



ROBERTSON COUNTY SCHOOLS TOGETHER FOR EDUCATION

Celebrating Student Success, Together



Photo: GHS & GES High-Five Friday



THE MONTH AHEAD

10/6/2025	School Board Meeting
10/7/2025	Election Day (No School for Students)
10/13/2025 10/17/2025	Fall Break Week
10/24/2025	Q1 Report Cards

From the Desk Of. . .

DR. EMILY HOLLINGSWORTH | SUPERVISOR OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

From the beauty of changing leaves to the smell of smoking barns, fall festivals to Friday night lights, fall in Robertson County is a special time. It is a special time in our schools as well. The newness of the school year is wearing off as routines and procedures are established and relationships are developed.

I love seeing the culture of learning that our administrators, teachers, and staff have created with our students. This is a result of their hard work, high expectations, and commitment to excellence. I am grateful to them for the work they do every day, and I am grateful to our community for their continued support of our schools. I encourage all members of our community—parents, business leaders, and residents—to stay involved and engaged. When we invest in our schools, we invest in the future of our entire community. I look forward to seeing the great things we will accomplish together! Happy Fall!

Community Spotlight

Partners in Education

Our schools continue to be surrounded by the generosity and encouragement of our community partners.

Jo Byrns Elementary

A heartfelt thank-you to the Oak Pointe Assisted Living team for treating our teachers and staff to a delicious breakfast to start their Friday! Your thoughtfulness brightened the morning and gave everyone an extra boost to finish the week strong. We are grateful for your kindness and the way you care for our school community.

Cheatham Park Elementary School

Third graders at Cheatham Park Elementary welcomed a special visit from Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation. Students learned about electricity, conductors, insulators, and safety. Thank you, CEMC, for sparking curiosity and supporting our students' safety.

Robert F. Woodall Elementary

A big shoutout to The Pink Truck! Their Back-to-School Teacher Giveaway contest treated our staff to a sweet ice cream surprise after Robert F. Woodall was selected as a winner. We are so appreciative of this recognition, and we also want to thank the many parents and community members who nominated us.

We're thankful for every act of kindness and partnership that helps lift up our students and staff and reminds us that we are all in this together!



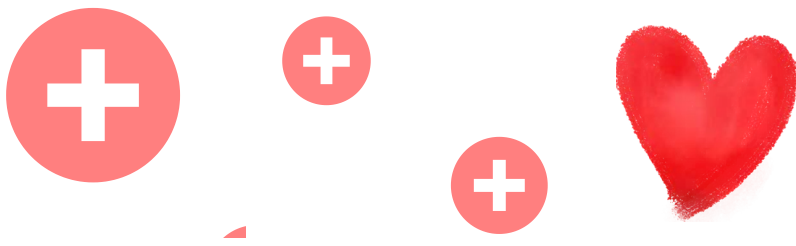
Thank You Grandparents!

At Greenbrier Elementary, the PTO hosted a Grandparents Night with a fun western attire theme, giving students and their guests a chance to dress up and enjoy the evening together. Meanwhile, East Robertson Elementary welcomed grandparents with a special meal from the RCS School Nutrition team, featuring chicken tenderloins, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli and cheese, applesauce, grapes, and milk. Students and their guests enjoyed the meal and the opportunity to spend time together on our campuses.

These celebrations remind us of the special role grandparents and other family members play in the lives of our students, providing love, guidance, and encouragement every day. We are thankful to all the grandparents who took the time to visit their grandchildren's schools and share in these moments.

We also appreciate the dedication of school staff and PTO volunteers who planned and supported these events, helping to create memories for students and their families.





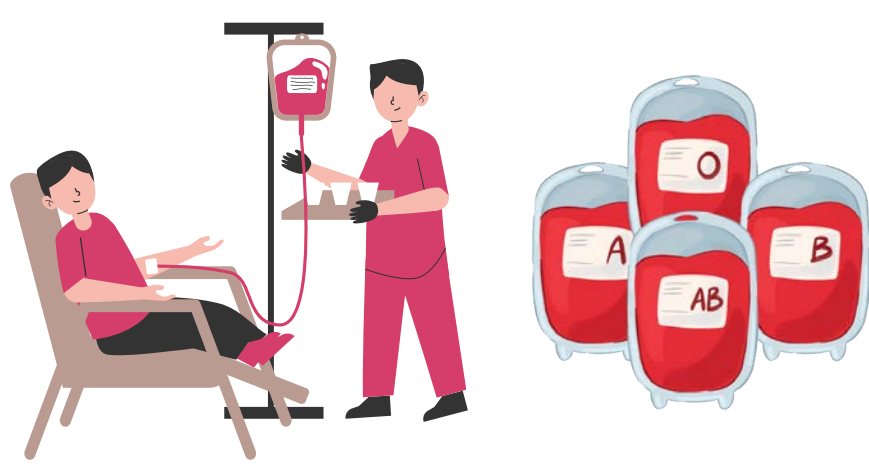
All About Health

This month, students across the district explored a variety of lessons focused on health and anatomy while also engaging in real-world experiences. School staff and students even joined in by donating blood, modeling the importance of giving back and supporting community health.

In Watauga, PE students worked together to build a life-size human body puzzle, helping them better understand how body muscles work together. Medical Therapeutics students also visited Robert F. Woodall Elementary, where they taught first graders about body systems and shared simple tips for staying healthy. As part of these lessons, a PICU nurse from Erlanger Children's Hospital in Chattanooga visited to discuss practical ways students can care for their bodies.

At Jo Byrns High School, Mrs. Teasley's Anatomy and Physiology class has been exploring a wide range of topics. Students have studied directional terms, types of dissection incisions, and organ placement within the abdominal cavity. They've also investigated DNA and are now turning their focus to the integumentary system.



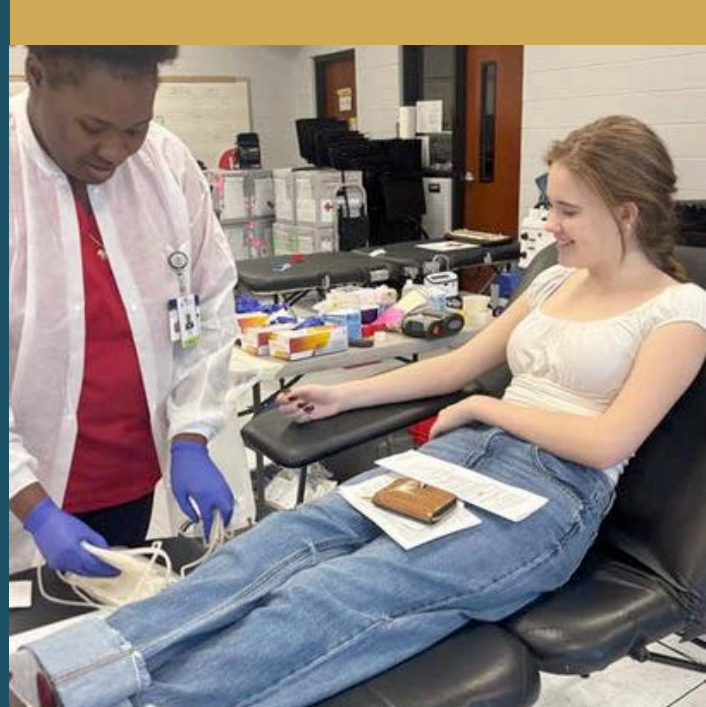
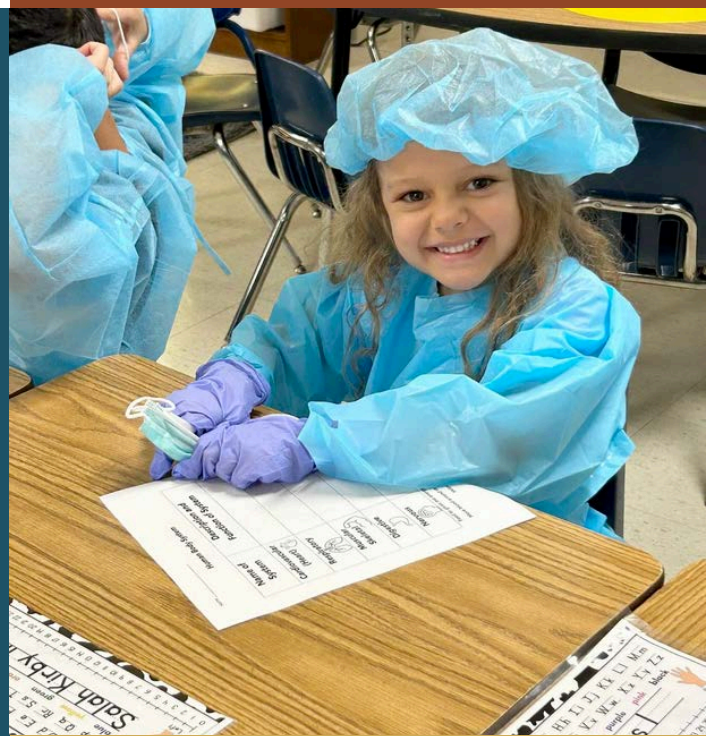
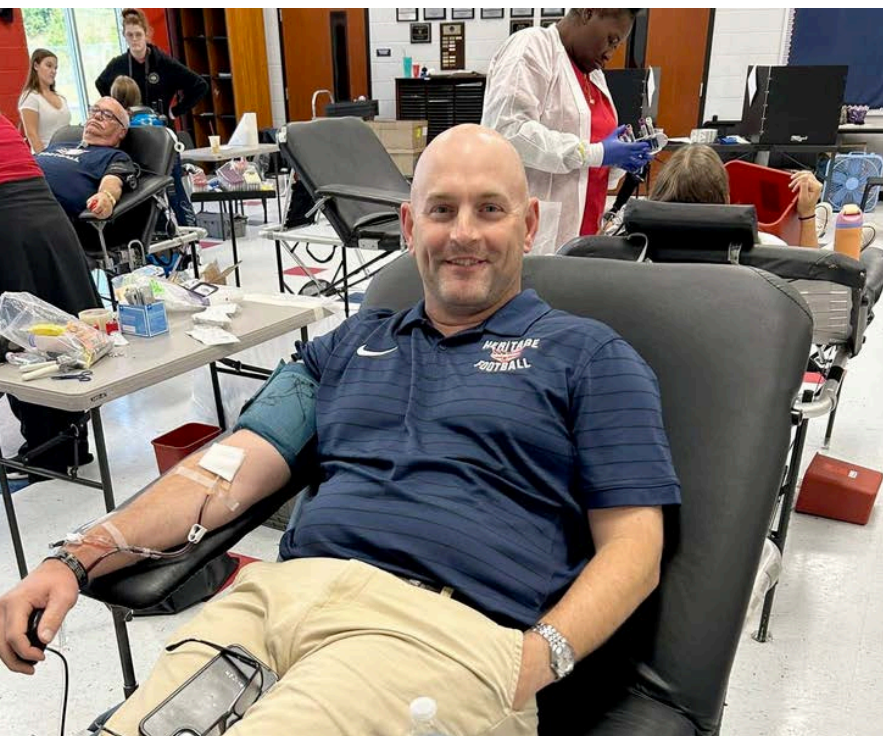
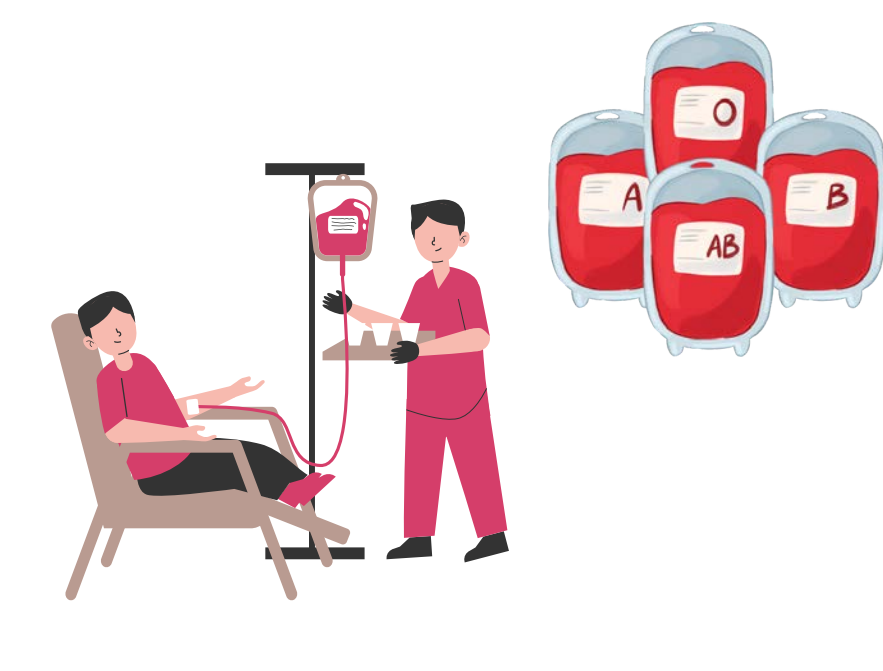


At Greenbrier High School, Anatomy and Physiology students learned about the muscular system through hands-on activities. Using rubber bands, they discovered how sustained contractions can lead to fatigue, energy loss, and a buildup of byproducts over time. The lesson included a chicken wing dissection, where students were able to visualize how muscles and bones work together in pairs.

White House Heritage High School and Springfield high school hosted blood drives for both teachers and students. At SHS, students collected 26 pints of blood —enough to save nearly 80 lives! Beyond the donations themselves, the event provided an important learning experience. Students built leadership skills through coordinating, recruiting, and managing the drive while also gaining insight into healthcare careers by observing clinical skills such as blood draws and patient interactions.

Together, these activities show how students at every level are learning more about health and wellness. knowledge they can carry with them well beyond the classroom!





Tennessean Student of the Week

NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN - GABRIELLE CHENAULT

Greenbrier High School's Valentina Urias was recognized as The Tennessean's Student of the Week, earning more than 8,000 votes. The Tennessean reported that it was over half of the total cast in the latest poll!

The Student of the Week recognition is an ongoing effort by The Tennessean, which invites school officials throughout the year to spotlight students in various categories. Readers then choose the weekly winner through an online vote.

The weekly feature highlights outstanding high school students across Middle Tennessee, and this round focused on upperclassmen who have gone above and beyond to help incoming freshmen adjust to the school year. Urias was nominated by Coach Kris Thomas, who praised her leadership and kindness both on and off the field.

"I have seen on the field and at school how helpful she is," Thomas said. "She helped a lot of my freshman with where to go on the first day and during open house. She set things up, was present, and just makes everyone feel uplifted every day with a positive attitude. She's a great kid!"

Urias stood out among five nominees for her dedication to supporting classmates and her ability to make others feel welcome.

[Link to Tennessean Article](#)

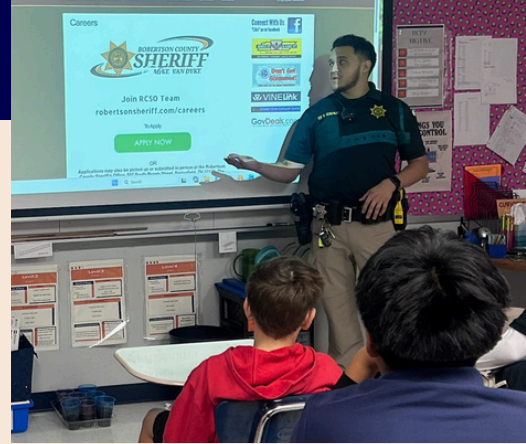


VALENTINA URIAS



CAREER WEEK

Robertson County Phoenix Academy



Students at RCPA participated in a dynamic and enriching College and Career Week filled with valuable learning experiences and career exploration opportunities. The event featured a diverse lineup of guest speakers, including representatives from law enforcement, military recruiters, cosmetologists, and organizations such as The Quintenn Clark Foundation and The Natalie Lyle Foundation.



In addition to guest presentations, students engaged in a variety of classroom activities designed to promote career readiness and personal development. These included mock interviews, career exploration exercises, TCAT-related activities, classroom door decorating contests, and themed dress-up days focused on "Dressing for Success."



We Have a Winner!

On September 25, 2025, Main Street Media of Tennessee hosted the annual Robertson County Main Street Awards. Each year, readers vote for their favorite people, places, businesses, and events across the county.

We are proud to share that several of our schools, educators, and leaders were recognized as winners and finalists in this year's awards!

Coach of the Year

- Winner: Terrance Summers – Coopertown Middle School Football
- Finalists: Kenya Dossett – Springfield High School Volleyball; Ronnie Matthews – Springfield High School Baseball

Principal/Headmaster of the Year

- Finalists: Dr. Chris Tucker – Springfield High School; Mary Cook – East Robertson High School





Public Elementary School

- Winner: Jo Byrns Elementary School
- Finalists: East Robertson Elementary School; Robert F. Woodall Elementary School

Public High School

- Winner: Springfield High School (3rd year in a row!)
- Finalists: East Robertson High School; Jo Byrns High School

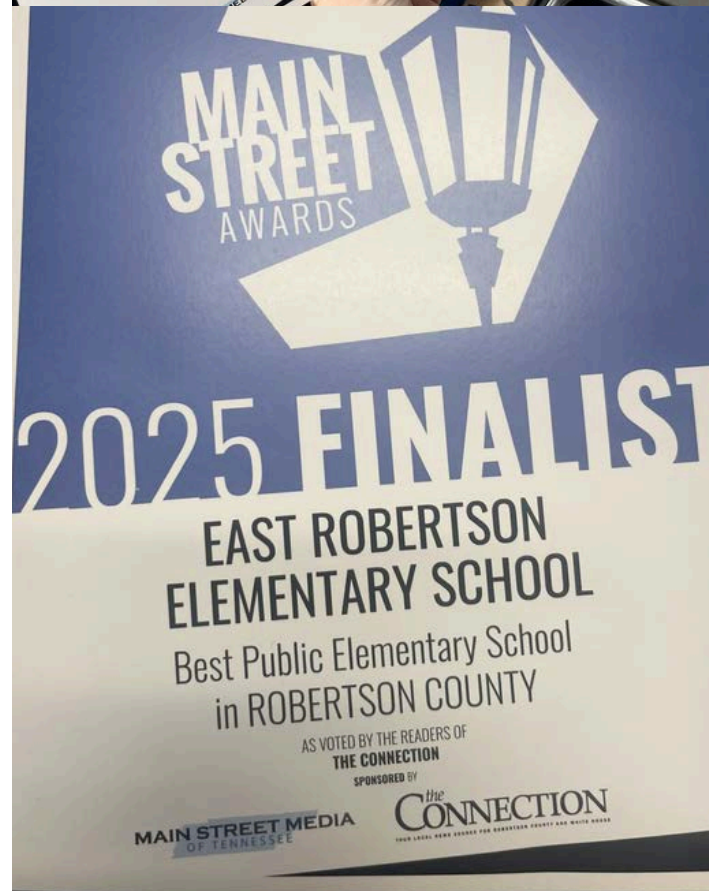
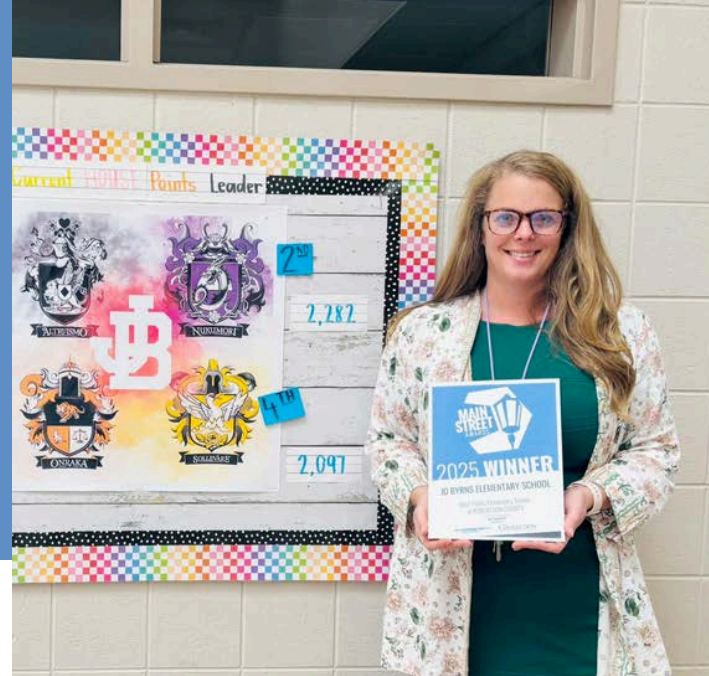
Public Middle School

- Winner: East Robertson Middle School
- Finalists: Coopertown Middle School; Jo Byrns Middle School

Teacher of the Year

- Winner: Kenya Dossett – Springfield High School
- Finalists: Megan Whittemore – Robert F. Woodall Elementary School; Ronnie Matthews Jr. – Springfield High School

We are proud of all the nominees and winners who represent Robertson County Schools with leadership and dedication!





SHS Alumni Visits Oval Office

MARINE CORPS SILENT DRILL PLATOON | SEPT. 24TH

Lance Corporal Jalen Jones (Springfield High School Class of 2023) received a special honor at the White House on September 24. Jalen, a former Springfield Yellow Jackets football player, is now a member of the elite United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon.

The Silent Drill Platoon is a 24-man unit that performs a unique exhibition drill with hand-polished M1 Garand rifles and fixed bayonets. Drills are executed entirely without verbal commands. Founded in 1948 and based at Marine Barracks Washington, the platoon is known for its precision, discipline, and ability to represent the professionalism and traditions of the Marine Corps at ceremonies across the nation and abroad.

On September 24, his platoon performed on the South Lawn of the White House for members of the President's cabinet and senior staff. Following the performance, President Trump invited the platoon into the Oval Office, where he presented each Marine with a presidential challenge coin.

Congratulations, Jalen!

Watch the performance here: [New York Post YouTube Video](#)



LANCE CORPORAL JALEN JONES
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS





ROBERTSON COUNTY SCHOOLS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!



Name: Tiana

School: CPES

I am most excited about this year because I am new; my family moved to Tennessee this summer. My favorite thing about school is my teachers because they are really nice! I love math; I just get it. My favorite hobby is singing. When I grow up, I want to be a teacher in an elementary school.

Favorite Book: Big Nate series

Favorite Subject: Math

Future Career: Elementary teacher



Name: Elliott

School: JBHS

What I like most about school is being with my friends and playing sports. I play football, basketball, baseball, and I'm part of FCA. When I'm not playing sports, I like to go hunting and fishing. When I grow up, I want to be some sort of engineer. The best part of school for me is getting to meet new friends and play sports with them.

Favorite Book: The Percy Jackson series

Favorite Subject: Math

Future Career: Engineer



Name: Antonio

School: RCPA

One of my favorite subjects is math because I enjoy working with numbers—I'm definitely a money-minded person. I've always been active in football and basketball. I'm focused on strong grades and being a leader, on/off the court. I hope to play in the NBA or a software engineer. I'm excited to grow, especially as I adjust to being new in Rob Co.

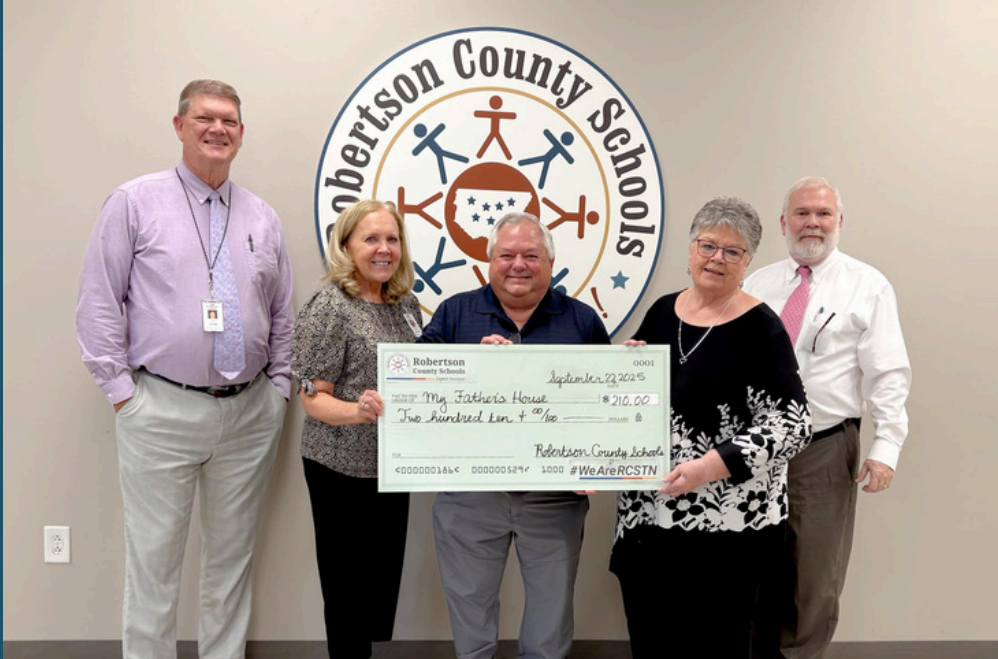
Favorite Book: Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Favorite Subject: Mathematics

Future Career: NBA Player or Software engineer



Casual With a Cause



District Staff Donates to My Father's House Organization

The Casual with a Cause program gives District Staff the opportunity to support local charities through small donations in exchange for wearing jeans on designated days. Each jeans day is connected to a charitable organization chosen by different departments, and staff contributions directly benefit those causes. It's a simple way to come together, give back, and make a meaningful impact in the community.

Through this program, District Staff recently raised \$210 for My Father's House, a faith-based organization in Springfield, Tennessee. My Father's House provides a cold weather shelter from November through February, ensuring that no one faces the winter alone. Guests receive not only a safe place to sleep, but also warm meals, encouragement, and access to resources that foster stability and purpose.

Guided by Christian values, the organization treats each individual with dignity, respect, and compassion.

Thanks to the generosity of District Staff, this donation will support My Father's House in continuing its mission of bringing warmth, shelter, and hope to those in need!

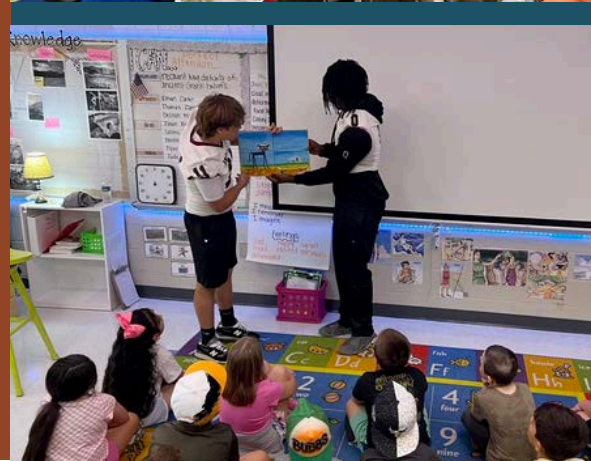
[Link to My Father's House Mission](#)



Teaming Up For Literacy

On Friday, September 6th, the ERHS football team joined East Robertson Elementary in promoting the joy of reading. Players shared stories, answered questions, and encouraged younger learners to stay curious and engaged with books. They even brought along some T-shirts to share with students as a fun surprise!

This special visit is just one example of how our district students support one another. Whether on the field, in the classroom, or in the community. Highlighting the focus on literacy in our schools.



Athletics

All Things Sports

From friendly rivalries to tournaments and competitions, our students are showing what it means to work hard and stay dedicated. Their commitment to practice, teamwork, and academics is paying off in a big way, as they balance success on the field with keeping up their grades to stay eligible.

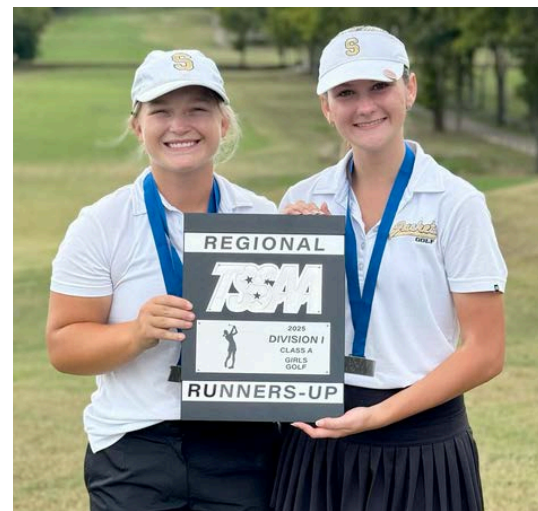
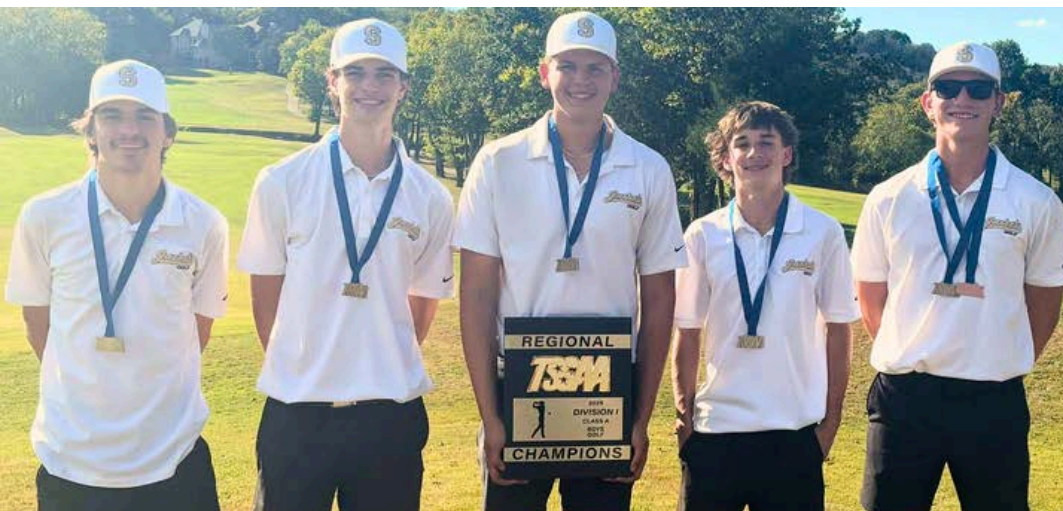
This season, our athletes have been cashing in on that hard work by bringing home trophies, medals, and plenty of proud moments for our schools and community.

Each victory is a celebration not just of individual skill, but the encouragement of our dedicated coaches and families.

We are proud to see our students representing the district with excellence, sportsmanship, and determination!



Athletics



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Homecoming Highlights



Several of our schools celebrated their homecoming traditions, bringing together students, staff, families, and the community.

From dress-up days and pep rallies to parades and football games, these events showcased their school pride.

A big thank-you goes out to our staff and community members for their support in making these celebrations such a success!







Our high school marching bands have proudly represented their schools in competitions across Middle Tennessee, earning recognition for both musical talent and teamwork. Balancing long hours of practice with their academic commitments, these students continue to demonstrate dedication and pride in their programs.

East Robertson High School Maroon Regiment

- Bandapalooza - 3rd Place in Band and Percussion in Class.
- Senior Matthew Webb placed 2nd in World's Fastest Drummer, missing first by only six strokes!



Greenbrier High School Marching Bobcats

- Station Camp Marching Invitational – 2nd Place in Class
 - Rossview Hawk Invitational – 1st Place Band in Class (twice), 2nd Place Guard in Class
 - West Creek Coyote Classic – 2nd Place Band in Class, 2nd Place Percussion in Class, 3rd Place Guard in Class
- Rossview Hawk Invitational - 1st place Band in Class, Percussion in Class, 2nd Place Guard in Class



Jo Byrns High School Marching Red Devils

- Hendersonville Golden Invitational – Spirit Award
- Trousdale County Yellowjacket Marching Invitational – 3rd Place Band, Percussion, and Drum Major in Class; Up and Coming Band Award

Springfield High School Marching Yellowjackets

- Northeast Eagle Invitational – 3rd Place Band in Class, 1st Place Percussion in Class
- Rossview Hawk Invitational – 3rd Place Band in Class, 3rd Place Guard in Class
- Trousdale County Yellowjacket Marching Invitational – 1st Place Band, Percussion, and Drum Major in Class; 2nd Place Guard in Class; 2nd Place Band, Percussion, and Guard across all classes



White House Heritage Band of Patriots

- Hendersonville Golden Invitational – 1st Place Band in Class; Best Music, Visual, Guard, and Percussion in Class; 3rd Place Band in Small Division
- Siegel Stones River Championship – 1st Place Band in Class







“
Always dream big
and know that you
can do ANYTHING
you set your mind to.
”

Robertson Co. Roots Celebrating our Alumni



Leanne Morgan

STAND-UP COMEDIAN, ACTRESS,
BEST SELLING AUTHOR

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CLASS OF 1983



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Leanne

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Photos: Leanne Morgan Facebook



This month, we are proud to feature Leanne Morgan, a 1983 graduate of Jo Byrns High School, whose humor, heart, and Southern charm have made her a beloved Stand Up Comedian, Actress, and Bestselling author.

Leanne's career spans more than 25 years, and she rose to prominence with her debut Netflix special, *I'm Every Woman*, showcasing her relatable humor and authentic storytelling. Since then, she has sold over 100,000 tickets in the first six months of her *Just Getting Started* tour, performing at iconic venues such as the Chicago Theatre and Nashville's Ryman Auditorium.

Hailing from rural Tennessee, Leanne's comedy resonates with audiences of all backgrounds, as she finds humor in everyday life and shares anecdotes about family, small-town living, and the quirks of daily life.

She recently fulfilled a lifelong dream by starring in her own Netflix sitcom and continues to expand her career with appearances alongside stars like Will Ferrell and Reese Witherspoon in the Amazon Prime film *You're Cordially Invited*, which debuted at No. 1 on the platform. Her book, *What in the World?*, published in 2024, quickly became a New York Times and Amazon bestseller.





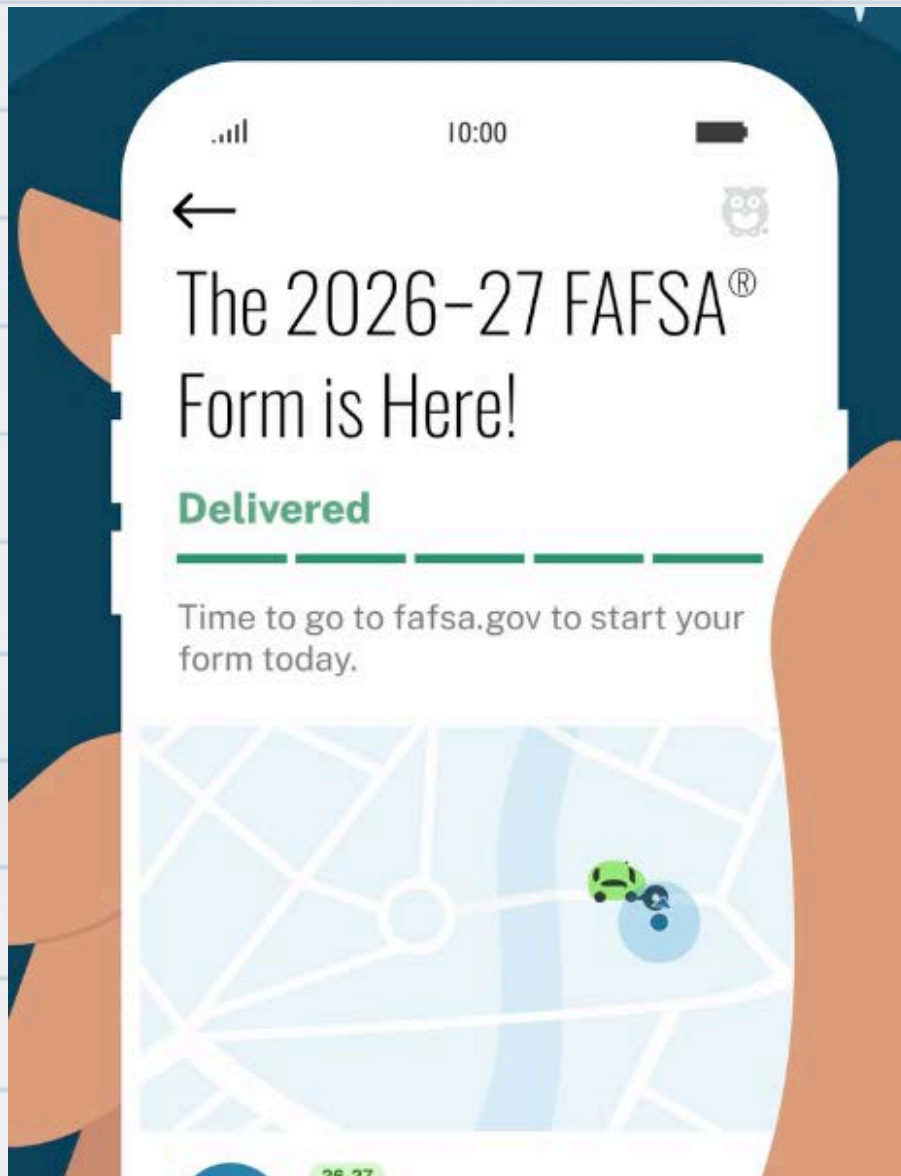
Reflecting on her time as a student in Robertson County Schools, Leanne shared with us, 'My speech and drama class in high school is one of my favorite memories. I loved doing improv. It felt like, 'Oh, this is what I'm supposed to be doing!'

So many teachers, coaches and staff had an impact on me, but particularly Mr. Bunch, the band and choir director. He always believed in me and gave me an opportunity to shine, even though I couldn't sing well. Mr. Mantooth, my history teacher, taught us about the Bell Witch and the history of Adams, TN. I was SO proud, I thought we were so special and unique. It gave me a pride that I've always carried with me, and has kept me grounded and authentic to where I'm from with the farming community and history of Adams.

I would tell current students to always be proud of this historical rural county, and stay true to who you are. Being from small town America is such a blessing because you truly understand community and what it means to take care of each other. Whoever you encounter in your life, they will be drawn to you because people love authenticity and compassion that comes with a small, tight-knit community.

Always dream big and know that you can do ANYTHING you set your mind to."

DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS



2026 - 27 FAFSA IS NOW OPEN!

The FAFSA for the 2026-2027 academic year is now available, and it's a great time to file early! Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) helps you access federal financial aid, including grants, loans, and work-study opportunities. By filing early, you maximize your chances of receiving aid, especially for limited funds like state grants or campus-based programs. Make sure to gather necessary documents, like tax returns and proof of income, to ensure a smooth application process. Filing now also gives you plenty of time to address any issues that might come up.

Don't miss out on financial support for your education!

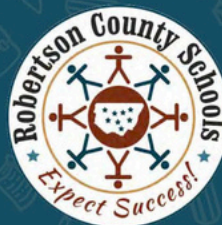
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CAREER FAIR

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2025



Opportunities for all
certified and
classified positions!

On-site Interviews
with School
Principals and
Supervisors.

APSU and iTeach
will be available to
review transcripts
for certified
candidates.

Please bring your
resume and
transcript if you are
a certified
candidate.

2:00 PM
5:00 PM

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RCSTN 2025 Career Fair

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 | 800 MS Coutts Blvd, Springfield, TN 37172 (Rob Co. BOE)
2:00pm - 5:00pm

School Administrators and Department Supervisors will be on site to conduct interviews and discuss opportunities for all certified and classified positions. APSU and iTeach will be available to review transcripts for certified candidates.

Classified departments will be in areas such as: Buildings and Grounds, Instructional Assistants, School Nutrition, Student Transportation, ESS - Substitute

Please remember to bring multiple copies of your resume and your college transcript (for certified)! We look forward to seeing you here!

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\$51,612

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\$30,000 Life Insurance
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- K-5
 - Spanish
 - 6-12 Mathematics
 - 6-12 Physical Education
 - Special Education
- *Requirements: Must hold a bachelor's degree.*

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