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 ** *Magna Cum Laude*
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Ashland Head Start



Ms. Carr's class celebrated Mother's Day with our families this past week. Mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and cousins joined us to make a craft and enjoy refreshments! It is always exciting when our families join us at Head Start! As we finish the 2016-2017 school year, I want to thank our families for their tremendous involvement in our classroom!

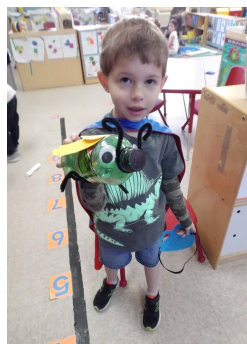
Mrs. Fletcher's class wrapped up a wonderful year with a Kindergarten Readiness Unit. We discussed what the kids would need to know to get along with their new friends. One of the main things we discussed was sharing. We read a personal favorite, *Rainbow Fish*. The kids loved the story and talked about how it made them feel when we shared something with someone else.

We then worked together, taking turns putting together our big *Rainbow Fish* puzzle. I enjoyed working with each and every one of my students. It will be sad to see them move on, but I know each one of them will do great things. I hope they will stop by and visit!



In Mrs. Knipp's class as the school year is coming to a close, we are reviewing our letters and numbers that we learned this year. My students have made so much progress, and I am so proud of each of them! We are doing some end of the year activities and practicing our graduation songs. I am pleased to see how much my students have grown this year.

Mrs. McDowell's class had a wonderful Easter Egg hunt with the Builder's Club at Ashland Middle School. The class finished their insect study. The students learned about the body parts of an insect, as well as the lifecycle of a ladybug and butterfly. The parents and students "made" insects together for a parent involvement project. Mothers came in to celebrate Memories with Mom.



Mrs. Steele's class has enjoyed talking about spring and watching all of the changes that take place in nature during this time of the year. Since Spring Break we have been learning

about insects. We have taken a nature walk around our building and had a nature scavenger hunt. We enjoyed having the Builder's Club from Ashland Middle School come and do Easter activities with us and an Easter egg hunt. We also have enjoyed having Donuts with Dad in April and celebrating our mothers in May.



Closing remarks from Mrs. Whitehead and Mrs. Melissa:

Dear Parents, I give you back your child, the same child you confidently entrusted to my care last fall. I give him back pounds heavier, inches taller, months wiser, more responsible, and more mature than he was then.

Although he would have attained his growth in spite of me, it has been my pleasure and privilege to watch his personality unfold day by day. I give him back reluctantly, for having spent nine months together in the narrow confines of a crowded classroom, we have grown close, have become a part of each other, and we shall always retain a little of each other.

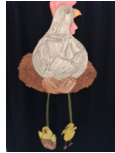
Ten years from now if we met on the street, your child and I, a light will shine to our eyes, a smile to our face, and we shall feel the bond of understanding once more, this bond we feel today. We have lived, loved, laughed, played, studied, learned, and enriched our lives together this year. I wish it could go on indefinitely, but give him back I must. Take care of him, for he is precious. Remember that I shall always be interested in your child and his destiny, wherever he goes, whatever he does, whoever he becomes. His joys and sorrows I'll always be happy to share.

Remember to enjoy your child,

Mrs. Whitehead

Crabbe Elementary

Kindergarten students have a lot to crow about! They have been studying about seasons throughout the year and have had an awesome spring! Not only have they studied bugs (which are not just insects, BTW), dyed eggs, hunted Easter eggs, learned about Earth Day, and gone on a spring scavenger walk but also, they are also in the process of learning about and hatching chicks! What better way to “observe” new spring life! There has been lots of chicken writings and activities going on these last few weeks of school! Our little “peeps” are sure excited!



2nd grade-has been spending the week exploring the community. They have made visits to the fire station, Kroger, and PNC Bank.



3rd grade-Mrs. Clemons' third grade class earned 2,123 AR points this year. We had eight students reach 100 points. Congratulations Aryanna Gulley, Myah Hamilton, **Nevaeha** Pack, Hannah Setser, Soren Whaley, Jazlyn Gordon, Olivia Stapleton, and Isaac Garduno!



STEM-Our year in STEM has come to a close. What an amazing year! I have loved every bit of it! This STEM semester featured: Kindergarten students designed casts for a broken arm on each other. 1st graders “traveled” around the world to learn about the way animals adapt to their environment and about how that applies to humans. 2nd graders finished the year learning how to prevent a landslide as a result of too much rain. They learned that this is a problem we have even here in Ashland!



COMPUTER-Eduardo Torres, a 5th grade student at Crabbe, won the top award, an Ashland T-Shirt, for his amazing 89 words typed per minute record for the year! Wow! Students who reached 60 words per minute earned a Tomcat Badge. They include: Carlos Ortega, Gabriel Soto, and Eduardo Torres. Other awards included students who reached 30 WPM (white belt), 40 WPM (maroon belt), and 50 WPM (black belt).

4th grade-Applause goes out to Crabbe's outstanding performance at the Boyd County 4-H Speech Demonstration competition. The following 4th grade students moved beyond the school level round to compete at ACTC on April 22nd. Isabella Laudenbach and Isaac Meade won Reserve Champion status in their categories. Landon Moyers won Grand Champion in his category of Home Decorative. Other competitors from Crabbe were Austin Pack and Harley Adkins. We are so very proud of all of our representatives to this annual event.



5th grade students at Crabbe Elementary visit Marshall University with Fifth Third Bank's Young Bankers Club.



Teamwork = Success



PE Mr. Davis-Students have been practicing several teamwork activities in preparation for Track and Field Day at Crabbe Elementary, most notably Tug-of-War. They have learned

that by working together toward a common goal, they can accomplish much more than they would by themselves. When our students get older they will be faced with a lot of situations in life that will require cooperation and teamwork, and it is important that they develop proper teamwork habits that they can take with them as they move on to the next level.

Hager Elementary

Congratulations parents, students, and staff, because of you Hager Elementary had the highest attendance in the entire district for the 2016-2017 School Year. The Wildcats ended the school year with 96.1% attendance!! Let's aim for 100% next school year!



Hager's Safety Patrol took their annual trip to Washington DC this year. A great time learning and visiting the Nations Capitol was had by all. It was a memorable trip.



During the 4th 9 weeks, P.E. students in 5th grade and Kindergarten teamed up to make healthy smoothies for a taste test! Hager would like to thank the Boyd Co. UK extension office for

sponsoring this project. It was an eventful event. Students not only had fun making and tasting their creations, but they had fun learning ways to make healthy snacks.

Hager's Kindergarteners have been busy the fourth nine weeks. They watched as caterpillars transformed into beautiful butterflies. With the assistance of Mrs. Willis they made amazing quilts.



Kindergarten students also made stick ponies and raced in their own version of the Kentucky Derby, and even cleaned up for Earth Day!! Student's and teachers would all agree it was a fun and exciting school year!

First grade students at Hager Elementary enjoyed their end of the year trip to The Clay Center in Charleston, WV. It was a fun filled day with lots of hands-on activities. It was a fun time learning outside the classroom walls!!



Second grade ended the year by visiting Heritage Farms. They were one of the first groups to see the new baby bull! The students engaged in various activities including milking a cow, interacting with a real peddler, and the petting zoo. The students favorite animal by far was the peacock.

The 2016-2017 school year was a great time to be a Hager Wildcat. We hope everyone has a safe and fun Summer Break and we will see you in August!



Oakview Elementary

Kindergarten:

Kindergarten had an exciting and busy month! We planted sunflower seeds and watched our seeds sprout. We hatched baby chicks. We had a total of 15 chicks in kindergarten! We



made some special gifts to share with our mothers. We ended our year making memory books filled with all the wonderful memories we had in kindergarten.



Our top AR students in kindergarten this

year were Molly Hicks with 90 points and Marisa Baker with 30 points! Kindergarten is the best!



1st Grade: On April 26, Mrs. Roberts' and Mrs. Johnson's first grade classes went on a field trip to Savage Branch Wildlife Reserve. The classes hiked through the woods on a scavenger hunt observing wildlife and plants. In the afternoon, students hiked to the pond where they fished out pond critters with a net. The students were able to observe pond critters interacting with each other. What a great end of the year trip!

2nd Grade: Oakview second graders participated in annual Kentucky Derby activities by making their own stick horses to race, as well as their own Derby hats! They paraded around the school to show off their fancy hat



designs in the morning and had stick horse races that afternoon. Mason Shively and his horse, "Winner's Circle," were the winners of the 2017 Oakview Second Grade Stick Horse Derby.



3rd Grade: Third grade has been hard at work preparing for the K-PREP test. Students reviewed important math concepts with games, centers, and manipulatives. In reading, students trained their brains for GOLD by working with partners and group activities to help them get ready. We had 5 students become Multiplication Fact Masters by passing the fourth grade multiplication final test: Caleb Conway, Noah Jarvis, Sarah Hicks, Izzie Donahoe, & Paul Tierney.



We celebrated the end of the year by going to Carter Caves, exploring Cascade Cave, and going on a nature walk. Miss Royalty's homeroom celebrated the completion of reading *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. Students received letters from Hogwarts sent by Hedwig, got to pick snacks off

the trolley, & played Quidditch and Bean Boozled. The race for top AR reading in third grade was so close! Congratulations to Mrs. Dyer's, Sarah Hicks (281.5 pts.) and Mrs. Evans', Casey Steele (280.9 pts.)! We're proud of you all!!



4th Grade: There were 11 students who mastered their multiplication facts this year. These students were treated to a trip to Giovanni's Pizza.

Congratulations to Abby Hall, Lance Burke, Michael Blair, Natalie Anderson, Eli Messer, Ryan Lewis, Daniel Keeton, Bonham Buchannon, Keyli Morris, Keyera Black, and Tyson Turner!



5th Grade: 5th Grade students participated in the biggest mannequin challenge ever when they presented their 2nd Annual Wax Museum! Students created informational boards and dressed as a famous person from history. There were "wax figures" of Benjamin Franklin, Donald Trump, Tiger Woods, members of the Royal Family, and Marilyn Monroe, to name a few. The students did an outstanding job! We are already looking forward to next year's presentation with our new group of 5th graders!



5th Graders took a trip to King's Island to celebrate a successful year! The weather was cold and rainy, but it didn't dampen our spirits or all the fun had that day!

Congrats to the top AR Readers in 5th grade:

Ben Katterheinrich- Mrs. Hutchison, Blake Justice- Ms. Mann, Nathan Woolery- Mrs. Ross, **Ben Katterheinrich- Top Reader in 5th Grade**

The 5th Grade Advancement/Awards Ceremony was held in Oakview's Auditorium on May 16. We would like to thank our guest speakers: Mr. Ferguson, Assistant Principal, AMS, and Lucas Trent, former Oakview student, for encouraging our students to continue their success in middle school and onward. All of us at Oakview are very proud of the Distinguished students we are advancing on to the middle school! Best of luck to you all!

Poage Elementary

1st Grade

Poage first graders are now professional animal researchers! Students chose an animal and worked in small groups using iPads and books to discover information about their animal's habitat, babies, diet, and other interesting facts. They used the facts they researched to write informative writing pieces!



4th Grade

The 4th grade class from Poage Elementary visited COSI in Columbus, OH, last month. Many of the students rode a bicycle across a high-wire, while others were given the chance to participate in several shows. The students had a great time checking, learning, and experiencing the various exhibits.



5th Grade

Our fifth Grade students went to the Clay Center in Charleston, West Virginia, at the beginning of May. The

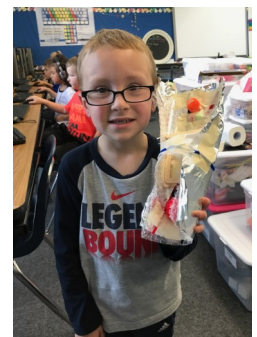
Science Alive demonstration brought the science of force together with a lot of fun. The most disgusting part of their trip was probably their favorite, Grossology. The students studied every "gross" thing the human body can do with sounds, smells, and life-size intestines, to boot. Students had more



hands-on fun "being" the Governor of West Virginia, driving a fire truck, fixing cars, doctoring pets, putting on a play, and working in a grocery store. These were just a few of the wonders in "My Town." Students had realistic

electronic ATMs, scanners, and touch-screen computers. Unfortunately, they learned the untimely reality of power outages when a transformer blew and we had to leave the Clay Center early. However, when life gives you lemons you make lemonade. We walked the students six blocks through Charleston's streets with the help of a fantastic police officer and they spent their remaining time enjoying the fabulous food at the food court in the mall. All in all, it was a fabulous trip where the learning was topped off with fun at every turn.

What another great year it has been in physical education class! Both for learning, and of course fun! This year's Field Day was fantastic, and I am proud of all students for trying their hardest and displaying good sportsmanship behavior, whether they won or lost. I would like to thank the parents that showed up to cheer them on. Also, big thanks to the teachers and assistants for leading their classes through the events and helping make this year's Field Day a success.



The PEP Grant ends after this year, and it has been quite a ride for me and the students. I'm sure that they will agree it took a lot of extra effort and work to fulfill grant requirements. However, I also know that students have loved having two days of quality physical education every week and have enjoyed using the new equipment we were able to acquire due to the PEP Grant.

Charles Russell Elementary



STLP News: Our STLP students competed in the Level 2 State Competition on April 12, 2017 at Rupp Arena. They were selected to advance to the Level 3 competition. That meant they advanced into the top 68 showcase projects in the

state out of an original 1400 projects! That was a huge accomplishment! We are very proud of Ali Ellison, Riley Gussler, and Emma Vanhorn for their hard work and dedication to this project.



Also during the state competition, our Scratch Ambassador, Samuel Tibbitts assisted students in the Scratch Playground.



Cheerleader News: The Charles Russell Indians Blue Team cheered their way to a runner-up trophy for their dance routine. Our girls have practiced and cheered games since mid-October 2016 and finished up their season in late-February 2017. They practiced two

times a week and had two games a week. All of them showed great improvement and dedication throughout the season. We are SO proud of their accomplishments and can't wait to see what the next AYBL season has in store for our little Indians. #indianpride

—Miss Martin and Miss Shannon



Bottom (L to R) Kalleigh Knipp, Jaylin Stanley, Ashley Ingram, Olivia Meade, Addison Jobe **Top (L to R)** Laryn Berry, Abby Lynch, Molly Keyes, and Lizee Coffey

Basketball News:

A **BIG** Shout Out to the CRS Girls Basketball team! They won the Holy Family Pre-season Tournament, the AYBL Regular Season Tournament, and the AYBL



Post-season David Payne Memorial Tournament! Their season record was 18-2!!

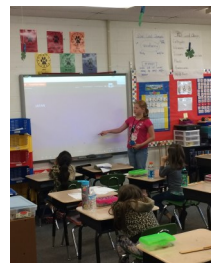
Way to go , girls!!



Last Day Fun: Inflatables, Popcorn, and Snow Cones...Oh My!!!!



CRISP Program: A new program has been implemented during the spring semester here at Charles Russell. The CRISP (Charles Russell Indian Scholars Program) provides academic enrichment opportunities for students in grades 3-5 that are facilitated by school librarian, Sheila Meade. Students were selected based on teacher recommendations, grades, assessment data, attendance and writing skills. Students then submitted an application stating why they would like to be part of the program and what qualities they possess that would help them to be successful. Students in grades 4/5 met four days a week alternating between working on projects of their own choice and brain-centered activities that promote problem-solving and creativity. Students in 3rd grade met two days a week for enrichment activities. Some of the activities include coding, learning how to play chess, building structures, and logic games.



Fourth grade students create structures with Zometools.

Ashland Middle



Both Spanish 7 and Spanish 8 celebrated Cinco de Mayo to commemorate México's surprising victory over the French at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. The students cooked all the food! ¡Qué rico!

Alex Evans, seventh grade Explorer student, recently was chosen as the recipient of \$50.00 for his first place entry in the *Daily Independent's* annual editorial writing contest. The topic this year was "What is your vision of a teacher?" Alex's entry was about the qualities possessed by Mr. Bryce Barnes, sixth grade math teacher at AMS, who according to Alex, is his favorite teacher of all time. Congratulations, Alex!

Photo from State MATHCOUNTS competition. Students competing: England Huizar, Melanie Grimm, Noah Carey, Hannah Laney.



Student Council representatives served as pages in the House of Representatives on Thursday, March 30th. They also toured the Capitol and met our representatives.



The Inspire Team took a field trip to Shawnee State University to their Planetarium. They also took a college tour of the campus, and many students are now interested in attending college there!

On April 25th Boyd County 4-H brought their Reality Store to the Ashland Middle School 8th grade class. Students got to choose their careers based on their actual GPAs, which gave them their salaries. Then Uncle Sam took his cut. They were then told how many children they had. Students took that information and had to go from station to station making decisions and spending money on transportation, groceries, insurance, utilities, banking, child care, communication, entertainment, housing, health & grooming, pet store, clothing, furniture, and contributions. Many students were not happy with the career choices they had to make.

AMS says goodbye to three faculty members: Karen Van Kirk, Rick Woods, and Dan Boyer. We wish them luck in their future endeavors. Their impact on the students at AMS will be greatly missed.

Yearbook students have learned how to compose a visually appealing image and shoot in manual. Below is an April Photo of the Week winner captured by seventh grade yearbook staffer Mattison Parks.



KY Writer's Day was a massive success for 6th & 7th grades! Our students had the opportunity to Skype with the award-winning author, Silas House, and discuss Same Sun Here, a novel he wrote about a middle schooler living in Appalachia. The students read him a poem about mountain top removal and asked questions about the novel and his writing process. Mary Knight met in with 7th grade and signed copies of Saving Wonder. These are memories our students will cherish long after they leave the halls of Ashland Middle School. It was an amazing experience!



Inspired by and working with artist Rebecca Hall, the Explorers Team spread a little kindness by creating inspirational and uplifting rocks to be scattered around the Ashland/Boyd County area in the hopes of making someone's day a little brighter! Be on the lookout for the "Kindness Rocks" and record your finding at [#thekindnessrocksproject.com](https://www.instagram.com/thekindnessrocksproject).



AMS Beta Club served at the Lions Club pancake breakfast on Sat. April 22nd.

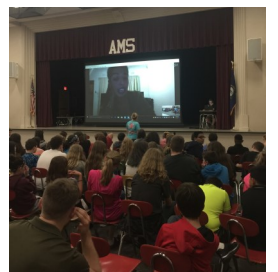
The Ashland Middle School 7th/8th Grade Band received straight Distinguished Ratings at the 2017 KMEA Concert Band Assessment at MSU.



Ashland Youth Service Center, working with Unite, brought "On The Move" to 7th grade students at Ashland Middle School. This program rotates students through various stations, giving them information and "hands on" experience.

They watched film and had buzzers allowing each student to put in answers to the questions asked about effects drugs & alcohol can have on their bodies.

The Wonder Team students had a wonderful opportunity to Skype with a Peace Corps member serving in Botswana, Africa. With the help of STLP, the students asked questions and learned about a culture completely different from their own.



Paul Blazer High

Congratulations to the Blazer String Orchestras for their success at the KMEA Large Ensemble Assessment Event held on Friday, April 28 at Boyd County H.S.

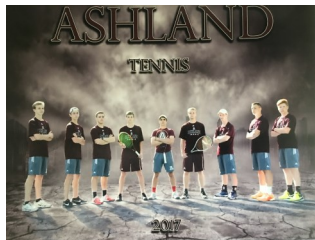


Both the Intermediate Strings and String Orchestra performed difficult prepared programs for a three-judge panel and then played a completely new piece for a fourth judge after a

5-minute oral preparation period. Each group was rated Distinguished by all three judges for prepared performance and were also rated Distinguished by the fourth judge in Site-Reading.

This caps off another successful year for the Orchestra Program at Blazer which once again received the High School Orchestra "Program of Excellence" Gold Level award, as it has for each of the eight years that it has been awarded by KMEA!

The Ashland Boys' Tennis won the Regional team championship this year. That makes 3 of the last 4. The starting lineup all received All Area Honors.



Robby Krick-Singles Champion
Parker Clarke-Singles Finalist
William Frye/Layne Meek-Doubles Champions
Wesley Whelan/Dillon Lucas-Doubles Semifinalists.
Also on the team: Justin Lucas, Mac Meek and Reed Daniel.

The students in Mrs. Hieneman's Project Lead the Way Biomedical Science Medical Interventions Course completed their shadowing experience at King's Daughters Medical Center. The students had the opportunity to work with various professionals at the hospital and were able to experience multiple careers throughout the medical center. The program had three graduates this year: Sydney Little,



Keandre Jordan, and Michaela Polley. The remaining 9 class members will move on to the Capstone Course of the program.



Cat's Catering, a school based enterprise, was looking to create a unique product. We partnered with PatterFam Sauces and Sam Peters to design a versatile sauce that will add a little kick to please everyone's taste buds. Culinary students created the taste combination, developed the product labeling, and marketed the BBQ sauce. This is a one of a kind BBQ sauce only available through Cat's Catering.

Blazer's FBLA Chapter

had an excellent year!! At Region Conference March 15, at MSU, placing 1st in Future Business Leader & receiving Who's Who in



Region 5 FBLA was Emily Hollingsworth; 1st in Marketing, Dawson Covert & Sydni Pierce, Global Bus., Derrek Baer, Will Frye & Harrison Hall; Client Services, Ashby Foutch; Advertising, Seth Cooke; Accounting II, Tiffany Kiwabonga. Placing 2nd was Hannah Reese, Bus. Law; Britta Dalton & Wes Whelan, Mgmt. Decision Making; Trey Coburn, Intro to Financial Math; Tyler Conway, Insurance & Risk Mgmt.; Kaitlyn Bellew & Alexis Smyser, Emerging Bus. Issues. Placing 3rd in Entrepreneurship, Demarcus Carlisle & Luke Hinderliter; Spreadsheet App, Sydney Little; & Bus. Ethics, Abby Cummings, Leah Smith-Mensah & Hattie Killin. State Conference, Louisville, April 17-19, Ashby Foutch placed 2nd in Client Service & Kaitlyn Bellew was elected 2017-2018 KY FBLA State Treasurer. Competing at Nationals June 28-July 3, are Ashby, Kaitlyn, Sydni Pierce & Leah Smith-Mensah. Advisers are Debbie Barnett & Ramona Bellew.



Blazer's chapter of the International Thespian Society held inductions at Central Park on Wednesday, April 26. ITS is an international theatrical honor society requiring dedication to theatre as well as commitment to academics. The seven new

members inducted this year were Jasmine Blake, William Fisher, Lucas Gillum, Franklin Harris, Jordan Lincoln, Emily Martin, and Nathan Nishimoto.

Following the induction ceremony, the graduating seniors performed in the annual senior showcase.



District News

Summer Opportunities for Students and Families



The Summer Feed Program

The Ashland Independent School District is excited to announce our participation in the Kentucky Summer Food Service Program. The Summer Feed Program provides free meals to children and teens 18 years and under. Crabbe Elementary will be serving breakfast and lunch daily Monday through Friday. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. Lunch will be served 11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. The site will be closed on May 29th, July 4th, and July 20th, 2017. Please contact Linda Calhoun at 327-2706 for more information.

Project Ignite

The Ashland Independent School District is pleased to announce the offering of an exciting new summer camp. Project IGNITE is a summer learning experience designed for students currently in grades 3, 4 and 5 and will be offered June 5-9, 2017. The students will experience science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics through hands-on investigations that promote innovation and creativity. The focus this year will be “Exploring Energy!” Students will spend four electrifying days rotating through five learning activities designed to peak interest and explore the wide world of energy. The week will conclude with a field trip to COSI’s Energy Explorers exhibit. Students won’t want to miss this opportunity to build new skills that peak curiosity and “ignite” ingenuity. Visit [Project IGNITE](http://www.ashland.kyschools.us/News/32084#sthash.7t2B9DgR.dpuf) for more information. - See more at: <http://www.ashland.kyschools.us/News/32084#sthash.7t2B9DgR.dpuf>



Ashland Tomcat Basketball Camp

The 2017 Ashland Tomcat Basketball Youth Camp will take place at Paul G. Blazer High School May 23rd through May 26th. Camp is open to both boys and girls entering 1st grade through 8th grade. For students entering 1st through 4th grade, the time session is 9 A.M. until noon. For students entering 5th through 8th grade, the time session is 1 P.M. until 4 P.M. Registration for the morning session will begin at 8:30 A.M. and for the afternoon session 12:30 P.M. Campers will be provided with a basketball, t-shirt, and a certificate. Lunch will be provided daily after each session. Camp cost is \$60. Thank you from the Ashland Boys Basketball Coaching Staff and hope to see you at camp.

CAMP Kindergarten

The Ashland Independent Schools is pleased to announce the offering of a new free summer program for all students entering Kindergarten this fall. Our newest students are invited to join their classmates for three weeks of fun-filled instruction July 17-August 4. The camp will take place at each elementary school and will meet daily from 8:00 A.M. until noon. Breakfast and lunch will be served daily with district transportation available to and from the school available upon request.



CAMP Kindergarten is a wonderful opportunity for your child to become acclimated to the excitement and routine of attending school before their peers arrive this fall. CAMP lessons will focus on academic readiness and social skills. More information regarding CAMP Kindergarten can be found by visiting our website <http://www.ashland.kyschools.us/Content2/campkindergarten> or contacting the office at each of the five elementary schools.

Ashland Middle School Strings Program

AMS was well represented by its String Orchestras at the KMEA Large Ensemble Assessment Event held on Saturday, April 29 at Boyd County High School.

Both the Beginning and Intermediate String Orchestras performed difficult prepared programs for a three-judge panel and then played a completely new piece for a fourth judge after a 5-minute oral preparation period. Both of these groups were rated Distinguished by all three judges for prepared performance, and each was extremely accurate in the Site-Reading room being praised for their accuracy and rated Distinguished by the fourth judge.

The Orchestra Program at AMS will once again receive the Middle School Orchestra "Program of Excellence" Gold Level award from the Kentucky Music Educators Association.

Earning this distinction means that it has been recognized as having achieved the highest level of performance recognized by KMEA every year that it has been issued -- one of only four middle schools state-wide to have achieved this distinction.

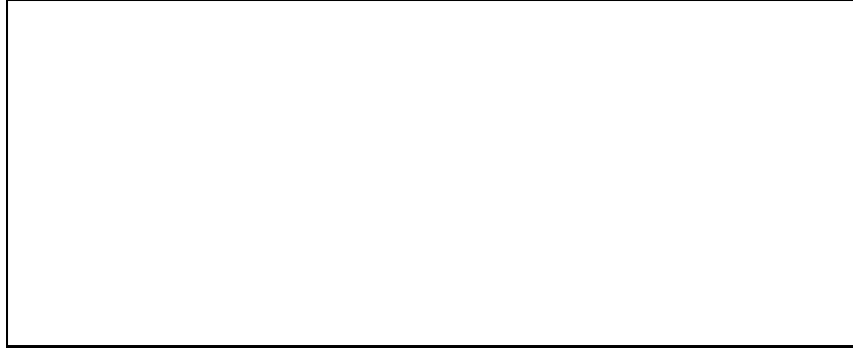
Congratulations to Mr. Boyer for these accomplishments!



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