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Bradley County: Excellence in the Arts

Arts in our schools are such a valuable component for students. A well rounded education that includes the Arts is linked to academic achievement, social and emotional growth as well as improvement in public speaking. Many times



students who would not be the most outgoing in class will shine in the Arts. Personalities blossom and a renewed sense of self confidence is seen. I enjoy attending student plays, concerts and musicals just to see the variety of students involved. In Bradley County, I am amazed at the student talent that is present. If you attend a Friday night football game, you all know the musical talent on the field is remarkable.

Entertainment is one facet of the Arts, but there is so much more benefit for students. A recent study of high schoolers revealed a correlation between arts education and math and writing test scores. Over a three year period high school students who took at least one extra class in the Arts were 1.5 times more likely to meet or exceed the ACT Plan national average composite score! These students excelled in statewide tests, earning proficient levels in math, reading and

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Celebrating the Fine Arts

It's Fine Arts Month in Bradley County Schools

Bradley County Schools has many great fine arts programs that are available to the students. During the month of March we have been highlighting these great programs using social media, websites, and billboards. We believe that fine arts are a vital part of a well rounded education. Fine arts programs have been proven in multiple studies to improve a student's success in school. Locally it showed that students involved in the band programs at Bradley Central and Walker Valley scored an average of 4 points higher on the ACT when compared to the school ACT average. This shows even locally that fine arts are beneficial to the students who are involved in those programs. Bradley County Schools is happy to offer many fine arts programs in all of its schools from Kindergarten to 12th Grade. To follow what is happening in with fine arts in Bradley County you can visit www.artsinbradleycountyschools.com or www.facebook.com/artsinbradleycountyschools. These two places will show you the great programs that we have in our school system. In addition to showing off our programs these two places will have resources to show the positive impacts fine arts programs have on our students. We as fine arts teachers thank you for your support of the fine arts programs in our schools.

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Elementary News

Fun in Music Class at North Lee



The students at North Lee were ready to kick off Spring Break, but not before playing some instruments and music games!

Pictured below are 3rd graders showing off their piano skills and experimenting with instrument timbres, 4th graders singing and playing a rhythm stick partner game, kindergartners echoing rhythms on drums, and 1st graders singing while finding partners for their dance! We opened the piano so the kids could see how it works while they play!

Michigan Avenue Chorus performs at Disney

The Michigan Avenue School Chorus will perform at Disney Springs in Orlando, Florida, on Monday, March 12th at 11:30am. The program, featuring a medley of songs from Disney movies, will include, "Be Our Guest," "Bare Necessities," "Wanna Be Like You," "Spoonful of Sugar," and "Step in Time." Other songs selected are, "Shake the Papaya Down," "Rattlin' Bog," and "Yonder Come Day." This is the chorus' second time performing at Disney World.



Michigan Avenue and Arnold School will present a concert entitled, "An Evening of Irish Music" with guest artist, Siobhan O'Donnell, from Dublin, Ireland.



Bradley County Elementary Honor Choir Performance

Bradley County Schools kicked off Music In Our Schools Month with the Seventh Annual Honor Choir performance on Thursday, March 1, 2018. Ten students in 4th or 5th grades from each of the eleven county elementary schools participated in the mass choir under the direction of guest clinician LuAnn Holden. Holden is an associate professor of music at Lee University and chair of the Department of Music Education.

The mission of Bradley County Honor Choir is to enrich the lives of participating students and audiences by preparing the mind and body to make beautiful music through rehearsal and performance of high quality literature, and to unite the Bradley County community through the arts. This evening of wonderful choral music was sponsored in part by Allied Arts of Cleveland-Bradley County.

An Evening of Irish Music

On April 6th, at 6:30pm at the Arnold Elementary School auditorium, students from Michigan Avenue and Arnold School will present a concert entitled, "An Evening of Irish Music" with guest artist, Siobhan O'Donnell, from Dublin, Ireland. This event was inspired from a Fund for Teachers Grant given to Cara Rogers and Siema Swartzel, Music Specialists at these schools. Last summer, Siema and Cara traveled to Ireland for the purpose of taking traditional music classes on both the Tin Whistle and Bodhran (Irish frame drum). While there, one of the Bodhran instructors, Siobhan O'Donnell, agreed to come over to Cleveland and do a week-long Bodhran workshop with the students at MAS and Arnold. Through generous grants from Allied Arts Council and Bradley Cleveland Public Education Foundation, the teachers were able to buy a classroom set of Bodhrans and Tin Whistles for their students, as well as fund the trip for Ms. O'Donnell. Ms. O'Donnell's residency will begin on Monday, April 2nd, with a free Bodhran class for music instructors in the area at Michigan Avenue School. It will continue the rest of the week, with O'Donnell instructing the students at both elementary schools in Bodhran daily. The Friday concert for the community will be the culmination of the week-long residency and is free of charge to the public.

Secondary News



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THE BRIAN GALLAHER
BANDS ON
THE RUN
5K

April 7th, 2018
Registration/Package Pickup: 7am
Race Starts at 8am
Cleveland/Bradley Greenway
Pre-Registration \$25
Day of Registration \$30
Pre-Registration ends 04/01/18
Register online at
www.omsband.com
*Shirts not guaranteed for
those not pre-registered

Proceeds to Support the Ocoee Middle and Walker Valley Bands

Brian Gallaher Bands on the Run 5K

The Brian Gallaher Bands on the Run 5k race is a fundraiser to support the Ocoee Middle and Walker Valley High School band programs. This race will take place on April 7th starting and ending at Greenway Park across from Cleveland High School. There will be live music at the start/finish line provided by the Ocoee Middle and Walker Valley bands. The winner of each age category will receive this year's Brian Gallaher Bands on the Run coffee mug. You may register for the race by going to the following website: www.omsband.com

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writing. There are so many benefits to Art Education including increased creativity and higher comprehension skills. All students who participate in the Arts develop an understanding of the value of hard work, practice and discipline while having fun. I am proud of the Arts in our schools and look forward to many more performances.

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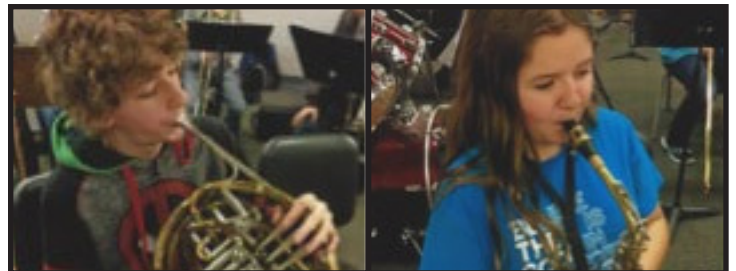
WVHS Musicians selected to All-State Recital

Caleb Presley and Ryan Williams will be representing the Walker Valley High School Band and the East Tennessee School Band & Orchestra Association at the Tennessee Music Educators' Association Conference in Nashville, TN this year. On Wednesday, April 11, the two Walker Valley percussionists will be performing Ivan Trevino's "2+1" for band directors and students during the Tennessee Bandmasters Association Honors Recital. This annual event only includes one ensemble from each regional association (East, Middle, and West) and the participants are selected from a recorded audition process. Trevino's "2+1" is composed for two marimbists on one marimba but the players face each other while performing. Meaning, one of the players performs on the opposite side of the instrument and essentially plays the keyboard upside down (while holding 4 mallets!!). From the composer, "There are many percussionists around the world who only have access to one marimba - like me! I decided to write a piece that would allow two marimbists to play a duet utilizing one marimba." Ryan is a junior at Walker Valley and a two time TN All State Band Member. Caleb is a WVHS senior and plans to major in music at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. The two students worked the advanced percussion piece up with help from director Colby Burris. This is one of the many examples of high quality music being practiced and performed in our local schools here in Bradley County. The video shows the two performing the piece for Walker Valley's Humanities Weekly Concert Series in the stairwell during class change.

[Click Here to watch the performance.](#)

Grants awarded to Lake Forest Band

The Lake Forest Middle School Band has been awarded two grants from the Bradley Cleveland Public Education Foundation over the last two years. The first project, "Restoring Instruments for Creative Minds", repaired 19 school-owned instruments consistently used by students as primary or secondary instruments. The objective of the second project, "All Hands on Deck", was to purchase percussion instruments and equipment in order to have enough instruments for all percussion students to play at the same time. Both projects have greatly enhanced the Bruin Band program, and we are excited to see continued growth! Thank you BCPEF!



Lake Forest students practicing with instruments repaired with a grant from BCPEF

Fine Arts in Bradley County

FINE ARTS AT ITS BEST



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Charleston



Come see The Lion King Jr April 5th & 6th at 7pm at Walker Valley!



Prospect Fine Arts



Tech Team Creative Photography



Show Choir

Michigan Avenue



Valley View



The day 4th grade received brand, new recorders!



Rapping in

Valley View Leadership Academy

Performing "Follow the Drinking Gourd"

An early rehearsal of our production of "The Lion King Jr" will take place at Walker Valley High School on May 11 & 12, 2018

Valley View Voices
Being treated to lunch at Food Lion after a day of spreading Christmas cheer through Christmas songs.

Ocoee Middle School Art



Oak Grove Music

Orff Instruments



School Musical - The Jungle Book



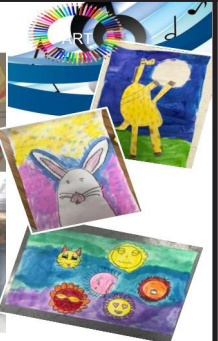
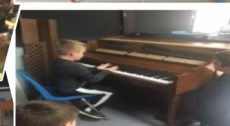
Piano Masters

Drumming Games



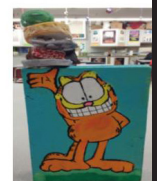
Congratulations to these students for making the Tennessee Treble Honor Choir! (Savannah Hicks, Austin Dudash, Madelyn Talant)

North Lee



Lake Forest Middle School

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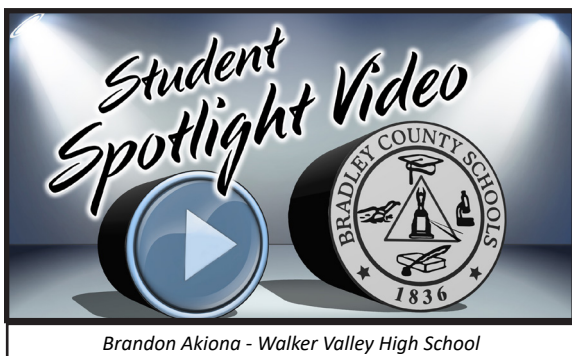
To see all the Fine Arts pictures - see the slide show at Central Office.

County Spotlights



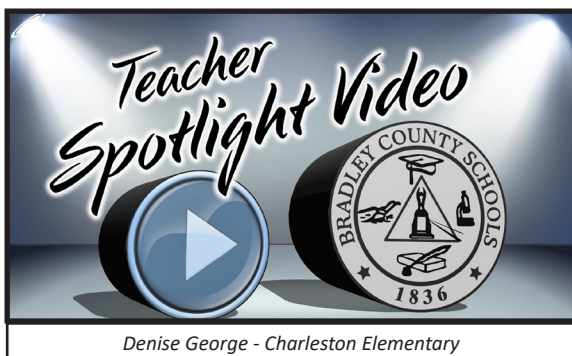
Eaton donates to Taylor Elementary Music

Taylor Elementary's business partner, Eaton, donated a brand-new classroom set of bucket drums for students. When the drums were first received by the kids, one 5th grade student said, "Mrs. Hughes, your dream of having drums for all of your students finally came true!" The drums were certainly received with excitement and fascination by all of the deserving students of Taylor.



North Lee Students to perform in Treble Honor Choir

Three North Lee 5th graders have been accepted to perform at the state music conference in Nashville on Saturday, April 14. Raylee Edwards, Kennin Featherngill, and Ashlyn Graham will sing alongside more than 150 students from all across the state! This is the first year North Lee has participated in the Tennessee Treble Honor Choir, and we are thrilled for our girls to have this incredible experience! Pictured above are Raylee Edwards and Ashlyn Graham.



Panther Cub Choir visits the State Capitol

On February 28th, the Charleston Elementary Panther Cub Choir was invited by Representative Dan Howell to sing for the House of Representatives. We were very blessed to have been given this opportunity! Our students were presented with a special blue book from the state government and entertained the House with the songs "Thankful for the USA" and of course one of our beloved Tennessee state songs "Rocky Top." Everyone in the room was on their feet clapping along! We also had a chance to tour the backstage of the Grand Ole Opry. It was a wonderful trip and we hope to repeat it again in the future!



Follow Bradley County Schools on Social Media

WVHS Band and Choir to return to London



This December the Walker Valley High School Band and Choir will travel to London, England to participate in London New Year's Day Parade. This will be their sixth trip across the Atlantic to participate in the event. During their week in London, the group will tour Oxford, Windsor Castle, and the Tower of London; just to name a few activities. The parade is attended by over 500,000 people and viewed by 300 million on TV and the internet across the world.

The following link contains a video segment filmed by the BBC for the WVHS Band's last trip to London in 2016. [WVHS Band London 2016](#)

Find out more about the parade by visiting their [website](#).

OMS presents The Lion King

Ocoee Middle School is proud to announce the school's Drama Department will be bringing Disney's The Lion King Jr. to the Ocoee Middle School stage. This will be performed in the gymnasium on April 6-7 at 7:00pm and April 8 at 3:00pm as well as April 13 -14 at 7:00pm. The Lion King Jr. features more than 80 extremely talented Ocoee Middle students who will sing and dance to capture the imagination and heart of all who see it. Tickets can be purchased from the Ocoee Middle School front office. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students if purchased in advance or \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students at the door.

Valley View Elementary presents Annie Jr.



Valley View Elementary is excited to be presenting the musical Annie, Jr. which will take place on May 11 & 12, 2018 at Walker Valley High School. We are currently busy rehearsing and preparing for the performances!

BCHS Students selected to Honor Bands

The Bradley Central High School band had four students selected to the East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association Honor Bands this past February. The students traveled to Gatlinburg and participated in three days of rehearsals ending with an outstanding performance to mark the end of the weekend. Of the four students two of them were selected to attend the Tennessee Music Education Association All State Band in April. These students will travel to Nashville to participate with the best musicians in the state in this prestigious ensemble. The students will now graduate with distinction for participating in this ensemble.



LFMS Band to perform at Lookouts game

In 2017, the Lake Forest Middle School Band performed the National Anthem at the Chattanooga Lookouts Baseball Game. The band will perform again this year on Friday, May 11, 2018. Come out and support your local arts!

The Ocoee Middle School Drama Department
Proudly Presents

Music & Lyrics by Elton John **Disney's** Book by Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi

THE LION KING

Based on the Broadway Production Directed by Julie Taymor

Additional Music & Lyrics by Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, and Hans Zimmer

April 6-8 & 13-14

Friday and Saturday shows start at 7:00pm
Sunday show starts at 3:00pm
Doors open 30 minutes prior to show

Tickets

\$8 for adults pre-sale, \$10 at the door
\$4 for students pre-sale, \$5 at the door
Ticket Info: Call the OMS office at 476-0630

WVHS Offers Music Theory Class

Walker Valley High School offers a music theory class for students interested in studying the elements of music composition. Enrolled students learn about a variety of topics such as scales, chords, and form. Learners also engage in a number of composition projects which enable them to create music using several types of professional music software such as Sibelius, Ableton Live, and Garageband.

The music in the following videos were created by students as part of the film scoring project. Students are provided a selection of video clips from which they will chose one as the basis for their project. Students then import the video into the Sibelius music notation software and then begin composing the music.

[Lego Film Scoring Project Link](#)

[Film Scoring Project Link](#)



OMS Students selected for ETVA Honor Choir

On November 17-18, 2017, seven Ocoee Middle School students represented Bradley County School at the East Tennessee Vocal Association Honor Choir. These students learned and memorized high level choral music to perform with students all over eastern part Tennessee at Maryville College. The students who represented Ocoee Middle School were: First Row (L to R) Emily Henderson, Gabe Dill, Leah Hargis. Second Row (L to R) Holly Shimmell, Kevin Mendez, Lucas Dill, and Kaeli Standridge.



Ocoee Middle School celebrates 2nd year with United Sound

The Ocoee Middle School Band is celebrating their second year as a United Sound chapter. United Sound seeks to give instrumental performance opportunities to students with special needs. New musicians are paired with typical peers who teach the new musicians to play band instruments. The United Sound students will perform with the OMS 8th grade band at their April 26 spring concert.

OMS Band to perform at Atlanta Hawks game

The Ocoee Middle School 8th Grade Band has been invited to play a pregame performance at an Atlanta Hawks NBA game this semester. The band will be travelling to Atlanta on April 4th. The students will stop to eat at The Varsity before the game then travel on to play a variety of pep tunes on the court before the Hawks play the Miami Heat.

You can watch the performance by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.nba.com/hawks/hawks-live-stream>

WVHS Choir Students selected to Honor Choir



The students pictured below are students that received two pieces of music in August which they prepared by themselves and auditioned in September and scored high enough to be selected as Honor choir students. After being selected, they received five more selections which they had to prepare for the weekend of the clinic. The group traveled to Maryville to participate in the ETVA All- East Clinic in November. Having rehearsals on Thursday night, all day rehearsals on Friday with performances on Saturday, is an extremely tiring but completely fulfilling experience. Five of the ten students also made the Tennessee All- State Choir.

