted by *Lesa Straup, FRYSC Coordinator, and Marlene Knuckles, Parent Liaison*

Costumes for Kids

Bell Central's annual "Costumes for Kids" costume drive was a success again this year! Since 2012, students and families have been donating new and gently used costumes to the Family Resource Center to benefit students who may need them. It all started when Abigail Cornett read a magazine article about a similar costume drive in another school. She enlisted help from family and friends and the drive has been a blessing to students each year since. This year, Abigail's sister, Shelby Cornett, took over the drive and Hannah Clark assisted. Wal-Mart donated costumes in addition to those collected at

Bell Central so that approximately seventy-five students received costumes! Family Resource Youth Services Center Director Lesa Straup, Parent Liaison Marlene Knuckles, and parent vol-

unteers distributed the costumes and are excited about next year's costume drive.

Submitted by
Heather Cornett,
Library Media Specialist/
SFA Facilitator



Bell Central Celebrates Red Ribbon Week October 26-30, 2015

Bell Central recently celebrated Red Ribbon Week with weeklong activities for students to participate in.

Monday, October 26- "Be All You Can Be" Wear Camouflage

Tuesday, October 27- "Shade out Drugs" Wear Sun Glasses

Wednesday, October 28- "Black Out Drugs" Wear Black

Thursday, October 29- "Put a Cap on Drugs" Wear a Hat

Friday, October 30- "These Paws Don't Touch Drugs" Wear Bell Central Shirt

There were also two assemblies addressing drugs and alcohol:

A program for grades 6th-8th presented by The Cumberland Hope Center

A program for the en-

tire school presented by S.T.A.N.D.

4th-8th Grades participated in an Anti- Drug poster contest and the winners are: 7th Grade Winner 1st Place Savannah Swedersky, 5th Grade Winner 2nd Place Shelby Cornett, and 5th Grade Winner 3rd Place Emma Tuttle.

K- 3rd Grade participated in a Bulletin Board contest and the winner is: 1st Grade Mrs. Tonya Brashears

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



Students with the ladies from The Cumberland Hope Center in Harlan, Kentucky



Bell Central Bulldog Cheerleaders



A Team

Front Row Left to Right: **Katie Bray, Brittany Bryant, Elizabeth Black, Julia Branham, Madison Ramey, Laurel Nolan**; Back Row, Left to Right: **Sophia Browning, Grace Wilder, Stephanie Christopher, Madison Napier, Jessica Taylor, Cassidy Thomas, Kamryn Brock, Emily Smith, Trinity Perry**



B Team

Front Row: **Lilly Nolan, Morgan Hensley, Riley, Allen, Jade McGeorge, Kaleigh Dozier, Baylee Keck**; Middle Row: **Lauren McGeorge, Michaelyn Dye, Chloe Brown, Kamryn Burnett, Addison Slone**; Back Row: **Betty Stamper, Madeline Allen, Savannah Wilson, Megan Green, Jordan Muncy, Hailee Stigal**

“Once Upon A Friday” Grandparent Celebration!

Bell Central loves and honors our grandparents and we're not afraid to show it. September 13, 2015 was national Grandparent's Day which we celebrated on Friday, September 18th. A special invitation was sent to all Bell Central Grandparents to spend the afternoon with their grandchildren reading and enjoying refreshments. Pictured on Right: Students and Grandparents enjoy a special time of Reading

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



Bell Central Loves Volunteers



Here at Bell Central, we invite and welcome our Parents, Guardians and Community Members to come be a part of our school. Volunteers can assist in many ways throughout the school. These ladies are here on a daily basis and help throughout the school in any way they can. Our September Volunteer of the Month was Mrs. Shirley Patterson (88 Hours). Shirley has a son and daughter that attend Bell County High School and also a son that attends Bell Central.

Our October Volunteer of the Month was Mrs. Mandy Maiden (107 Hours). Mandy has a daughter that attends Bell Central. Thank you ladies for all the hours you generously give to our school.

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

McTeacher Night at McDonald's

Bell Central Teachers participated in McTeacher Night at McDonald's to help raise money for our students. We had a great turn out and our staff had a wonderful time serving up some food and fun!

Submitted by Mrs. Jennifer Blankenship, Assistant Principal



Bell Central Teachers **Jill Collett, Brooke Shultz, and Deanna Farmer** are ready to take orders



Assistant Principal, Jennifer Blankenship waits on students.

Bell Central Recognizes Principals on Boss's Day

This year, Bell Central has had a number of things to celebrate and be grateful for. On Oct. 16th we celebrated once again with...CAKE & gifts. In celebration of Boss's day, the Bell Central family wanted to show exactly how much they appreciate both **Mr. Greg Wilson** and **Mrs. Jennifer Blankenship**. We provided a special lunch for them to enjoy, treats of some of their favorite things, and gift cards for them to spoil their selves with. Our school is very blessed to have two wonderful and caring leaders. Both of these exceptional people are one of the many reasons we are successful!! Thank you both for ALL that you do!!!!

Submitted by Bell Central Faculty and Staff



Principal, **Mr. Greg Wilson**, and Assistant Principal, **Mrs. Jennifer Blankenship**

Bell Central School Center Drug/Alcohol Abuse and Prevention Parent Workshop

Bell Central School Center's FRYSC and Title I Programs recently held a Drug/Alcohol Abuse and Prevention Workshop on Monday, October 19, 2015. Presenter Melinda Hornback, from the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy spoke about how drug abuse not only affects the user

but the entire family. She presented to parents useful information on how to detect suspected drug use in children and where to seek help.

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



Bell County High School

Students Attend Health Career Expo

The annual AHEC Health Career Expo was held recently at the Harlan Center with over 600 local high school and area technology center students taking part in the day-long event. Students had the opportunity to learn firsthand about careers within the health care industry; they represented the counties of Harlan, Bell, Letcher and Leslie. Various exhibits viewed by the students included those sponsored and manned by Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College, Union College, East Tennessee State, the University of the Cumberlands, Lincoln Memorial University, Lindsey Wilson, and the University of Louisville. The event was sponsored by Southeast AHEC, Harlan ARH, the University of Kentucky and SKCTC. Shandeal Fields served as event coordinator.

Submitted by Julia Burgan and Jamie Bailey, Guidance Counselors



Left:

Genesis Adkins and Sidney Barnett get information from one of the tables.

Right:

Amber Jones sees how she does as a Phlebotomist



College Application Month

November was College Application month at Bell County High School. Seniors took advantage of the various resources and materials brought to the school to help them prepare for college. By implementing a College Application Month program, it can be ensured that all seniors have the opportunity to receive hands-on assistance as they take the first big step towards continuing their education. Kentucky College Application Month is sponsored by The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

Submitted by Julia Burgan and Jamie Bailey, Guidance Counselors



Senior Student **Erin Partin**



Students received various materials to help prepare them for college.

Business Math Class Rewarded

Bell County High School's Business Math Class is taking part in the H and R Block Challenge. The class is one of 1,040 classes across the nation taking part in this challenge. They are ranked 58th out of those 1,040. The H and

R Block committee contacted Mr. Gann, Business Math Teacher, a few weeks ago to let the class know that because of their hard work and good position they wanted to reward them. They sent each of the 24 students in

the class a \$25.00 prepaid debit card for them to use however they choose. The students are really excited and grateful for this. During this challenge they have to keep up with invoices and pay bills on time with a

limited budget. They are penalized if they make a late payment, or utilized their credit card too much, or go over their credit limit. They take a different quiz each week depending on what the challenge was focused

Submitted by Matt Gann, Business Math Teacher



Seated Left to Right: **Jordan Smith, Dustin Mason, Peyton Collett, Casey Cox and Chase Woolum.** Standing Left to Right: **Kaleb Musser, Bradley Miracle, John Grubbs, Bo Caldwell and Austin Nolan.**



Seated Left to Right: **Kelli Smith, Allison Howard, Emily Saylor, Amber Fleming and Dana Petrocelli.** Standing Left to Right: **Abby Bailey, Alexis Sanders, Kelly Neal and Caitlyn Collins.**

Kentucky Utilities Donates Money for Angel Tree

The Bell County High School Youth Service Center received a very generous donation to help with this year's Christmas Angel Tree Program. Kentucky Utilities came to the High School on December 1st to present a \$500.00 check. The money donated will be used to by clothing for Angels on the Angel Tree as well as food boxes for the families. We would like to thank Kentucky Utilities for their kindness and for caring about our students. The Angel Tree Program is a success because of all of our wonderful sponsors.

Submitted by Samantha Wilson, FRYSC Coordinator



Bell County High School Principal **Mr. Richard Gambrel**, FRYSC Coordinator **Mrs. Samantha Wilson**, and **Mrs. Darlene Long** with Kentucky Utilities

Cadets Fly High!

25 Bell County High School Air Force JROTC cadets experienced the world from an entirely new perspective...35,000'. Each year, McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Knoxville, TN, graciously hosts the Bell County Cadets on a base visit. Normally, the cadets tour a KC-135 air refueling aircraft and other base facilities. This year thanks to the hard work of MSgt James Browning, AFJROTC Instructor at Bell County High School, and the tremendous support of Colonel Robert Underwood, 134th Operations Group Commander, Major Ben Brooks (1997 graduate of Bell County High School), Captain Stephanie McKeen, and all of the 134th Air Refueling Wing, McGhee Tyson, the cadets got to fly on two KC-135 aerial tanker aircraft. The aircraft departed McGhee Tyson at 11:00 a.m. and flew direct to the west coast of Florida, where they

supported combat training operations by providing in-flight air refueling for 4 F-22 Raptors (the Air Force's newest fighter aircraft).

The Air National Guard aircrews were extremely accommodating for the cadets as they permitted them to observe operations from the aircraft cockpit and the aerial boom (used to pass fuel from the tanker to the fighter aircraft). During this phase of the flight, cadets were able to communicate directly with the aircrew and were given a demonstration of the operation of the aerial boom. Upon arrival to the Florida coast, cadets observed refueling operations; witnessing an important military capability first hand (the United States has a greater in-flight air refueling capability than any other country in the world.)

The cadets returned to McGhee Tyson Air Force Base, landing approximately 4 hours after they departed, thrilled



with what they learned and experienced, as most had never flown in an aircraft before. This exposure helped increase their understanding of Air Power and helped some make decisions about a career in the military.

The cadets of Bell County High School would like to express their sincere appreciation to the men and women of

the 134th Air Refueling Wing, McGhee Tyson Air Force Base, and to Mrs. Yvonne Gilliam and the Bell County School Board for making this amazing trip possible.

*Submitted by
Lt Col Barry Tanner,
Senior Aerospace Science
Instructor
MSgt James Browning,
Aerospace Science Instructor.*



Danielle Nickels



Josh Richardson

Sheriff Craig Peoples Visits B.C.H.S. With an Important Message

Pendleton County Sheriff, Craig Peoples, visited Bell County High School in October. Mr. Peoples came to conduct a program that he feels very passionate about and is personally connected to. The program discussed the topic of suicide as well as bullying. Mr. Peoples shared with the student body his own personal story of how suicide affected his life. His son, Evan Peoples, was a

high school student preparing for college when out of nowhere, and with no warning signs, he took his own life. While Evan did not display any of the usual characteristics typically leading to suicide, Mr. Peoples informed the students of the various signs that could potentially lead to someone taking their own life. He stressed to the student body the importance of always talking to parents,

teachers, and fellow students about problems that they may be facing. Bell County High School Faculty and Staff would like to thank Sheriff Peoples for taking time to come and speak with the students.

Everyone was greatly touched by what he had to say.

*Submitted by
Samantha Wilson,
FRYSC Coordinator*



Bell County High School Assistant Principal, Mrs. Lisa Redmon, introduces Mr. Peoples

Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Jessica Buis, winner of the PINK Award

On Thursday, October 1, 2015 the Bell County High School FCCLA sponsored the annual "Pink and Denim Day" at the school as part of October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Students and staff dressed in pink and jeans as a way of showing their support to victims and survivors of breast cancer. FCCLA also handed out breast cancer awareness stickers before the ballgame on October 2 and purchased pink and white footballs to throw at half-time.

Jessica Buis received the PINK award by wearing over 30 items that were pink.

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

Red Ribbon Week at Bell County High School

Red Ribbon Week was held at Bell County High School the last week in October. Red Ribbon Week is a week that was designed to educate students and raise awareness of the dangers of drugs and alcohol. This year the Bell County High School Youth Service Center worked with local agencies to bring in speakers to talk with students about this very serious issue.

Jay Steele, Bell County Coroner and Owner of Arnett and Steele Funeral

Home, visited the High School first. He wanted students to fully understand just how harmful drugs can be and encourage them to talk to someone if they or someone they know is suffering with a drug problem. To help with his presentation, Mr. Steele brought large posters with various pictures of what different drugs can do to people over time. He also brought in body bags to show students what ultimately drug usage will lead to. Students were very interested in all

that Mr. Steele had to say and many of them took pamphlets and information that he brought. Bell County High School would like to thank Mr. Steele for visiting the school and for always being available to speak to our students.

Ladies from the Cumberland Hope Center in Harlan, Kentucky also came to bring drug awareness to students and let them know that there is hope for those that are addicted to drugs. Pam Sulfridge, Director of the Hope Center spoke with

students and then introduced a very special guest, Anna Hartman. Anna is a recovering drug addict who is now a mentor at the Hope Center. She told her story of how the Center "Loved Her Back to Life". She shared with students that in high school she was the typical teenager and came from a very good family. One night at a party she decided to drink, thinking that would be harmless. From that point on one thing led to another until she ended up addicted to

multiple things, including crack cocaine. Mrs. Hartman informed the students that because of her addiction she stole from her family and eventually ended up homeless and alone. She said that if it were not for the Hope Center she would not be here today.

The Students really connected with Anna's story and were very eager to ask questions. She explained to them that drug addiction can happen to anyone regardless of where you come from. Many students



stayed after the program to visit with Mrs. Hartman and learn more about her story.

We would like to thank everyone at the Cumberland Hope Center for such a powerful program and we hope they will come again soon.

*Submitted by
Samantha Wilson,
FRYSC Coordinator*



Jay Steele educates students on the dangers of drugs



Students pose for a picture with Anna Hartman

BCHS Trout in the Classroom

Students in Mr. Good's Biology and AP Environmental Science classes are taking part in an environmental education program sponsored by Trout Unlimited and supported by the school district. Trout Unlimited is a national organization committed to conserving, protecting, and restoring North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. Trout in the Classroom (TIC) provides students with opportunities to raise trout, monitor tank water quality, understand stream habitats, learn to appreciate water resources, to foster a conservation ethic, and to understand ecosystems. The program will end with students obtaining a permit and taking part in the releasing of the trout in a nearby watershed. TIC will send biologists to the classroom to work with students on the release. Students at Bell Central and Yellow Creek are also taking part in the program.



*Submitted by Mr. Eric Good,
Biology and
Environmental Science Teacher*

Miracle Finishes Great Season With Strong Run at State



Coach Jason Stewart & Mitchell Miracle

Bell County High School sophomore, Mitchell Miracle, finishes strong at the KHSAA Class AA Cross Country State Championship. Mitchell placed 18th in the state championship with a time of 16:54 for the 5000 meter course. That closes out a strong season for the sophomore who finished in 1st place at the Chuck Vitatoe Championship, 2 Harlan County All-Comers, the Southeast Kentucky Conference Championship, and the Corbin Invitational in which he ran a career best time of 16:32.

Submitted by Coach Jason Stewart



Bell County High School students got to experience the joy of giving while packing food boxes for the Angel Tree Program. All Angel Tree gifts and food boxes were given out by the Youth Service Center.

Students pictured are Nick Tolaver, Noah Hopper, Jonathan Blankenship, Brooke Lambdin, and Natasha Tolis

*Submitted by Samantha Wilson,
FRYSC Coordinator*

UNITE Brings Drug Program to Bell County to Educate Students

Operation UNITE brought their "On The Move" drug education and prevention program to Bell County during the month of November. The program was provided for all 7th and 10th grade students and was completely free of charge. The "On The Move" program, as a whole, is designed to educate children about the dangers of making bad choices from using alcohol or other drugs. It provides them hands-on experiences for visual impairment, the brain's reaction when impaired, and the physical reaction of the body to impairment.

The main centerpiece of the program is a state of the art mobile classroom that is designed to educate students about various drugs and their effects. Prior to the program students are given a written survey of their opinions on drug and alcohol consumption. During the presentation in the mobile classroom, students are again given a survey. The results of both of these surveys yield measurable data that is shared with the schools. The data gives the schools an insight on issues that they may want to address with their student population.

The hands-on experiences are provided through the following stations that the students rotate through:

SIDNE (Simulated Impaired Driving Experience) – After a safety briefing, students utilize a battery powered go-kart to navigate through an obstacle course. The go-kart is under the control of a UNITE staff member, who will simulate the effects of distraction and impairment from alcohol and other drugs on a motorist's driving skills.



Fatal Vision Tricycle Course – Students wear goggles simulating various levels of impairment and attempt to navigate a tricycle through a defined course.

Fatal Reactions – A shape and color matching game to demonstrate the impact of dis-

tractions on reaction time and judgment.

To end the program, a UNITE staff member sits down with students to debrief them after all the demonstrations they have been through. This helps the students better understand the situations they have just experienced and also gives them an opportunity to ask questions.

The Bell County School District would like to thank Operation UNITE for bringing such an educational and powerful program to our students.



Bell County Partners with Feeding God's Children

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.

Feeding God's Children is a conduit to provide organizational, financial, and prayer support for our partners in Guatemala and Appalachia. 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.

In 2004, Sid and Shannon Kemp from Knoxville, TN, 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 Weekend Backpack Club currently includes five schools in Bell County: Bell Central, Page, Frakes, Lone Jack, and Right Fork. Each weekend qualified children receive a backpack filled with enough food to 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, this also keeps the dollars right here in Bell County. Light House Mission Center has partnered with Feeding God's Children for the past six years, providing many services to student and families. Taylor's Pharmacy has joined as a business partner with Feeding God's Children this year sponsoring backpacks at each school served in Bell County.

Feeding God's Children participates in several hands-on school events including our Anti Bullying Programs during the year.

At Christmas, they help to provide food boxes for families of sponsored elementary children which include a toy for each child.

In July, they join other organizations in assisting the Lighthouse Mission Center in the Back-to-School Clothing and School Supply Distribution. The day is filled with carnival games, nail and face painting, a clown, free haircuts, food, and lots of clothing, shoes, and school supplies being distributed to the families of the community.

Founders of Feeding God's Children say that each of these events impacts two groups of people. "The lives of those we serve in Jesus' name are affected as we meet physical



Shannon Kemp, Linda Partin (Frakes FRYSC Coordinator), **Rosie Haley** (Right Fork FRYSC Coordinator), **Sid Kemp, Sheila Fuson** (Lone Jack FRYSC Coordinator), **Lesa Straup** (Bell Central FRYSC Coordinator), **Norma Saylor** (Page FRYSC Coordinator). Gifts were presented to Sid and Shannon Kemp that were made by the students at the schools they serve.

needs and often have the opportunity to pray for those we serve." "Additionally, each volunteer who goes to serve with Feeding God's

Children comes away changed by the experience. God is glorified in both!"

Jordan Smith Visits Bell County Schools

Jordan Smith, winner of NBC's "The Voice" has made several appearances throughout Bell County. Jordan visited Bell County High School, Right Fork, and Bell Central to sing for students and staff members. He also spoke to the students about being confident in who they are as well setting goals and living up to their full potential. Students and Staff loved hearing Jordan sing and were captivated by his amazing talent. Jordan was more than happy to sign autographs and pose for pictures with students.

Jordan was announced as the Season 9 winner of "The Voice" on December 15th.

The Bell County School District would like to congratulate Jordan on his many accomplishments and thank him for taking the time to visit our schools. We wish him the best of luck in all that he does.



Right Fork Students Kennedy Carter and Velda Smith



Bell Central Students: Austin Robbins, Shelby Cornett and Selena Vasque



Mrs. Karen Saylor's class at Bell County High School: Felicia Rice, Jamie Phipps, Jessica Phipps, William Anderson, Brooke Lambdin, Blake Lambdin, William Trey Martin, Kaleb Golden, Cameron McMurray, Samuel Sutton, and Chelsea Collett

BCHS Girls Golf Team



Left to Right: Jeana Fultz, Alexandria Brock, Kaylee Caldwell, Coach Matt Gann

BCHS Boys Golf Team



Knelling Left to Right: Jordan Smith, Matthew Patterson; Standing Left to Right: Braxton Caldwell, Coach Matt Gann, Andrew Caldwell
Not Pictured: Holden North

BCHS Lady Cats Soccer Team



Back Row Left to Right: Coty Jones, Kaley Cupp, Ashley Taylor, Tianna Christopher, Jeana Hensley, Shelby Wilder, Karly Cupp, Gabby Taylor, Adam Huber; Front Row Left to Right: Mae Ealy, Kelsey Mason, Ashley Sweat, Chelsey Lawson, Faith Redmond, Savannah Estes



Bell County School District's All-Festival Choirs



Southeastern Kentucky Music Association (SKMA) All-Festival Children's and Junior High Choruses performed Thursday, October 22, 2015 at the First Baptist Church of London. Music teachers from 14 Southeastern Kentucky counties annually host a festival for the top choir members from schools in each county.

Students from across the district came together to create a talented and amaz-

ing choir to represent Bell County. Mr. Jonathan Wyatt, the choir director at the high school was the director of the All-Festival choirs. Students had the wonderful opportunity of working with Mr. Jon Oliver, director of the Chorus and Dr. Amir Zaheri, Junior High Chorus Conductor and Composer of one of the song selections.

The Children's Chorus sang selections from the around the world including "Mango

Walk" a Jamaican Folk song, "This Little Light of Mine" a traditional spiritual and "Do You Know What it Mean to Miss New Orleans" by Edie DeLange and Louis Alter. The Junior High Chorus sang an original composition from their director titled "Procession" and many other selections chosen by Dr. Zaheri including "The Turtle Dove" a Folk Song.

For the finale both choirs, nearly 400 students, came

together to sing "Reaching for the Stars" by Sally K. Albrecht and Jay Althouse that was conducted by Dr. Amir Zaheri. Our students had a wonderful experience coming together with other southeastern Kentucky school to perform a memorable concert for family, friends, and their very proud teachers.

Submitted by
Jessica Dunn,
Bell Central Teacher