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MCMS Students Win Grant to Improve Dental Health

EDMONTON, Ky. (February 27, 2026) – Two Metcalfe County Middle School students have been awarded \$1,000 in grant funds to help improve dental health in our community.

Lucy Blythe and Lilly Billingsley, 7th-grade students at Metcalfe County Middle School, earned second place in the Drs. Mody Make a Difference Service Learning Competition, which is offered through The Center for Gifted Studies at WKU.

Lucy and Lilly chose February to start their project as part of National Children's Dental Health Month. They hope to raise awareness of the importance of good oral hygiene by distributing dental care kits and inviting a dentist to speak to students during a special assembly in March.

"We are extremely proud of Lucy and Lilly for undertaking this leadership project for our Gifted and Talented program," Principal Jenny Stotts-Lundy said. "Proper dental health care can be a struggle for families who live in rural communities. This grant will ensure that every student at Metcalfe County Middle School has the supplies they need to develop and maintain good dental health habits."

Drs. Bharat and Bharati Mody established The Mody Endowed Fund in Service Learning at The Center for Gifted Studies to honor their lifelong dedication to community service and to inspire high-achieving students to give back.

As award recipients, Lucy and Lilly will be required to provide a written report on the impact of their work and what they learned.

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About Metcalfe County Schools

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