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It's March Madness in BCS

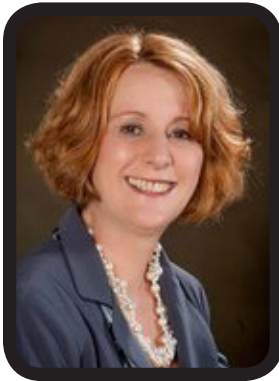
"MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

March Madness brings on thoughts of basketball brackets, high levels of competition and much more. Bradley County Schools share the hectic pace during spring as well.

Between basketball, baseball, wrestling, choir, band, archery, drama, and studying, we are definitely

in March Madness. Students are well on their way to working and playing around the clock. Our students are fortunate to have so many extracurricular opportunities. Besides being fun and a great way to socialize with peers, extracurricular activities can enhance students' time management and stress management skills, improving overall

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Around the County with Joeli Poole - March's theme - March Madness. March is known for March Madness with exciting and surprising events. This month we look around the county at all the "Madness" going on in Bradley County Schools including March Madness Math/AR activities at North Lee, pictures from Hopewell's Dr. Seuss night, and Culture Fair/New Book barn at Charleston. [Watch March's Around the County](#)

Movement Madness

Coordinated School Health - "Let's Get Moving"

Coordinated School Health is all about "Movement Madness"!

Everyone by now should be aware of the research behind movement/exercise and brain function. Movement is a vital part of student success. Research has shown that activity breaks help to improve cognitive performance, improve classroom behavior, increase time on task, increase concentration, and improve attitude. What more could you ask for? Mrs. Harden, at Hopewell Elementary, has taken this movement/activity breaks to a new level in her classroom. The initial "movement" addition to her classroom was two stand-up desks. These desks were made possible by a project with Donors Choose and was fully funded. Donors Choose is a great way to generate funds for the classroom because

individuals, as well as businesses from all over the United States are able to contribute to the projects. Mrs. Harden created her project with a few "energetic" students in mind, but the whole class is now enjoying the benefits. "Some students just have a hard time sitting!" says Mrs. Harden.

Therefore, the standing desks make it possible for the student to stand, work and maintain good posture. A moveable foot rest allows a bit a movement for those who need it.

Other additions to the classroom have been made possible by the office of Coordinated School Health. These include desk cycles, Ergo chairs and several core balance seat discs.

The desk cycles are definitely the most popular piece of equipment. Students use them to pedal while working on assignments which aids in concentration and allows those with

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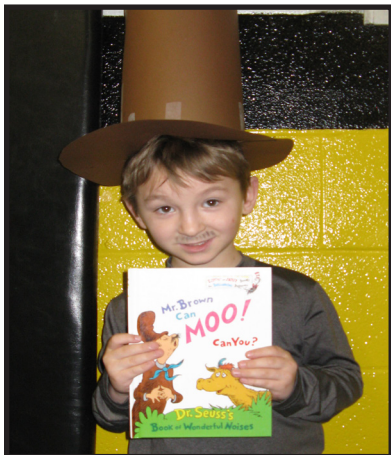
April Theme - BCS Green Initiatives

Elementary News

Hopewell's A Night with a Cat

Six different stations were in place for a night of reading and family fun. Mayfield Dairy donated Brown Cows for Mr. Brown Can Moo!

Can you? Zachary Majeske is dressed as Mr. Brown (below). Students made a fox puppet for the retelling of Fox in Socks. Students participated in a book walk. Art teacher, Shanna Calfee instructed parents and students on how to draw "the cat." A birthday cake was shared in honor of Dr. Seuss. Parents and students enjoyed listening to the story Happy Birthday to You by Dr. Seuss. Hop on Pop was read by Summer Burris and then students were given bubble wrap to hop and pop!



Zachary Majeske is dressed as Mr. Brown.

A photo booth was available for families to have pictures made of this special night. Over 200

parents and students were in attendance.

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Taylor is the REAL MVP

Taylor Elementary's Video recognized by NFL

Taylor Elementary was recently recognized by the NFL as an MVP School as a result of our video entry into the "Fuel Up to Play 60" contest. Our school was the only school in Tennessee to receive both a trophy and a gift card (to the NFL Shop) as the prize for our winning video. We will be using the gift card to purchase fan gear for students who meet reading milestones. I have attached some photos related to this recognition for our school. Beth Hooker, Franklin Elrod, and Leah Hughes are pictured with the trophy as the teachers who worked with students to create and submit the video.



Teachers Beth Hooker, Franklin Elrod, and Leah Hughes with NFL Play 60 trophy.

[Watch Taylor's Video - Click Here](#)



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Arts and Auction Event at Black Fox



Black Fox Students showing off their artwork for the Arts and Auction Event

On Friday, March 11, the halls of Black Fox Elementary School were bursting with excitement and art, as the PTO hosted its annual Arts and Auction event. Student artwork adorned the halls mimicking the likes of Andy Warhol, Jackson Pollock, Georgia O'Keeffe, and others. After studying the styles of these famous artists, students created drawings using similar techniques. These drawings were proudly displayed in the hallways for parents and guests of the auction to appreciate.

While enjoying a night of art, visitors of the event also placed bids in a silent auction on items donated by local businesses such as gift baskets, party and portrait packages, cakes, gardening and beauty supplies, upcoming athletic camps, and the coveted "mayor" or "principal" for the day. All monies raised by the auction will be used to further the technology and fine arts program at Black Fox Elementary School. As in previous years, the Arts and Auction event was a crowd pleaser.

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Secondary News

“Rockband” rocks with Foreigner

Bradley Central High School's very own 'Quadrant D' Rockband along with 'VocalMotion' show choir recently performed on stage with the multi-platinum group Foreigner. The concert

took place at the historic Tivoli theatre in downtown Chattanooga on Tuesday, March 1st. Quadrant D and VocalMotion were selected after entering a contest through KZ106, a local classic rock radio station.

The online contest featured information and videos of high school music groups from all across the Tennessee Valley. As the winner, the BCHS groups were afforded the opportunity of a lifetime to sing “I Want to Know What Love Is” with Foreigner as well as receive a gift of \$500. In addition to the amazing performance, the entire concert was recorded for a downloadable audio album through StereoCast, a new phone app. A few of the



BCHS Rockband and VocalMotion perform with Foreigner at the Tivoli Theatre

students brought original Foreigner album covers for the band to sign which they did as well as autograph a guitar brought by sophomore lead guitarist Blaze Montgomery. VocalMotion Senior,

Ryan Loomis won an autographed Les Paul guitar being given away after the concert. WRCB-TV3 News and News Channel 9 provided before and after news stories including interviews by several students.



The entire event was extremely exciting for the students as well as for the chaperones that recorded video and took photos all evening. A video documentary of the evening may be viewed online at BCHS rocks, Quadrant D's website. Quadrant D Rockband is directed by BCHS CTE Broadcasting Instructor Gwen Shroyer. VocalMotion Show Choir is under the direction of BCHS Choral Department Head Katie Phillips.

When you fall, you get back up

WVHS teacher Jeffery Garrett shows his resolve

Story by Eli Wiles, Walker Valley Freshman

Nine years ago, after being hospitalized for over two months and being in a coma for six weeks, freshmen math teacher, Jeffrey Garrett, proved that when one falls he can get back up. On October 4, 1987, Jeffrey Garrett came into this world at a hospital that used to be called Bradley Memorial. “I was born right here in Cleveland,” he says. As he grew up with his three brothers and four sisters, he had a different occupation in mind. “I have always wanted to be a farmer, I just love working outside,” he said. Sadly, because he never acquired the land he needed, his dream of being a farmer was not fulfilled. As he grew older and progressed in school, he got involved in many sports. His main focus was track. “I ran all the way from birth,” he said with a chuckle.

After being involved in sports many of his years, Jeffrey decided he wanted to fly. “I got my private pilot's license when I was a freshmen,” he explained. Even though he was in love with

sports, he also enjoyed math and science. After attending Bradley, he graduated in '06. He then went on to get his major in aeronautical engineering.

He later joined the Air Force to seek out his desire to fly. “I just wanted to fly, it gives you a whole different perspective on life,” he said. His time in the Air Force was mainly in training. “I planned to graduate from the academy,” he said. He fell short of

that goal. He was halfway through his junior year at the academy when his horrific accident occurred.

On February 7, 2009, while rock-climbing at a place called Garden Of The Gods, something went wrong and he fell fifty-six feet onto a concrete sidewalk. He suffered memory loss not even remembering what had happened. “What I've been told is that when I went to repel, I jumped strait



WVHS Freshman Academy teacher Jeffery Garrett

back and hit the ground,” he explained. This led to him being in the hospital for two months and seven days.

After he got out of the hospital, he left the Air Force after three

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County Spotlights



Student Spotlight - Noah Russell,
Taylor Elementary



Teacher Spotlight - Jennifer Brock,
Charleston Elementary



Parent Volunteer - Stacy Swafford,
WVHS/Ocoee Middle School



Administrator Spotlight - Angela Lawson
Michigan Avenue Elementary



Black Fox Students display their work
for the Arts and Auction event.

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an over- abundance of energy to release it through movement. Students that have trouble sitting still at their desks have enjoyed the variety of movement that the core balance discs and Ergo chairs provide while sitting and working on assignments.

Going from a structured class to where the classroom is set up with alternative seating and desk options has been an adjustment, but this teacher is learning to adapt! Mrs. Harden says "I have seen some students who have had trouble focusing and not completing assignments now being on task and completing their work without looking up!"

Mrs. Harden also makes use of free activities on the web through the use of GoNoodle. "Mornings can be filled with lots of instruction time. So, taking a short brain break between Math and ELA to get the wiggles out, expend some energy and work on a little hand/eye coordination, helps my students focus on what comes next! They need to move!!"

Other teachers in our district are following suit and have gotten on board the "moving" train for the health of our students. There are practicing brain breaks, offering alternative seating for movement options during classwork time, and providing a variety of activities for students to energize their brains. Thank you!

CSH encourages collaboration with all staff. Together we can ensure students in Bradley County Schools have an environment conducive to their learning style. Now, let's get moving!

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years and three months of service, entered college, and proceeded to earn bachelor's degree in math and science. He then did some tutoring at Lee University. This helped him make the decision of being a teacher.

He now enjoys his life and job. He has a wife and one child and is happy. He says, "I enjoy helping people out because I'm good in the profession". He has had a great time at Walker Valley. "I've enjoyed it," he says. When asked about retirement he said, "I don't think I'll ever retire, I'm twenty-eight. Kids see me as old, but I don't feel old".

This goes to show that whenever one is put in difficult situation, and times may be hard, he can still get back up.

North Lee's Generosity

In the spirit of being generous, second grade students at North Lee joined forces with Heifer International and took part in the Read to Feed program in an effort to raise money and change lives in underdeveloped countries around the world.

We gathered sponsors and tracked our reading for 2 weeks.

Instead of earning AR points, which we spend on ourselves, our sponsors gave us money based on how many books we read, and we spent that money on others.

As a whole, the second graders raised over \$1,000 and we were able to purchase a hive of honeybees, six flocks of 20 chickens, two goats, one sheep, and we were able to send two girls to school that previously did not have the money to attend.



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productivity. Extracurricular activities also increase a candidate's appeal when applying to college.

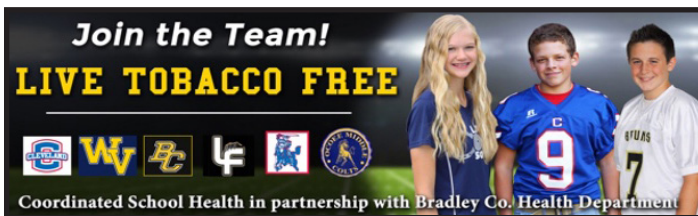
We all know academics are an important part of each student's high school years, especially since high school grades play an integral role in college acceptance. Parents spend a lot of time encouraging their children to study more -- and play less -- in the pursuit of this goal. They believe that devoting a great deal of time to studying guarantees success in future college applications.

However, there is another more playful component of a well-rounded education -- outside the regular academic program -- that may positively impact students' success. Extracurricular activities, such as basketball, baseball, tennis, debating, chess clubs, student government, yearbook, drama, choir and computer clubs can round out students' academic careers to great effect.

"Studies show that students in extracurricular activities have higher [academic] scores. They learn to manage their time, relieve stress and learn to strive for excellence in more than one thing," says Kenny Smith, a school counselor in Thatcher, Arizona. "Students who are involved in team sports learn to work in groups. Their written and oral communication skills improve. These things cross over into 'real life.' The students who participate in extracurricular activities are held to a higher plane. There are no team breaks. The privilege [to play on a team] must meet specific requirements."

"Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and students may have to meet and maintain a minimum grade point average to play sports or take part in clubs." So says Parent Spot, produced by the Capital Region BOCES Community Service in Albany, N.Y. How do colleges view the extracurricular activities chosen by a high school student? The activities offer colleges a snapshot of a student's personality and interests. Parent Spot notes, "The activities that teens choose to take part in outside of the classroom tell prospective schools much more than grades on paper."

Overall, students who participate in extracurricular activities will likely see an improvement in their academic and life skills, including discipline, goal-setting, teamwork, accountability and responsibility. They will also find themselves better prepared for post-secondary education. Ultimately, students may even discover that the lessons they learned outside the classroom, in basketball or chess club, help them cope with future challenges in the workplace.



Check out this month's Around the County video to see more pictures from Hopewell's A Night with a Cat.



Next month's theme - Bradley County Schools Green Initiatives.
Pictured - Students from Black Fox's Pick 5 campaign.

Upcoming Events - April Dates

Staff Development Day - April 15th - No School

ACT Test Day - April 19th

Charleston Elementary

Spring Musical Beauty and the Beast - April 1-2

DARE Graduation - April 1st

JA Bowling - April 14th

STEAM Fair Parent Involvement Night - April 21st

Choir Concert - April 26th

Ocoee Middle School

Spring Musical - Sound of Music - April 8-10, 15-16

OMS Jazz Concert - April 21st

OMS 7/8 Band Concert - April 25th

Park View Elementary

Career Day - April 1st

Student Led Conferences - April 7th

Taylor Elementary

Parent/Teacher Conferences - April 7th

PTO Talent Showcase - April 19th

Walker Valley High School

WVHS Band Concert - April 28th