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Academic Leadership "MAKE A DIFFERENCE"



Every child has the power to succeed in school and in life and every parent, family member and caregiver can help. The question is: How can we help our children succeed? The family makes critical contributions to a child's achievement from early childhood through high school. Talking and playing with infants, reading bedtime stories with toddlers, playing math and reading games with elementary school students, helping middle school students with their homework, and establishing appropriate boundaries for teenagers are foundations for success in school (Educational Library, 2002). All of these elements are important in answering the question about student success. We do know with a combination of common sense and research, we can prepare students to learn. We know that children tend to watch their parents and copy what they do. What we say and do in our daily lives can help children develop positive attitudes toward school and build confidence about school performance. Showing our children that we both value education and use it in our daily lives provides them with powerful models and contributes greatly to their success in school (Spelling, 1992). Parents are children's first and most important teachers. As children move into the school

environment, it's important that all parents build and keep strong ties between home and school. When parents and families work together, the children do better and have better feelings about going to school. Family involvement is measured in so many ways, not just attendance at school functions, but by simple measures such as providing routines or just asking about homework develops lasting school success. Parents and teachers communicating, and collaborating creates the groundwork for student success.

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Sarah Taylor, BCHS Senior Class President
Skylar Swafford, WVHS Senior Class President
Debbie Shroyer, 3rd Grade Teacher, Taylor Elem.
Kkristi Schalk, 5th Grade Teacher, N. Lee Elem.

Teachers from Michigan Avenue Elementary School are actively involved in Academic Leadership as they mentor Lee University Student Teachers & Methods Students.



Left to Right Back Row: Principal Lawson, Kaylin Deel, Melissa Rise, Chloe Bennett, Kate Bosch, Carla Barker, Erin Hill, Professor Gill. Left to Right Front Row: Jessica Simms, Maggie Stancliff, Alicia Hernandez, Kaitlyn Falstad, Jena Wright, Callie Baggett, Emma Etchinson, Abigail Blackmon

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December Issue - Tuesday, December 6th

Elementary News

Building Strong Academic Leadership at North Lee

The 2016-17 North Lee Junior Beta Club currently consists of 30 fifth grade academic leaders. These students were chosen based on STAR data and classroom performance in the 4th grade.



Pictured from left to right on the front row:

Deep Patel, Nolan Copeland, Jake Arntz, Javan Bowe, Macie Starr, Addie Ayala, Spencer Mason, and Tucker Myers.

Second row:

Kaden Morrow, Kennedy Smith, Adelaide Thompson, Allison Turner, Cutter Womack, Max Webb, and Audrey Webb.

Back row:

Kailani Stringer, Erin Sisson, Sloane Watson, Madi Oran, Chloe Poe, Luke Smith, Luke Iosia, Mollie Bright, Jake Schalk, Jaxson Maddux, Cash Coates, and Caden Young.

Not pictured:

Elliott Boling, Lexi Dunn, and Nicholas Ochoa.



Mrs. Alice Smith and Mrs. Susan Widener (L to R) get ready to surprise a new Taylor Elementary Junior Beta inductee.



JUNIOR BETA CLUB

Taylor's Junior Beta Club New Members Get a Surprise Visit from Sponsors

Academic Leadership is exhibited in the Junior Beta Club at Taylor Elementary School. Fourth and fifth grade students must excel in their subject area grades, standardized test scores, and character/leadership development to be considered for membership. Additionally, they must be recommended by a teacher for this honor. Recently, Taylor's Beta Club sponsors coordinated with parents to surprise new members with a home visit. Students were greeted at their homes with balloons and a special invitation for membership from the sponsors. Later this semester, these students, along with returning Junior Beta Club members, will attend the state convention and use their leadership skills to compete in STEM projects, talent performances, and academic competitions. They will have the opportunity to participate in a student-led convention complete with keynote speakers that are their peers, campaign speeches delivered by students, and an election process that includes student delegates. At last year's convention, Taylor's Junior Beta Club members were given special recognition as the youngest students to attend and compete at the state level.



Mrs. Tara Snider (center) poses with Taylor Elementary's new Junior Beta inductees.

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Secondary News

Taking Steps into Academic Leadership at GOAL Academy

There have been arguments on whether it takes a village to raise a child, but it definitely takes a village to educate a child. Academic leadership can be broken down into two segments: setting a goal and creating a plan to reach that goal.

Academic leadership is very much a funnel shaped concept with the umbrella goals and plans happening at the state/federal level. The plan to accomplish those broader goals becomes more refined as the funnel narrows to the district level. Once the funnel finally tapers to the individual school, the minutiae of the planning and the focus on the individual student can differ greatly from school to school. In striving for the objective of Growing Students – Building Futures, we have several stepping stone goals for our students to obtain while on that path. Some of the larger stepping stone goals for our students include: earning credits for graduation, obtaining employment, completing the FAFSA (over 95% completion last year), submitting a college application, and applying for TN Promise.

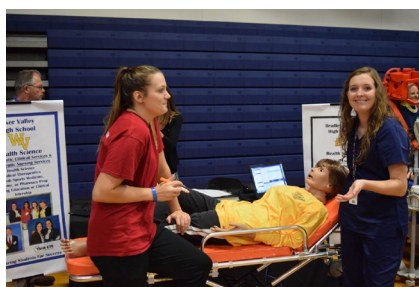
At GOAL Academy, we have several programs and community partners that aid us in molding college and/or career ready graduates. Groups include Youth Counseling, Camelot, On Point, Rock of Ages, Blythe Mayfield (art therapy), JADE, GRAAB Coalition, Health Connect, Tri-State Horse Therapy, Junior Achievement, Gear Up, TCAT Athens, and the United States Army. Partners are a great benefit to our students, and in turn, Bradley County.

As mentioned earlier, it takes a village to educate a child. We have taken advantage of those groups in our village to help us lead and educate our students. Without the direction, plan, and our community partners; our destination would be much more difficult to reach.



College and Career Ready Leadership

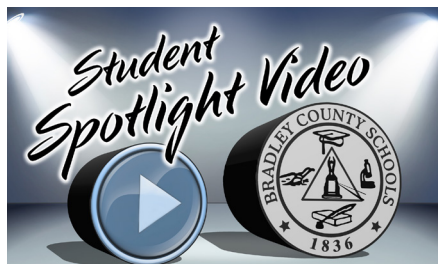
Although the school year is young, students from Bradley Central High School and Walker Valley High School are being challenged to grow and succeed in career and life after high school. Preparing for entry into college and career, BCHS senior English classes completed Senior Interviews in September with Walker Valley following October 6. Twenty-one professionals from the community were involved in the senior interviews at BCHS. Focusing on future careers, the students of BCHS and WVHS presented to eighth graders at a Chamber of Commerce sponsored career fair on September 9. The 18 CTE programs of Bradley County Schools were represented at the event with student leaders demonstrating the high school classes to the feeder school students. Finally, students are actively involved in student organizations which help the students grow and develop in areas of community service, competitive events, and leadership activities. For full pictures and details see thinkcte.org.



BCS Spotlights



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
Sarah Taylor
Senior Class President
Bradley Central High School



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Skylar Swafford
Senior Class President
Walker Valley High School



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT
Debbie Shroyer
3rd Grade Teacher
Taylor Elementary School



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT
Kristi Schalk
5th Grade Teacher
North Lee Elementary School

UPCOMING EVENTS - OCTOBER

ALL BRADLEY COUNTY SCHOOLS

- 7th (Fri) - 9 week Grading Period Ends
- 10th (Mon) - 14th (Fri) - FALL BREAK - Schools Closed
- 20th (Thurs) - BCS Board Meeting (Central Office @ 5:30PM)
- 21st (Fri) - Report Cards issued

BLACK FOX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 1st (Sat) - Fall Festival (4:00PM-8:00PM)

BRADLEY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

- 1st (Sat) - ABC Bradley Classic Band Competition
- FAFSA Opens for Seniors
- 24th (Mon) - TN Promise Mandatory Senior Meeting (1PM)
- 25th (Tues) - FAFSA Frenzy!!! (3:30PM)
- 28th (Fri) - Pictures Retakes

HOPEWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 18th (Tues) - Picture Retakes
- 22nd (Sat) - PTO Monster Mash

MICHIGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 22nd (Thurs) - Picture Retakes
- Fall Fun Family Reading night (5PM-7PM)

OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 3rd (Mon) - Picture Day
- 26th (Wed) - Vision Screening

PARK VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 4th (Tues) & 6th (Thurs) - Family Reading Knight
- 6th (Thurs) - Student Led Conferences
- PTO Meeting
- 18th (Tues) & 20th (Thurs) - Family Reading Knight
- 22nd (Sat) - Fall Festival
- 25th (Tues) & 27th (Thurs) - Family Reading Knight

PROSPECT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 4th (Tues) & 18th (Tues) - Family Reading Night
- 25th (Tues) - Family Reading Night
- 27th (Thurs) - Student Led Conferences

VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 4th (Tues) - Parent Teacher Conferences (4PM)

WATERVILLE COMMUNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 4th (Tues) & 6th (Thurs) - Family Reading Night
- 18th (Tues) & 20th (Thurs) - Family Reading Night
- 21st (Friday) - Fall Festival
- 25th (Tues) & 27th (Thurs) - Family Reading Night