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Growing Students - Building Futures Merry Christmas!

A Christmas Story Selection from Reader's Digest: Giving is Better than Receiving

I knew I was not supposed to be quite so excited. I was too old for that. At age eleven, the oldest and my mom's grown-up girl. I had to keep my cool. I was in middle school after all. But every chance I got, I would check each present



under the Christmas tree. Reading every tag, and shaking every package. I had examined every package so much I knew which gift went to who without looking at the tag. It had been a tough year for my family, and my mom sighed when she looked at the packages under the tree. "There won't be much under the tree this year. Try not to be disappointed." Christmas had always been a

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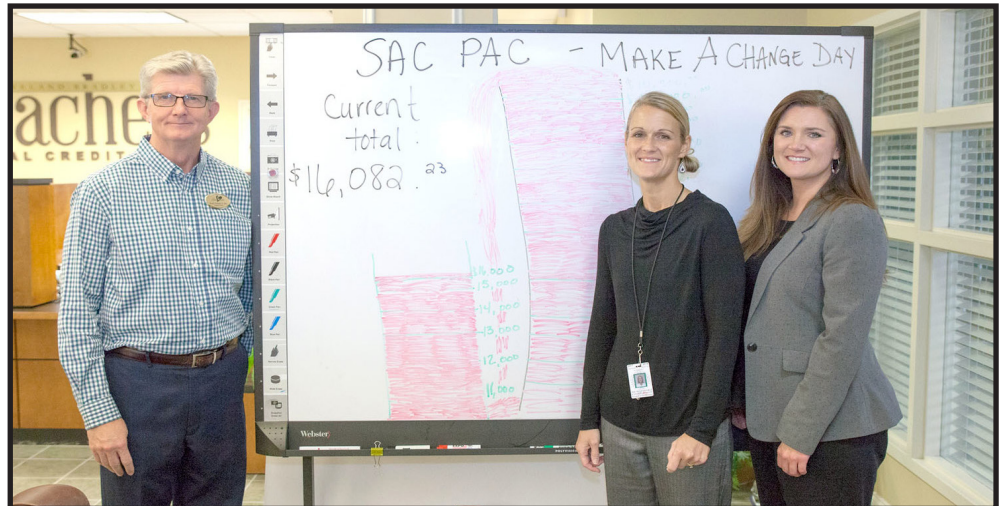
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Make A Change Day

Bradley County Schools raise money for The Caring Place Sac Pac program

Originally published in the [Cleveland Daily Banner](#)

Story by Christy Armstrong

Bradley County Schools recently hosted Make A Change Day, a fundraiser that brought in \$17,000 to help provide weekend meals to children.

All the county schools participated in Make A Change Day Thursday. Funds were given local nonprofit The Caring Place's Sac Pac program. Students, educators and other school supporters collected spare change for the program, hoping the efforts would result in a different kind of change.

The final dollar amount was tallied at Cleveland Bradley County Teachers Federal Credit Union on Friday. Once representatives from all the county schools dropped off their change, the total was \$16,992.94.

Matt Ryerson, president and CEO of the United Way, said Friday a donation had been made to round the amount to an even \$17,000.

"For our schools to rally in this way is extraordinary," said Ryerson. "I think it says a lot about the community and how it cares for its kids."

Workers with The Caring Place's Sac Pac program, which is supported in part by the United Way, deliver bags of food to schools each Friday. Teachers and school counselors then discreetly distribute them to students who have inadequate access to food at home over the weekend.

Dr. Randy Howard, executive director of The Caring Place, said approximately 590 Sac Pacs are distributed to 14 Bradley County schools each Friday.

Each bag is filled with 4 to 5 pounds of easy-to-prepare food to be eaten over the course of a weekend. This food is sourced from an area food bank, at the cost of approximately \$5 per bag. With 590 children needing these bags each week, it costs around \$2,950 for just one week.

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Elementary News

US Sailor surprises son at Waterville

From WRCB TV - Kasey Freeman (Click here to view video)

One Navy family will be able to spend Christmas together, after 5 months of being apart, the sailor finally returned home.

The Navy dad wanted to surprise his oldest son at his school, Waterville Community Elementary in (Cleveland).

There was so much excitement in the gym as the whole school celebrated with 3rd grader Evan Lais as Santa delivered an early Christmas present to his family.

The Lais family moved from California this summer, and they have made Cleveland their new permanent home.

Many of us remember what it's like being the new kid on the block, but Evan's teacher, Regina Edds, says he's a star student.



Santa delivers the best present of the season to the Lais Family

"He fit in very quickly," said Regina Edds, 3rd grade teacher. "I noticed right away that he's a very honorable child he tells the truth."

Waterville Community Elementary called an assembly and had

Evan led the students in singing his favorite Christmas carol, "Jingle Bells".

Evan also had to answer a riddle during the assembly that would introduce someone special.

"Delivers peace and joy," said Evan Lais. "It's Santa!"

All of the students guessed Santa but the answer was Joseph Lais, Evan's father, who made his appearance with St. Nick.

Evan wanted to stay on the nice list, so he gave Santa a hug first.

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time when we were spoiled with gifts with packages spilling out under the tree. I heard the phrase, giving is better than receiving but did not understand the comment. Getting presents was the whole point, and the reason I couldn't get to sleep on Christmas Eve. This Christmas, we all jumped up to open gifts, but there was one with my name that I knew should not be mine. I knew it was for my mom. I didn't fully understand, but my mom said, "It's ok". I was stunned. This was huge. Who would give up presents? As I opened the gift and found a hair dryer, tears filled my eyes. I know a hair dryer is not a huge gift, but for a middle school girl, the gift was the best. But most importantly I knew my mom gave a gift so that I would have more presents.

As an adult I see that she was not giving up her Christmas, but she was finding an even greater joy in her Christmas, because truly, giving is better than receiving. My mom's simple act had a profound impact on me. As a mom myself, I hope I am living by example to my children. Giving is better than Receiving.

Have a blessed Christmas, Linda Cash



Valley View learns about fire safety

Kindergarten students at Valley View Elementary School learn about the functions of fire trucks. Bradley County Fire and Rescue recently visited the school to teach students about fire safety and how firefighters help in emergencies. Students learned how they can "stop, drop and roll." It was a great learning experience for the Valley View Kindergarten students.

Valley View Kindergarten students tour the Bradley County Fire and Rescue Fire truck. Photos courtesy of the Cleveland Daily Banner

Secondary News

GOAL Ink partners with JA

GOAL Academy seniors recently became entrepreneurs starting their own business enterprise. Goal Ink was established with the help of our local Junior Achievement. The students have been meeting every Friday for the past ten weeks to determine their company officers, business plan, sell, and produce GOAL Academy apparel. T-shirts and sweatshirts with the school mascot, an eagle, were designed, printed, and assembled by the students. Students Mark Curry and Chris Folsom made presentations at both the Bradley County School Board meeting and the Sunrise Rotary Club. The students voted to give all of the profits to GOAL Academy. This is the second year GOAL Academy has participated in the Junior Achievement Company Program.



GOAL Academy Students plan, produce, and sell t-shirts and sweatshirts as part of their partnership with Junior Achievement. All proceeds benefit GOAL.



Partnerships in Industry and Education Innovation Center Promotional Video

New PIE Center Video

PIE Center Marketing Team produced an introductory video for the the PIE Center. Click the link to view the video - [PIE Center Video](#).



Bradley Central High School continues the tradition of Excellent Agricultural Programming - During the 2017 National FFA Convention BCHS FFA was granted the 50th consecutive Gold Emblem status with three stars. The group will formally celebrate this amazing accomplishment during FFA week in February 2018. The program and the recognition of the group was featured on [News Channel 12](#). More to come on this great CTE program.

Bradley County Schools Mission Statement:

The mission of the Bradley County School System is to provide an educational opportunity for every student to excel.

Vision Statement:

Growing Students – Building Futures

We Believe:

By inspiring excellence, all students will realize their worth and potential.

By inspiring excellence in learning, all students will be college and career ready.

By providing an academically rigorous and relevant education, all students will excel.

By becoming a leader, all students will develop character and confidence.

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BCS Giving Back!

Taylor Elementary has caring hearts and helping hands!



Taylor's Beta Club collected diapers and used baby bottles to solicit monetary donations for the New Hope Pregnancy Care Center.



Silas Ellis collects change for "Make a Change" day.

The school raised \$1,070.66 for the Sack Pack program as a school-wide service project.

Our annual canned food drive helps to stock two local community pantries.

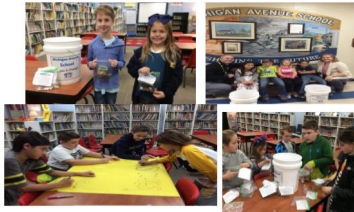


MICHIGAN AVENUE

"Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others."
- Booker T. Washington



Cleveland Helping Cleveland Food Drive



Make A Change Day

Lake Forest Middle School



SGA Annual Canned Food Drive for the North Cleveland Church of God



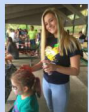
Walker Valley High School



10th Grade English Project - Food Insecurity in Bradley County - leads to a Community Feeding day. Organized by students, this day provided meals for 200+ residents in Cleveland and led to the formation of a community food Pantry at Walker Valley High School.



The WVHS Beta Club sponsored a "Costume Recycling" party where club members collected and re-distributed Halloween costumes to children who needed them.



GREAT Things Are Happening at BLACK FOX ELEMENTARY!



We are thankful for our partners: Scottish Rites, Tennova, and McDonald-Black Fox Ruritans.



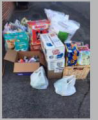
OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Our giving school community donated \$544.78 to help support the Sack-Pac program!



"We rise by lifting others." - Robert Ingersoll

The OG PAT worked hard collecting donations for Hurricane Harvey victims.



The OG Safety Patrol helped collect canned food items for our annual food drive.



Veteran's Day Breakfast



Partnership Brunch



Make A Change Day

North Lee Elementary



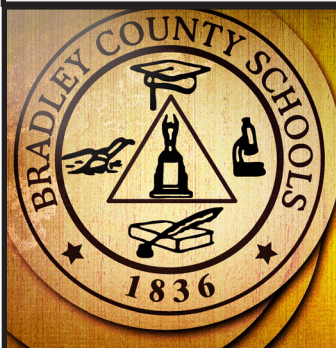
We are making a change by learning about drugs and alcohol and graduating from DARE. Guest speakers included Unplug members Riley White and John Kiepgig.



Our students brought in over 2,000 cans of food to donate to the Caring Place!



Michigan Avenue Elementary



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Addason Harris - Lake Forest Middle School

Teacher Spotlight Video

Tony Womac - 4th Grade Teacher, Charleston Elementary

*Every Child Deserves
A Happily Ever After...*

Read With A Child

Bradley County Schools

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Bradley County Schools Reading Video 2017



Bradley County Schools Tech Professional Development

Bradley County Schools will be offering monthly after-school tech trainings for interested teachers. There is no cost to attend any of the sessions. You may receive self-selection inservice credit or PDP certificate renewal points. To register for any of the sessions, please visit the BCS Professional Development link - [Bradley County Schools Tech PD Schedule and Registration](#).

If you have any questions, please email Teresa Scoggins (tscoggins@bradley-schools.org) or Lesha Crawley (lcrawley@bradleyschools.org).

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January 17, 2018	4:15-5:15pm	Chrome Apps, Extensions and Add-Ons
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January 23, 2018	4:15-5:15pm	Chrome Apps/Extensions Share Out
February 6, 2018	4:15-5:15pm	Using Google Forms
February 8, 2018	4:15-5:15pm	Using Google Forms
March 6, 2018	4:15-5:15pm	Formative Assessment Apps
April 10, 2018	4:15-5:15pm	Hyperdocs: Believe the Hype!

For weekly tips and tricks, join the **#bcstech Twitter chat** every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. You will learn something about Google, Ed Tech, latest and so much more. Just search for the #bcstech hashtag and join the fun!

Anatomege to reshape learning

Walker Valley High School and Bradley Central High School recently received the Anatomege table for their Health Science and Human Anatomy classes. This state of the art human body cadaver dissection table incorporates 3 real life cadavers that students can work on just as though they were in the lab. This table is often seen on the TV show "Greys Anatomy." It is commonly found in medical and nursing schools. Fewer than 25 high schools across the country have this table as part of their curriculum. With this technology students can dissect a real life human body without the odor or preparation needed with a real life cadaver. They can see first hand the organs and organ systems without the need for scalpels or any instruments. Teachers can prepare presentation lessons and also construct quizzes or lab exams for their classes. We are fortunate to have 2 of these tables in the Bradley County School system for our future health science professionals.



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"We are thrilled by all the support coming from Bradley County Schools," said Howard. "It was so exciting to see all the donations coming in and to meet some of the educators involved in this drive. It was obvious these educators have a great compassion to serve these children at risk of hunger."

Dr. Linda Cash, director of Bradley County Schools, said she is "extremely proud" of the way the school district rallied to help children in need. She also offered special thanks to Steve Montgomery, principal of Prospect Elementary School, and Michele Dunkle, counselor at Prospect, for planning the fundraising effort.

"It went exceptionally well," Cash said. "We all have a heart for kids, and we do have children who would go hungry on the weekends without the Sac Pac program."

Cash added students who come from low-income households can and do eat breakfast and lunch at school on weekdays. She added cafeteria staffs "do a great job making sure they have good, nutritious meals."

However, some children go home to empty refrigerators and cabinets. Some children have told their teachers the only time they really get to eat a meal is when they are at school.

"So many children in our community go hungry over the weekend — if they do not have something like this," Ryerson explained. "That's just not acceptable."

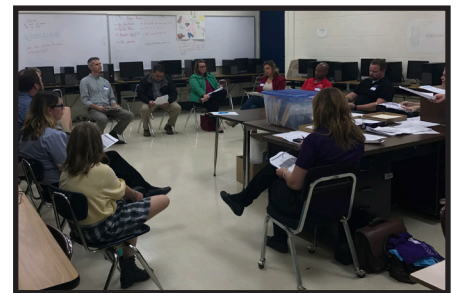
Because of the Sac Pac program, more local children are getting the nutrients they need as they grow. As a result, they are more likely to arrive to school each Monday feeling less hungry.

Cash said Bradley County Schools values the Sac Pac program for what it does to help children each week, and there is a possibility Make A Change Day will become an annual event.

For more information on the Sac Pac program or to add to the donations, visit <http://thecaringplaceonline.org> or call 423-472-4414.



Career Technical Education Annual Advisory Meeting



Great Response as Career Technical Education hosts Partnership Advisory Meeting

Bradley County Schools Career and Technical Education (CTE) hosted an annual fall advisory meeting and YCC partnership meeting on November 6, 2017. With over 200 people in attendance the department outlined the work plan for the coming year and featured programs receiving honors such as the Career Technical Student Organizations as well as FFA's recognition of Haley Milsaps, FFA President's Governor's School recognition and the 50th gold chapter recognition. This large group was divided into program advisory committees providing rich dialog on programming, coursework, industry certifications, budget requests and purchasing plans for not only this year but the 2018-2019 school year. The PIE Innovation Center (Partnerships in Industry and Education) was also at the forefront of the conversations as the system plans for the multipurpose collaborative training center. CTE is excited about the great things happening and are thankful for our wonderful community partners.

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"I thought that Santa was just going to come instead my dad and Santa came," said Evan Lais.

Evan has been working on his Christmas list and having his dad home was one of his wishes he says he also wants to help everyone.

"To get friendship all over the world because everyone deserves it," said Evan Lais.

Amy Lais says having her husband Joseph home will be great for their two young boys because it shows them everything is okay and Christmas will be as magical as ever.

"I think it's going to take a lot of stress off of us," said Amy Lais. "It's definitely very straining on a marriage as well as a family unit."

Petty Officer Joseph Lais will be leaving again the day after Christmas for his final deployment and look forward to being reunited in the summer.