

# FOCUS

## Ashland Independent Schools

### *Congratulations 2011 Graduates!*

Matthew Cecil Ackison	Benjamin Tyler Dean	Cody Lee Jolliff	Jonathon Edward Renneker
Jacob William Adams	Michael John DeJesus	Nevada Ann Jolliff	Cody Dean Revis
Taylor Jesse Raye Adams	Dylan Michael DeLaney	Amy Leigh Justice	Travis James Riedel
Devin Michael Adkins	Ian Matthew DeLaney	Brittany Storm Justice	Lindsey Nicole Roberts
Amanda Rosemary Andrews	Jacob Taylor Dixon	Alexis Kaye Kimberlain	Nicholas Lee Roberts
Alycia Danielle Armstrong	Chelsea Ann Downey	Alekzander Robert Kosakowski	Jordan Brooks Rodkey
Jennifer Ashley Austin	Randal Lee Duncan	David Harley Krueger	Trey Van Rogers
Keith Michael Belcher	William Enock Evans	Marlana Jo Layne	Tiffany Ann Rogers-Feuer
Jessica Nicole Belville	Karyn Sue Louise Fields	Samantha Kaye Layne	Shelby Morgan Rudie
Cody Lee Bentley	Kelsey Sue Francis	Jamie Eddyce Leistner	Elisabeth Mechelle Runnels
Baley Crystal Biggs	Bobbi Jo Franklin	Eric Jordan Lewis	Andrew Keith Runyon
Jere' Rashon Black	Walter Cody Franklin	Trevor Lee Lindsey	Paul Edward Rutherford
Daniel Scott Boggs	Lura Katherine Frye	David Connor Link	Emily Lauren Salyers
James Mason Boggs	Ashley Nicole Gaing	Anna Marie Lockhart	Eric Donald Sanders
Austin Wayne Bond	Rebecca Erin Gallaher	Misty Annmarie Lomax	Hunter Erin Chance Scaff
Kimberly Marie Bond	Daniel Ray Gehringer	Kelsey Daron Maddix	Michael Anthony Seagraves
Chelsey Paige Bowen	Gregory Philipp Lawerence Geremia	Alexander Matthew Marsh	Emily Morgan Senters
Katina Nichole Bowen	Tyler Morgan Gibbs	Brant Matthew Martin	Karly Dawn Senters
Hannah Kathryn Bowman	Andrea Julia Gibson	Meagan Nicole Martin	James David Shortridge
Nicholas Edward Bradley	Chelsea Louise Gober	Joseph Robert Mautz	Britney Marie Sizemore
Hunter Dane Brislin	Cassandra Maria Gonzalez	Todd Ryan May	Hannah Gail Sizemore
Monica Nicole Broughton	Cody Ryan Good	Adam Mackenzie Mayo	Trevor Cole Sizemore
Jeremiah Payton Brown	Rajual Jarrod Goodson	Lucas Montgomery Mayo	Tommy Garrett Slone
Karissa Paige Brown	Becca Elaine Griffith	Brenna Danielle McClure	Brandon Jay Smith
Courtney Nicole Camey	Miranda Shae Griffith	Jesse James McDaniel	Jillian Raechelle Smith
Brady Douglas Carmon	Estill Hobert Groves, III	Evan Blake McDavid	John Dylan Stafford
Oakley Alexandria Caskey	Sassandra Marie Grubb	Baun Elliot McKenzie	David Clayton Stapleton
Taylor Kristin Caudill	Ciara Lynn Gussler	Brittany Elaine Meek	Cassandra Marie Stepp
Billy Thomas Rudolph Certain	Michael David Haley	Robyn Jenay Milan	Bradley John Stevens
Allison Michelle Clark	Corey James Hall	Katelyn Elizabeth Miller	Brittany Nicole Stevens
Bryan Taylor Morris Clark	Megan Renee Halterman	Lauren Elizabeth Miller	Samantha Ray Stewart
Brittany Ann Clarke	Desirae Alicia Hamlin	Breanna Marie Missler	Jamal Rashaun Sudderth
Damon Reese Cochran	Courtney Danielle Hammond	Melissa Dawn Moore	Christopher Jordan Suttles
Amanda Jean Coleman	Savannah Louise Hammonds	Brooklyn Paige Murphy	Jessica Shelby Tibbs
Devon Renee Collins	Mariah Beth Haney	Kami Marie Newman	Brian Kyle Tipton
Brandon Leroy Cooley	Bronwen Christine Hankins	Tyler Michael Norkett	Nicholas Allen Tomlin
Carlotta Marie Conn	Trent Levell Hardy	Andrew Nelson Nunley	Taylor Elizabeth Torgrimson
Savannah Faye Counts	Jacob Alexander Hart	Garrett Benjamin Cody Nunley	Hannah Marie Frances Touchton
Hannah Joy Cox	Kara Lynn Hart	Matthew Christopher O'Dell	Marie Elizabeth Troxler
Cody Michael Crank	Jacob Ryan Heishman	Ashley Ann Parker	Chelsea Nicole Turner
Leslie Shane Crawford	Christopher Jordan Hinkle	Kayla Renee Parker	Blake Tyler Walter
Christina Cheyanne Crossgrove	Joshua Scott Hobson	Nikisha Salina Patel	Connor Shane Watson
Tabitha Lynn Crum	Kimberly Marie Patterson Holcomb	Aaron Scott Penick	Brandon Chance Watts
John David Edwin Cullop	Nicholas Tycho Hornbuckle	Joshua Levi Pennington	Richard Darrell Joshua Welch, III
Jeffrey Jordan Damron	Tabitha Shantae Houston	Caleb Douglas Persinger	Kyle William Wessel
Emilee Morgan Daniels	Christopher Price Hughes	Amara Brooke Porter	Morgan LeAnn Whitehead
Shane Michael Davidson	Caleb Ryan Hunt	Michael Albert Porter, Jr	Garrett Seth Williamson
Breanna Lee Davis	Morgan Renee Hunt	Joshua Robert Prater	Stephanie Michelle Wireman
Christina Chona Davis	Charles Edward Bryant Hurst	Megan Jenet Preece	Anna Elisabeth Yanik
Harley Jacob Davis	Rakesh Iyer	Samantha Lea Ramey	Jacob Doyelle Yates
Lucy Henderson Davis	Brenna Nicole Jackson	Scarlett Susan Lynn Ratterree	Taylor Pooria Yazdandoust
Rebekah Ann Davis	John Clayton Jeffers, II	Daniel Wallace Reaves	Michael Taylor Young
Trevor Allen Davis	Christopher David Johnson	David Gallagher Reaves	
Alexandra Taylor Day	Reginald James Johnson	Morgan Ashley-Marie Remmele	

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# District News

The first Dr. Loren J. Ledford Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Blazer senior, Lindsey Roberts, who will be majoring in medical imaging at Morehead State University.

She is a varsity Tomcat cheerleader and is a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, and Key Club. She is graduating with high honors and is the daughter of Jon and Brenda Roberts.



From left to right Lindsey Roberts, scholarship recipient; Jance Ledford, Dr. Ledford's mother; Bethany Ledford, his daughter, Amy Ledford, his wife; and Preston Ledford, his son.

## Character Counts

*Rose-Linda Stafford, SAFRC Coordinator*

Thanks to the Safe Schools, Healthy Students grant, we are gearing up to implement the CHARACTER COUNTS! program in the schools next year. Rose-Linda Stafford, Coordinator of the South Ashland Family Resource Center, and Krista Payne, Safe Schools, Healthy Student School social worker, attended a 3-day character development seminar in Chicago in April. They returned with some great ideas on how the Ashland Independent School District can implement the CHARACTER COUNTS! framework into our schools.

The goal of the program is to teach the Six Pillars of Character: **TRUSTWORTHINESS, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT, FAIRNESS, CARING, and CITIZENSHIP.** This program takes all of the great things we are already doing in the Ashland district and emphasizes how all of these programs are tied to creating trustworthy, responsible, respectful, fair, and caring citizens. We work everyday to make the students in each classroom academically successful, and now we will also be emphasizing the Six Pillars and focus on making them good citizens! Remember: CHARACTER COUNTS!



Kindergarteners at Crabbe in Ms. Conley's and Ms. Walters' classes have been studying about farms. During this study they were lucky enough to hatch 16 lively chicks! What a great way to learn about life cycles first hand!

## Food That's in When School Is Out!

*Clara Stapleton, Child Nutrition Office*



As another school year comes to a close, the child nutrition office would like to remind all of our students' families, friends, neighbors, and possible visitors to our area over the summer that our district is sponsoring the *"Summer Food Service Program"* again this year. The main "Serve Site" is located at Crabbe Elementary School, 520-17<sup>th</sup> St., Ashland, KY 41101. The first day for this program will be June 6, 2011, and will go through August 12, 2011. Breakfast will begin at 8:00 a.m. and be served until 9:00 a.m. Lunch will begin at 11:00 a.m. and be served until 1:00 p.m. This program is for ALL children 18 years of age and under, regardless of income and residency. It is FREE! So if you and your children are around the Central Park and the Boyd County Library for some summer fun, stop in at Crabbe, and the child will enjoy a free meal. (Meals for adults are available but a charge does apply.) **"Summer Food Service Program" – "Food that's in when school is out!"**

Another service this program provides is that other organizations and groups in our area may also become a "Serve Site" (VBS, Neighborhood Groups, and Day Camps).

Looking ahead to the new 2011 – 2012 school year, the Child Nutrition Service Office would like to remind parents and guardians to file a new household application for the free and reduced-priced meal program. Applications must be completed each school year. Only one application needs to be completed for all children in the same household. Just list each child by his/her name and what school he/she attends.

If you should have *any questions*, please call our office and we will be happy to assist you. (606)-327-2706 ext. 2743

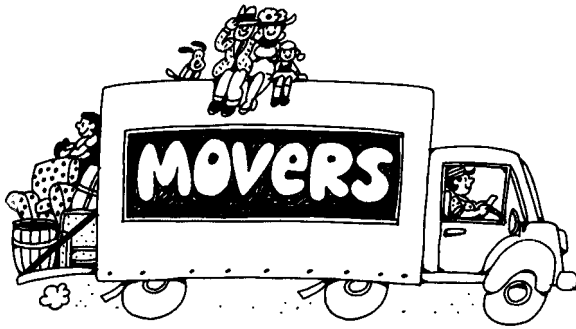
## It's Cool to Go to School

*Dr. Patsy Lindsey, Director of Pupil Personnel*



Julia Heaberlin (left), a junior, and Carlyle Clark (right), a freshman, have 20 years combined perfect attendance. Neither girl has ever missed a day of school since kindergarten. Both girls are honor students maintaining high GPA's and are actively involved in extracurricular activities.

# Ashland Head Start



## ASHLAND PRESCHOOL ON THE MOVE

The Ashland blended preschool program will be moving  
from the 29<sup>th</sup> Street location to  
1820 Hickman St. (formerly Hatcher Elem.)

Applications for the 2011-12 school year are available  
at the present location, behind Poage Elementary,  
Monday through Friday from 8:00-3:00, until June 10<sup>th</sup>.

During the summer the office will be open on  
Wednesdays from 9:00-noon.

For information call 327-2715



# Crabbe Elementary School

## Crabbe Cave Divers

The second and third grades had a great trip to Carter Caves. They explored two caves: the X Cave and Cascade Cave. The students learned about stalactites and stalagmites, along with learning about the creation of caves and cave life.

## D.C. Trip a Success

The Crabbe Safety Patrol members took part in the annual trip to Washington D. C. during the period of May 11-15. There were twenty-four fifth and sixth grade members that took part in this great educational experience. The students and their chaperones left on Wednesday morning, May 11 at 6:00 a. m. Their first visit was to Thomas Jefferson's home, Monticello. On Thursday, May 12, their tours included a trip to the U. S. Capital building where they had their picture taken with Congressman Geoff Davis, walked around the outer perimeter of the White House, visited the Washington Cathedral, and then had afternoon trips to the Lincoln Memorial and the various war memorials. After lunch, they visited the Pentagon Memorial, U. S. Air Force Memorial, and the Policeman's Memorial. On Friday, May 13, they toured the FDR Memorial, National Archives, and Mount Vernon (George Washington's home). They also toured Gravelly Point, which many of the students said was very impressive. On Saturday, May 14, after packing and eating breakfast, they visited the Iwo Jima Memorial and the Arlington Cemetery. After lunch, the patrol students toured the American History Museum, Natural History Museum, and the National Air and Space Museum.



## Fifth Grade Learns About U.S. History

Mrs. Compner's students have been busy studying U.S. Symbols. Students who made the trip to Washington, D.C. had the opportunity to experience many of the fantastic monuments and memorials that represent our country and its ideals, firsthand. Students who stayed in town read about, studied, and completed various reading, math, social studies and science activities related to D.C. and the symbols of our democracy. The last six days of school, students will be studying WWII and reading the book *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*. The hope is that prior to the Memorial Day weekend they will appreciate the tremendous sacrifices our soldiers make protecting our country. In addition to their studies, students will have the opportunity to write thank you letters to soldiers stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

## Spelling Bee-easy

The 3rd Annual Crabbe PTO Spelling Bee was held at Crabbe on May 23. Participants were Kylie Pack, Logan Wells, Allison King, Jada Ward, Anistyn Connor, Payton Scott, Brittany Highley, Alexis Ball, Abbey Stambaugh, Payton Ratliff, and Cody Blevins. Alexis Ball was the runner-up, and Payton Scott was the winner. We are proud of these great spellers!

## Fourth Graders Have Survived the 2011 Spring Testing season!

Students are anxious for the end of the year but are still learning and enjoying a variety of educational activities such as the school-wide COSI program, Kentucky Derby Museum visit, Nutrition Olympics, 4th grade talent show, track and field day, and the school spelling bee. The 4th graders learned quite a bit prior to the KY Derby Museum visit. Ronnie, the Derby representative, mentioned Crabbe 4th graders in his daily blog! Students designed and created Derby hats, tasted student-friendly Derby pie and mint juleps, participated in Derby Jeopardy, and created "silks" in addition to a culminating KY history test surrounding the economic, cultural, and historical importance of the KY Derby. Fourth grade spelling bee participants include: Payton Scott and Austin Swethomas (alternate) and Brittany Highley and Katlyn Hall (alternate).

## By Golly By Gum

In Mrs. Suman's third grade class, if you thought you saw bubbles being blown, you were seeing correctly. The students wrote a hypothesis about this question: What happens to the mass of gum after it has been chewed for ten minutes? Next the groups weighed 5 different types of bubble gum and recorded the grams it weighed before chewing it. Then the fun began, and they chewed the gum and blew many bubbles. After 10 minutes they weighed it again and wow what a loss of grams! They came to the conclusion that gum is made up of mostly sweeteners and flavorings! This was an interesting way to collect and record data!

## Professional Learning Communities Making a Difference at Crabbe

Mrs. Scott, Crabbe Instructional coach, is proud of the work that K-6 teachers have done this year during their professional learning communities. Each grade-level set a SMART goal for each 9 weeks and met each week to plan lessons, learning centers, common assessments, look at test data, and share student work. Our SMART goals are specific, measurable, attainable, results-oriented, and time-bound. We work hard to see that we meet our goals, and we strive for clear data on our progress.

## Sixth Grade International Week

The Crabbe Elementary School sixth grade students experienced international week last month. This involved some individuals from different countries visiting the classrooms and sharing information about their different cultures. It was a very enlightening experience to hear these speakers talk about their lives and showing some visual materials that really helped get their point across to the students. The students created passports and wrote down information in each section that showed what they learned about each country. They also had an afternoon meal of various types of cuisine. I want to thank the following individuals : (Bhavana Tailor--India), (Cheng Chen--China), (Oksana Kinner---Russia), (Monique Lane--France), (Gudrun Schlenz--Germany), (Marra Parra--Chile), (Geysa Wilhere---Brazil). These were individuals truly loved their respective countries.

# Hager Elementary School



The Hager STLP traveled to Rupp Arena on May 13th to compete in the STLP State Championships. Hager presented a showcase on 21st Century Family Fitness and celebrated a top ten finish!

In February, Emily Martin competed in "A Night at the Apollo" where she played the piano and sang "Imagine." Emily won first place and received a \$75 check. This event took place at Ashland Community and Technical College.

Hager would like to congratulate third-grader Justin Bradley on finishing 8th at the National Elks Hoop Shoot! Good job, Justin!

Hager first graders have done an outstanding job earning AR points this year! Congratulations to Ms. Halleck and Mrs. Kennedy's classes for earning 1000 AR points each!

Mrs. Plummer's class "Down On The Farm" program included traditional songs such as "The Farmer in the Dell" and "B-I-N-G-O," along with some unusual songs such as "Chicken Lay a Little Egg" and "Old McDonald Had a Band." Students also performed a play based on the book Mrs. Wishy Washy. Mrs. Williams created a beautiful Power Point presentation, and refreshments were served. A wonderful time was had by all in attendance.



Mrs. Coleman's students and parents went on a Luau! Parents enjoyed watching wonderful memories through Power Point, and students sang songs. Family members then got together at the "beach" to enjoy reading to their child and listening to their child read to them! Lastly, refreshments were served and wonderful memories were made.

First grade at Hager Elementary has had an exciting month. They have been studying life cycles in science. They have had the opportunity to watch caterpillars turn into beautiful butterflies, tadpoles beginning to turn into frogs, and eggs hatch into chicks and ducklings. First grade has also been hard at work reading. They worked extremely hard to earn over 2000 AR points to reach their goals.

Second grade students at Hager visited the science planetarium at Morehead State University. Students viewed the program, *Sun, Moon, and Stars*. Students also viewed constellations on the dome screen. Follow-up activities included writing poetry about the sun and informational reading.

Third grade students at Hager are finishing feature articles on biographies and national parks. As a culminating activity, students in both classes will create Power Point about their topic and share them with the other class.

Students in the fourth grade completed Kentucky History Projects where they constructed something representing our great state from both past and present. Some of the projects included log cabins, scrapbooks of famous Kentuckians, historical landmarks, salt maps of our regions, and highlights of the Kentucky Derby. Our students did a great job and enjoyed sharing with their classmates.



Miss Holbrook and Mrs. Keener's fifth grade classes participated in Kings Island's Math and Science day on May 6. Each group was able to enjoy a day full of fun and learning. COSI was at the park and allowed the students to participate in many science experiments. Each group also calculated roller coaster equations that involved per hour riders, calculations of costs, and track set up. This was a day they will always remember!

The sixth grade students have been working hard on their feature articles. Students were given a mammal to research and create an animal fact card. Students will take the information that they have learned about their mammal and create a Power Point presentation for the class.

# Oakview Elementary School

Third graders in Mrs. Ross's class explored energy and electricity in their science class in May. They built their own switches to light-up bulbs, using everyday household items such as thumbtacks, paper clips, corks, batteries, and bulbs. This is a picture of a student as he turned on the switch!



Second Grade's "EGGS-tremely" "EGGS-ceptional" "EGGS-travaganza". Oakview second graders celebrated spring with some "eggs-tra" special activities. After reading Rechenka's Eggs by

Patricia Polacco, students were given a fun "at home" assignment to do. Each student was asked to blowout an egg and then to decorate it in any way they would like! Everyone then brought his/her "egg-hibits" to school to share. Students were also invited to pack a raw egg in a packaging creation of their own for an egg drop! This part of the "eggs-periment" was to be completed at home with a family member. The students brought their creations to



school for a drop from the Ashland Fire Department's ladder truck! After the "eggs-plosive" drop, students "egg-amed" and compared to see which egg survived. They also discussed the interesting variety of packaging techniques. Students also participated in an old-fashioned egg hunt. An "eggs-traordinarily," "egg-citing" time was had by all of the "egg-ceedingly" "eggs-uberant" students! The students have now "eggs-hausted" their "egg-head" activities for this spring!



The second graders of Oakview Elementary School have spent this school year hard at work under the guidance of computer teacher Mrs. Pam Bowling. These students have worked hard to perfect their typing skills and improve their speed and accuracy. All of the second grade students are typing at least 10 words per minute with many exceeding this

number. Mrs. Bowling rewarded her students for a year of hard work and dedication by allowing them to celebrate with making computer cupcakes and literally putting the icing on the cake, or cupcake in this case, for a great first school year!

Oakview Elementary competed in District Governor's Cup Competition at Hager Elementary. In the science written assessment, Connor Hutchison placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Caleb Castle placed 4<sup>th</sup>. In language arts, Ingam Acha placed 1<sup>st</sup>, Spencer Lett placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Wren Jenkins placed 5<sup>th</sup>. In math, Connor Hutchison placed 4<sup>th</sup>, and Caleb Castle placed 5<sup>th</sup>. In social studies, Lydia O'Nan placed 1<sup>st</sup>, Evan Billips placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Kade Dye placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. In arts and humanities, Ashby Johnson tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place, and Wren Jenkins tied for 4<sup>th</sup> place. In composition writing, Ashby Johnson placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, Maddison Ellis placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Julie Clere placed 4<sup>th</sup>. Oakview's future problem solving team placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. The students on that team were Mykayla Akers, Maddie Reihs, Kade Dye, and Maddison Ellis. Oakview's Quick Recall team placed 1<sup>st</sup>. Members of the quick recall team were: Connor Hutchison, Ingam Acha, Wren Jenkins, Spencer Lett, Mykayla Akers, and Justin Lucas. Overall, Oakview won the district championship with 58 team points. All of these students advanced to regional competition.

Regional Competition was held at Oakview Elementary on 19<sup>th</sup>. In language arts, Ingam Acha placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Spencer Lett and Wren Jenkins tied for 5<sup>th</sup>. In composition, Ashby Johnson won 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In arts and humanities, Wren Jenkins tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place. Oakview Elementary won 1<sup>st</sup> place in quick recall. The members of that team were Wren Jenkins, Connor Hutchison, Ingam Acha, Spencer Lett, Mykayla Akers, Justin Lucas, and Zoe Ingram. Oakview won second place overall with 20.16 points. Congratulations to all the winners, and a huge thank you to all the parents, teachers, and staff that made the regional competition so wonderful!

Students at Oakview have once again taken on their annual service project of collecting items for our local animal shelter in honor of National Pet Month in May for the twelfth year in a row! Students busily collected a variety of items: both new and "loved". The collections included newspapers, sheets, towels, food, treats, toys, shampoo, brushes - anything that the animals could possibly use. All of the students also decorated paper grocery bags from Foodfair, one of our Partners in Education. The grocery bags were decorated with artwork about pets as well as reminders about Pet Month, visiting our local shelter to adopt a pet, and responsible pet ownership. Oakview students believe that pets play a very important role in our lives and encourage everyone to be a responsible pet partner! Why not visit the shelter and bring home a new addition to your family?



AND THEY'RE OFF! Second grade classes participated in the 7th Annual Derby Festivities by spending time studying one of Kentucky's oldest traditions, the Kentucky Derby! Students learned

about Kentucky, the derby, horses, derby hats, and more.



# Poage Elementary School

## Kindergarten-McLain & Moore



Kindergarten students have been very busy learning about butterflies and moths. They are finding out which animals you will find on a farm. They have learned that we depend on farms for many different products. They are also reading sight words, books, and are adding and subtracting. The day before the

KY Derby, they had their own "stick horse" races and ate Derby pie. It has been an amazing year!

## Third Grade

Third graders are working in design teams to create a themed bedroom makeover. They are using current catalogs and on-line resources to stay within a budget. Once the designs are complete, they will present them to the class via PowerPoint, Excel budget outline, and a blue print drawing. Then students will vote on the best design.



## First Grade-Cooper

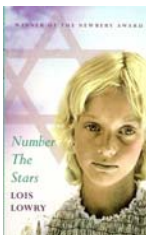


Mrs. Cooper's first grade class made weekly deposits into their personal savings accounts this year as they learned about economics and counting money. They took a trip to DESCO Federal Credit Union to see just where their money has been going all year! While they were there, they took a tour of the facilities. They

went inside the safe, saw the safety deposit boxes, discovered how those boxes actually fly back and forth through those magical tubes in the drive through, saw the inside of the ATM machine, and the most important part...withdrew some or all of their money from their savings accounts!

## Fourth Grade

As a culminating activity to reading the book Number the Stars, the 4th grade class at Poage visited the Kentucky Highland's Museum where they saw World War II artifacts, including Hitler's own phone, a replica of The Boyd County Wall of Honor, and actual guns and uniforms of servicemen that fought during this time.



The students also got the opportunity to learn about our local history and what life was like in Ashland long before they were born.

## Second Grade

Second grade students are doing a great job with multiplication. They really enjoy Read It, Draw It, Solve It activities. They have mastered the concept of relating multiplication to addition and working in cooperative groups to complete the tasks. We are reading and writing poetry in preparation for our fourth annual poetry picnic. The students will read a poem that they have written and one written by someone else while enjoying lunch outside.



## First Grade-Norris

Ms. Norris's first grade class has been studying fairy tales. The students have learned characteristics of fairy tales and practiced identifying the characters, setting, problem, and solution. They wrote

summaries of fairy tales and even designed their very own castle. To go along with our fairy tale unit, the class presented a reader's theatre. Reader's theatres are a lot like plays except students can read their lines rather than memorize them to help with their reading fluency. Half of the class performed "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" while the other half did "The Three Little Pigs." I think I see some drama classes in their future!

## Sixth Grade

After completing their D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program, the students enjoyed pizza, games, character building and fun at Gattiland in Ashland. D.A.R.E. is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches students how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence free lives.



## Fifth Grade

5th grade students at Poage have been studying flight, birds, and are beginning their unit on space. They built kites and practiced the principles of Bernoulli with their kindergarten, criss-cross partners. They watched the chicks hatch and dissected owl pellets. They will be learning about the space program and will build rockets, using math skills.

# Charles Russell Elementary School

**District Governor's Cup Results**-At Hager on Feb. 26, Charles Russell's Academic Team finished 2nd place overall with 35.5 points. Individual winners were: Zach Stafford-1st & Robbie Francis-3rd/Math; Zach Greene-5th/Social Studies; Kaitlyn Lee-2nd & Zach Stafford-4th/Language Arts; Hattie Killin-4th/Arts &



Humanities; Olivia Allen-1st & Hattie Killin-5th/Composition; team event winners were: Blaine Collins, Maddy Greene, Zach Greene, & Chloe VanHorn-1st/Future Problem Solving; Blaine Collins, Abby Crites, Emma Leigh Forbes, Chase Goodrich, Jake Damron,

Maddy Greene, Joe Sewell, Zach Greene, Robbie Francis, & Zach Stafford-2nd/Quick Recall. **Regional Governor's Cup Results**-At Oakview on March 19, Charles Russell's Academic Team was the recipient of the Hume Good Sportsmanship Award and earned 4th place for Quick Recall, Zach Stafford-2nd and Robbie Francis-4th in Math. Great job, everybody!

**Design-an-Ad Winners**-The 5th grade classes under the direction of Mrs. Reinhard participated in the *Daily Independent's* annual Design-an-Ad contest. Congratulations to Alannah Molenda for winning the Advertiser's Choice Award and Jakob Williams for honorable mention.

**Healthy Lifestyles**-This spring at CRS, an emphasis has been placed on living a healthy lifestyle. In March the school was visited by COSI on Wheels and the Boyd County Health Department's Tobacco Free Academy. COSI included activities on how the body works and how to keep it healthy while the Tobacco Free Academy explained the effects from using tobacco. Article submitted by Abby Crites & Cody Blevins.



**Don't Feed the Bears**-Friday, March 18, Sergeant Grayson, Officer Kennard, and Buck the dog with the Kentucky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife came to CRS to talk to 1st and 2nd graders about wildlife safety. They

brought a real black bear (stuffed), bear skeletons, bear paw prints, and bear poo. Buck showed how he finds dead animals shot without permission. Article submitted by Lauren Spears



**Fairy Tales**-The first grade classes celebrated Fairy Tale Day on May 6 by dressing as their favorite fairy tale character. Even the adults joined in the fun.



**Paramount Bully Show**-The PAC produced a Bully Show set up like a game show to show the students at CRS different things about bullying. The host named Joanna asked questions of the student contestants about bullying. Joanna bullied the contestants and her assistant, Kaytlin. At the end of the show, Joanna and Kaytlin pretended to get into a big fight, and the contestants had to go back to their seats. Article submitted by Shalayna Rice

**Skyping**-On March 25, the 4th grade students used Skype to talk with a poet named Kenn Nesbitt. He lives in the state of Washington. He talked about how easy and fun it is to learn to write poetry. He told the students about his Pug dog named Jesse and read some of his poems from his books. At the end almost every student had a question to ask him. This was part of their poetry studies in library class. Article submitted by Jaden Stevens

**River Works**-On April 12, the students of CRS were taught about the Ohio River with the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. She showed us how animals can get hurt from garbage in the river by giving us a rubber band to put on our hand and act like its a baby goose. We made a pretty colored bracelet. It was fun watching her and learning about her work with the river. Article submitted by Carrina Hensley

**Scenes from STLP State In Lexington on May 13**



# Verity Middle School

Verity's Girls' Soccer Team finished the year 7-3-1 and placed second in its conference. The team had 30 players this season. Ashland elementary 6th graders were allowed to play this season which helped account for the number of girls who participated. Congratulations on a great season!



Verity's Girls' 2011 Soccer Team

Verity has been named a Silver Level School and a Gold Level School by the MATHCOUNTS club program. To achieve silver level, students completed at least 5 of the 6 math challenges. To achieve gold level, a minimum of 12 out of 20 students had to score 80% or better on the Ultimate Math Challenge. The following had a score of 80% or better: Cameron Garner, Zach Hall, Autumn Hoffman, Doug Mollett, Jason Zheng, Kaitlyn Stevens, Andrew Preece, Alex Lebrun, Jordan Griffith, Joshua Conley, Rex Gonzales, Tierra Carlisle, Megan Griffith, Kaitlinn Hardesty, Peter Jenkins, Noah Kramer, Chase Mantle, Nick Miller, Ragan Neill, Brandon Norrod, Haley Pierce, Jacob Porter, Tucker Schweickart, Tyler Sutton, Kyle Tussey, and Aidan Young.

Several band students participated in the annual KMEA Solo & Ensemble Festival recently. Here is a breakdown of the students' ratings: Distinguished Rating: Joy Kountz-Flute Solo, Josh Lumpkins-Saxophone Solo, Brass Trio: Zach Hall- Horn, Shelby Street- Horn, Conor Justice- Tuba, McKenna Hill-Trombone Solo, Nevin Kirk-Baritone Solo Proficient Rating: Taylor Donahoe-Saxophone Solo, David Kestner-Saxophone Solo, Trumpet Trio: Kamaryn Gose, Laura Barker, Kyle Mason, Laura Barker-Baritone Solo.



Mr. Chaffin's "Patriot Writing Class" published a collection of short stories titled Imagination Creations. The students had a successful book signing at the Ashland Town Center Mall.

Students in Mrs. Peterman's 8th grade Math classes participated in the Cranes for Kids Program through OshKosh B'Gosh. Students made paper cranes and sent them to the OshKosh company. For each crane, OshKosh will donate a clothing item to children in Japan affected by the earthquake and tsunami. In addition, the cranes will be sent to OshKosh stores in Japan to help show our support. In Japanese culture, cranes are a symbol of health and well wishes. Our cranes, along with a healthy dose of good wishes, are well on their way to Japan!



The Verity Middle School golf team finished the season in the top four of the Tri-State Middle School Golf Association. The Patriot sluggers finished fourth at the tournament held at Hidden Cove Golf Course at Grayson Lake State Park. A mere 10 strokes separated the top team from the Patriots. Patriot golfers included: Kenner Bailey, Tate Justus, Logan Jones, Brandon Caines, Tristan Conrad, Zach Hall, Ethan Baer, Andrew Preece, Tyler Ellis, Madison Davis, Ciera McDowell, Katyln Spinda, Tristan Hazlett, Brady Keeran, and Selena Miller.



Verity's STLP took Rupp Arena by storm at the recent State Championships. Marshall Heath placed first in programming, Stevee Bradley placed second in networking, and the team of Rachel Gould and Geoffrey Bennett placed second in bench repair.

The Ashland Youth Services Center's Readifest will be held Wednesday, August 10th. The event is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Verity MS Auditorium. Free back-to-school supplies and clothing will be available for Verity and Blazer students. Resource information for the whole family will be available also. Please contact the Ashland Youth Services Center at 327-2794 for more information.

# Paul Blazer High School

## Future Business Leaders of America



The following students from Paul G Blazer High School won awards at the Region 5 FBLA conference at Morehead State University on Thursday, March 10, 2011. These students competed in the State Conference April 12-14 in Louisville.

- 1st Place Emily Salyer—Business Calculations
- Jacob Heishman—Marketing
- Hannah Touchton—Job Interview
- 2nd Place India Buriss—Accounting II
- Michael Lemon and Stewart Rolan—Banking and Financial Systems
- Craig Alexander—Business Math
- Jacob Adams and Tyler Gibbs—Business Presentation
- Rachel Jarvis—Public Speaking II
- Molly Elam—Hospitality Management
- Michael Porter—Mr. Future Business Leader
- 3rd Place Parker Touchton—Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure
- Who's Who in FBLA – Andrea Bellew and Michael Porter
- Andrea Bellew was re-elected Region 5 President, and Craig Alexander was elected Region 5 Treasurer.

Blazer Art Department has had a busy and successful spring full of competitions. In March, students participated in the Morehead Regional Art Show. Ben Dean, (senior, Spade's class) won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the video category and went on to win 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the All-State Art Show at Dixie Heights. Another photographic work of Ben's placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Brooklyn Murphy, (senior Chapman's and Spade's class) placed 1<sup>st</sup> in digital photography. Jacob Adams (senior, Spade's class) placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in digital photography. Maddie Fosson (sophomore, Spade's class) placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in fashion design and Michael Foraker and Andrea Bellew (juniors, Chapman's class) and Chris Hughes (senior, Spade's class) received honorable mentions respectively.

Also in March, three of Mrs. Spade's art students were accepted into the Ohio University Southern juried art exhibition: Mason Boggs (senior), Sara Crumpton (junior), and Benjamin Dean (senior). Mason won an honorable mention with his mechanical giraffe. Benjamin Dean won a scholarship to Ohio University Southern with his photography in this competition. Mason Boggs was honorable mention at OU Southern, and Ben Dean won a scholarship at OU Southern.

In April, two of Mrs. Spade's art students won Awards of Excellence in the Huntington Museum of Art High School Portfolio Exhibition: Seniors Mason Boggs and Jacob Adams represented Blazer well in this show.

Senior Brooklyn Murphy received a first place ribbon at the Morehead Art Show

JROTC heads to summer camp in Lexington (UK). Twelve students will be attending May 28-June 1.

Congratulations to Blazer choir members on their results at the KMEA Large Ensemble Assessment Festival on April 14 in Mt. Sterling, KY. Blazer Girls Chorus received "Proficient," and Blazer's Concert Choir and Chamber Singers received "Distinguished."

We are proud to announce that Blazing Arrows archery team competed at nationals on Friday, May 13. They scored their highest team score ever of 3191. This placed our team in the top 50% of the best high schools in the nation. This amazing first year was made possible by the incredible support of Mr. Derek Runyon, Mr. Steve Gilmore, and Mrs. Lisa Henson. We extend our sincere appreciation for everyone's support and belief in our team.

The following students achieved high marks at the KMEA Vocal Solo and Ensemble Assessment on Saturday, April 16 in Morehead, KY. The music department is proud of these students for all the extra time and effort they put into each performance.

- Caitlin Brown, distinguished solo
- Caitlin Brown and Alex Cassady, distinguished duet
- Alex Lewis, distinguished solo
- Kyara Garrett, distinguished solo
- Alexis Abb, distinguished solo
- Katlyn Hunt, distinguished solo
- Karissa Brown, distinguished solo
- Savannah Blevins and Emily Cassity, distinguished duet
- Jessalyn Huff and Kelsey West, distinguished duet
- Emily Cassity, Savannah Blevins, Jessalyn Huff, distinguished trio
- Kelsey West, Jessalyn Huff, Savannah Blevins, and Emily Cassity, distinguished quartet
- Destinee Mills, proficient solo
- Sarah White and Destinee Mills, proficient duet
- Tish Murphy, proficient solo
- Scarlett Allen, proficient solo
- Pam Cox, proficient solo
- Meagan Martin, proficient solo
- Brittany Hensley and Pam Cox, proficient duet

# District News

## STLP State Championships

*Cary Williams, Director of Instructional Technology*

On Friday, May 13, students from the Ashland Independent School District competed against more than 3500 students representing 97 school districts across Kentucky in the Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) State Championships. Even though the competition was tough, many students from the Ashland schools made their way across the award's stage at Rupp Arena in Lexington.

Through STLP, students have the opportunity to impact their school and community through a variety of technology-based projects. The state championships provides students with an outlet to showcase their projects and demonstrate their individual technology talent.

This year two of our schools, Hager Elementary and Oakview Elementary, were recognized as the best in the state for the impact they have had in their communities in promoting family fitness and raising money for the fight against breast cancer. In addition, Jamie Leistner received the prestigious Mary Grace Jaeger Award for her exemplary service in STLP.

All of our schools have much to be proud of for a job well done at the STLP State Championships.



### Showcase

- **Best in State, Top 10**, "21st Century Family Fitness," Ashby Foutch, Ty Duckwyler, Katelyn Ferguson, Sydni Pierce—Hager
- **Best in State, Top 10**, "Tailgate with the Tomcat," Kade Dye, Lydia O'Nan, Mykayla Akers, Maddie Reihls—Oakview
- **Best in Region, Top 60**, "Oakview Printing Services," Connor Hutchison, Chase Villers, Carter Caron, Spencer Lett—Oakview

- "Tall Tale Theatre," Blaine Collins, Chase Goodrich, Makenzie Lucas, Bentley Meade, Zach Stafford—Charles Russell
- "Native American Burial Grounds," Kata Crizer, Brooklyn Moore, Payton Scott, Spencer Wills, Savannah Thomas, Nikki Doss—Crabbe
- "Equestrian Games," Rece Ryan, Wren Jenkins, Mary Thornburg, Ben Fazenbaker—Oakview
- "Gettin' Green with GreenSchool," Alexis Smyser, Kailee Mills, Caleb Keelin, Zach Hinderliter—Poage
- "Poage Paparazzi," Connor Crace, Daniel Heaberlin, Dylan Boyle, Luke Hinderliter—Poage
- "Trout is ALUREing," Derrek Baer, Jacob Duncil, Adrianna Johnson, Chloe Whitlock—Poage
- "Apps For I-Phones," Geoffrey Bennett, Morgan Scherer, Marshall Heath, Anna Marie O'Dell—Verity
- "Technology Reality Check," Chelsea Gober, Harley Davis, Ben Dean, Emily Salyers, Jamie Leistner, Kim Bond—Blazer

### KySTE Mary Grace Jaeger Scholarship Award

- Jamie Leistner—Blazer

### Bench Challenge

- **First Place**, Geoffrey Bennett—Verity
- **Second Place**, Rachael Gould—Verity

### CYBER REPORTERS

- Rachel Gould—Verity
- Carrina Hensley—Charles Russell
- Cassandra Holbrook—Charles Russell

### Designing for Gaming

- **First Place**, "Body Bugs," Breck Oppenheimer, Sydney Jackson, Harlea Blevins—Charles Russell

### Digital Music

- **First Place**, Jacob Yates—Blazer

### Engineers

- Jamie Leistner—Blazer

### Enterasys Networking

- **Second Place**, Stevee Bradley—Verity

### STLP Champion

- Mrs. Cynde Elkins—Charles Russell
- Ms. Shelia Meade—Charles Russell

### STLP Outstanding Student

- Blaine Collins—Charles Russell
- Makenzie Lucas—Charles Russell

### ThinkQuest

- **First Place**, "Obesity Weight Awareness Project," Ema-Leigh Forbes, William Zheng, Tyler Williams, Ivy Hobbs, Madalon Burnside, Madelyn Hamilton — Charles Russell
- **First Place**, "CyberBullying Stoppers Kids," Shalayna Rice, Maddy Greene, Braedon Ward, Preston Ledford, Russell Rogers, and Olivia Allen—Charles Russell

### UK Programming

- **First Place**, Nathan Lively—Verity



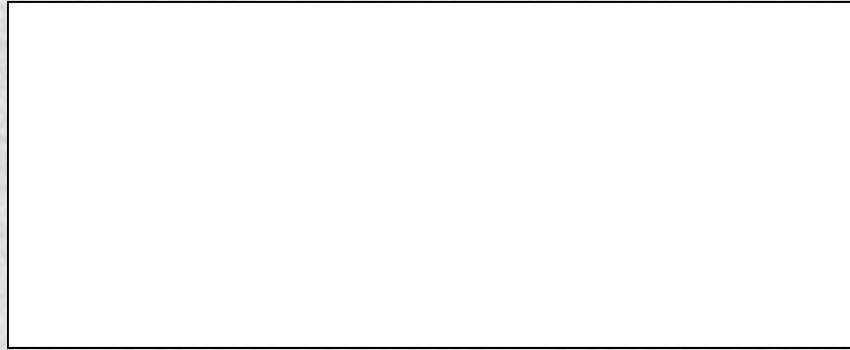


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*Crabbe students standing in front of the Jefferson Memorial.*

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