

THE DIRECTOR'S VIEW

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Growing Students - Building Futures *What a Year!*

"If you think you are too small to make a difference, you haven't spent a night with a mosquito." ~African Proverb

I want to thank everyone for a great year. The 2017-2018 school year has come to a conclusion! I am very proud of all of



our staff and students for their

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Over 350 students participated in Bradley County Schools' first STEM on the Greenway on May 5th. Schools from across the county presented how they use Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Find out more about STEM on the Greenway on Page 3.

SpringBoard Teacher of Distinction

LeAnn Klepzig of Walker Valley joins very select group

Bradley County Schools is proud to announce that Mrs. LeAnn Klepzig of Walker Valley High School has been recognized as a 2018 SpringBoard® Teacher of Distinction for demonstrating effective teaching practices and successful implementation of SpringBoard in the classroom. College Board Teachers of Distinction represent the best in the profession and exemplify teaching excellence.

After a rigorous application process, Mrs. Klepzig was selected

to represent and serve as a model teacher for the SpringBoard program. As part of this recognition, Mrs. Klepzig will become a member of the SpringBoard teacher advisory council. Mrs. Klepzig will have the opportunity to review new materials, participate in pilot opportunities, and attend the SpringBoard Annual Conference and AP Annual Conference.

"Mrs. Klepzig not only exemplifies teaching excellence, but provides every student with the opportunity to become an effective citizen within the school and community," said Auditi Chakravarty, Vice President of SpringBoard and Pre-AP Programs at the College Board.

We salute Mrs. LeAnn Klepzig for receiving this notable recognition from The College Board and commend her for providing a meaningful and nurturing educational environment that promotes academic achievement for students.



Pictured (L/R): WVHS Asst. Principal Amy Kier, Director of School Dr. Cash, LeAnn Klepzig, WVHS Principal Nat Akiona, ELA Coordinator Traci Blackburn, Secondary Supervisor Danny Coggin

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Elementary News

Perfect Attendance Bike winners



Congratulations to Bradley County Schools Perfect Attendance winners Joseph Douglas from Taylor Elementary and Neyland Croft from Valley View Elementary. Cleveland Masonic Lodge 134 presented both winners with bicycles from Scott's Bikes. Congratulations Joseph and Neyland!

Great things happening at Waterville Elementary



Bradley County High School baseball and softball players came to Waterville to celebrate the students "hitting the test out of the park." They played a game with the students in each grade level and topped it off with inflatables and hotdogs outside. The students celebrated Accelerated Reading with a water day! Students with enough points and the appropriate test average got to spend time outside slipping and sliding into the summer. Students got to celebrate their good behavior for the year! They got to spend their points at the school wide Positive Behavior event with inflatables, games, and a dunk tank.

Bradley County Schools Math Meet

Saturday, April 14th, 2018 was the first annual Bradley County Schools Math Meet. There were nearly 100 4th & 5th grade competitors who participated in an individual written test and also competed as a team for bracket style buzzer round competition. The students worked hard and had a great time! Park View Elementary School hosted the event, and parents were invited to stay and watch their teams compete in the buzzer round which was an exciting competition. These students know their mathematics and can compute difficult problems efficiently and quickly!

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Highlights from Prospect



Here are some highlights from Prospect Elementary:

- 1) Our BEST Partner, Santek, and Prospect celebrated 11 years of a Platinum Level Partnership, recognized by the Chamber of Commerce.
- 2) The Leadership Crew served in many capacities this year and concluded with Leadership Camp where we hosted and joined together with 3 other schools for a day of training at Camp Living Stones. The speaker, Will Campbell challenged the kids saying, "Good leaders are consistent, handle the hard things well, and are servant minded."
- 3) Prospect led the charge for the first ever Make A Change Day for Bradley County! We partnered with all Bradley County Schools in supporting the Sac Pac Program, Caring Place.
- 4) Prospect honored one of it's own, Connie Bancroft, with a special Viking Walk where we raised money and sponsored t-shirts to support her fight against cancer. It truly was a beautiful day of love, support, and unity for all the right reasons!



Secondary News



STEM on the Greenway

Stem on the Greenway was an event put on by Bradley County Schools on May 5th, 2018. It was represented by every school in the Bradley County School System. It was a fun and exciting event that was aimed at elementary aged children to showcase our STEM programs throughout our school system.

Every child was given the opportunity to be engaged with games and experiments that were displayed by the schools. There were also businesses and organizations that showcased how STEM related to their job force. It was an great event that brought out a total of 350 students.

OMS Drive-A-Thon is a huge success

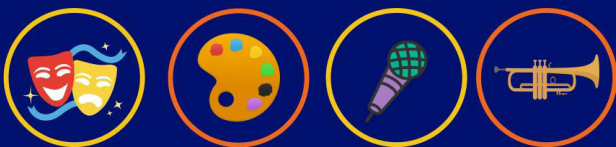


Special thanks to Don Ledford Automotive for sponsoring the recent Drive-A-Thon held at Ocoee Middle School. With the help of the OMS PTO, faculty, staff, and the community, over 500 test drives occurred in a single day to win \$10,000 for Ocoee Middle School. Dr. Linda Cash, Bradley County Director of Schools and Debbie Melton, of Don Ledford Automotive test drive a convertible to support Bradley County Schools. (See below)



Bradley County Schools received the new GEAR UP TN Grant. Learn more about GEAR UP on Page 7.

FINE ARTS AT ITS BEST

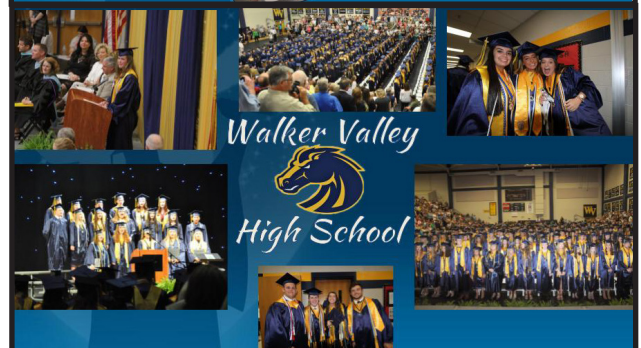
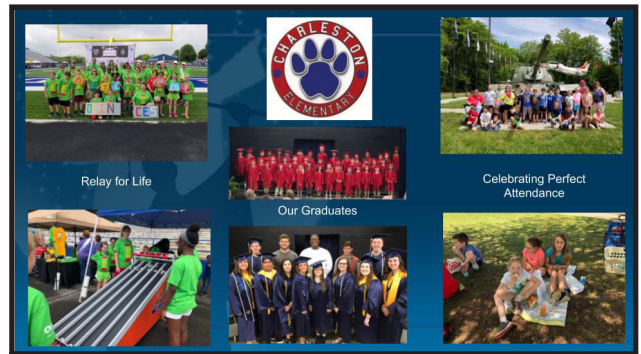


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Finishing Strong



To see all the Finishing Strong pictures - see the slide show at Central Office.

County Spotlights

Student Spotlight Video

Jared Elrod - Bradley Central High School

Student Spotlight Video

Hannah Scarbrough - Walker Valley High School

Teacher Spotlight Video

Adelia Hall - Oak Grove 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



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Healthy Tips for Enjoying Summer

Healthy Tips for Enjoying Summer:

1. Hydrate- water is always the best choice for staying hydrated. Fresh fruits and herbs in water can help make it a good treat. Our bodies are 75% water so it's vital to our health!
2. Eat regularly, but eat light- remember to always choose fresh foods instead of packaged foods
3. Wear loose clothing- loose clothing will allow your body to feel cooler on hot days
4. Don't forget sunscreen- Always use an SPF of 30 or more to protect your skin from the harmful UV rays of the sun. Remember to apply to your lips and ears as well!
5. Play every day- Get 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

Nurses Niche

Our School Nurses had Professional Development during the final week of school. The school nurses were trained on "Stop the Bleed" from employees of Erlanger. Tele-medicine signage was distributed and will be placed at all of our school sites that offer Tele-medicine to all students and staff. We appreciate all of our school nurses and we extend our gratitude to School Nurse Stephanie Hunt from Walker Valley High School who will be retiring after 31 years. We appreciate your service to our community. We love you and enjoy retirement.

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outstanding job this year and am grateful for the continual support of our parents and community. Our parents are outstanding as is shown in their commitment to education as well as their attendance at concerts, games, meets, plays, etc. as well as their participation in parent support groups, such as the PTO, athletic boosters, school and district committees, and more. We also have remarkable students in Bradley County Schools. Our students are a pleasure to work with and demonstrate pride in and of our District on a daily basis. Our teachers go above and beyond and have truly made an impact on my life. Their devotion to our students is inspiring. In this Director's View, we will reflect on this year and all of the great happenings for the year. Bradley County Schools are indeed a great return on investment. Thank you for being a part of our mission of Growing Students and Building Futures.



Over 350 students participate at Bradley County Schools' STEM on the Greenway May 5th

North Lee Elementary celebrates Leadership



Camp Living Stones

4th grade mentors took an end of year trip to Camp Living Stones. They learned team building and working together for stronger leadership skills. The students worked in collaboration with student leaders from other schools during these activities. They made new friends and celebrated the responsibility and benefits of leadership!

4th grade mentors and K/1 mentees celebrated with an end of the school year breakfast catered by Chick-Fil-A. The students all shared their favorite activity as a mentor/mentee and here were some of their responses:

- My mentor helped me learn English.
- My mentor helped me read and AR test on books.
- My mentor taught me how to find greater numbers.
- My mentor taught me how to play tag at recess.
- My mentor helped me count to 100!
- My mentor helped me practice my ABC's!
- My mentor helped me write a sentence.
- My mentor helped me during center time.
- My mentor ate breakfast with me several times!
- My mentee taught me to say hello and goodbye in Spanish.



Math Meet Winners



Pictured here are the individual winners in 4th grade for the paper test: John Stewart at Waterville Community Elementary School, Doc James at Valley View Elementary School, Anna Grace LaDuke at Taylor Elementary School, Jeremiah Crowder at Prospect Elementary School, Andrew Newman at Park View Elementary School, Taylor Hoffman at Oak Grove Elementary School, Eli Myers at Michigan Avenue Elementary School, Caden Leana at Charleston Elementary School, not pictured: Bradock Tippit at Hopewell Elementary School



Pictured here are the individual winners in 5th grade for the paper test: Brody Holtz at Waterville Community Elementary School, Cali Ellis at Taylor Elementary School, Alexis Potteiger at Prospect Elementary School, Gage Hedrick at Park View Elementary School, Alyssa Holt at Oak Grove Elementary School, Ben Griffith at North Lee Elementary School, Brady Harbison at Charleston Elementary School, not pictured: Jeremiah Phelps at Valley View Elementary School



This is the Champion Buzzer Round Team for 4th grade from Park View Elementary School:

Johnny Brafford, Justin Sealy, Jaxson Hembree, Micah King, Andrew Newman



This is the Champion Buzzer Round Team for 5th grade from Waterville Community Elementary School:

Gage McCall, Bronson Stone, Alley Barton, Floyd Holmes, Brody Holtz

Bradley County Educators Experience Germany

Three Bradley County educators were given the opportunity to visit Germany. Teresa Curvin (Walker Valley), Patrick Spangler (Bradley Central) and Brittany Cannon (Central Office) experienced a trip of a lifetime in April. The district purchased some mechatronics equipment from Reletec, a supplier for FESTO, an automation equipment company based in Germany this past fall. FESTO each year provides a tour of German industry for customers. With help from FESTO, Reletec, the Bradley Cleveland Public Education Foundation, and Southeast Tennessee Pathways, the district was able to send three people at no cost.



Pictured (L/R): Brittany Cannon, Teresa Curvin, and Patrick Spangler visit Germany in April to learn more about Germany's approach to work based learning.

Teresa, Patrick and Brittany are beyond excited to share the resources gained with the Bradley County school district as well as local industries in the area. The three were also able to experience time in a German Vocational School where they were able to learn more about the apprenticeship programs which are common in Germany's public education system. While still in secondary school, students have the opportunity to apprentice with companies to learn job skills. This educational model has been duplicated worldwide, and it is the hope that the district can adopt "pieces of" the German apprenticeship program as it develops the Partnerships in Industry & Education Center, or PIE Center.

The group left Germany inspired to continue working to introduce students to new technologies and pair them with professionals who can help them grow in their abilities. One major takeaway is that we can continue to learn from the Germans in regards to manufacturing and education.

Share Our Successes

*Career Technical Education Share Our Successes Program
Highlights Student Achievement*

In student led programs at Bradley Central High School on May 7th and Walker Valley High School on May 10th, CTE celebrated another wonderful year in the classroom, competition, and college and career readiness. Both schools congratulated students for leadership opportunities in National Technical Honor Society, awarded scholarships such as the Gene Haas Foundation Scholarships, honored successes in FBLA Community Service Awards, Microsoft Office Specialist State Champions, and awarded 49 Work Ethic Diplomas. Students and teachers shared the joy of the 50th consecutive National Gold Emblem distinction bestowed upon Bradley Central FFA organization. Forty eight students received state Career Technical Student Organization wins and FFA State Degrees and students celebrated the work of local Cosmetology Competition. One hundred and eighty seven students were recognized for internships and WBL related activities that specifically led to work placement. Eleven different programs celebrated students with dual credit and dual enrollment. Last, but not least, over one hundred students earned industry certification in CNA, Solidworks, OSHA 10, First Responder, Microsoft Office Specialist, Action Personal Trainer, NCCER, and AWS. This has been a spectacular year in Bradley County Career Technical Education.



Gear Up TN Grant awarded to Bradley County

We are excited to report that Bradley County Schools received a new GEAR UP TN Grant that begins June 1, 2018, and goes through September 30, 2024. The awarded amount is \$948,230 over that time period. Students benefiting from the grant program will be the graduating class of 2023, the cohort class, which are the current 7th graders at Lake Forest Middle School and the seniors at Bradley Central every year of the grant. The cohort students and their families will receive support as they go through the next six years in the area of college and career readiness and into their first year of postsecondary. The grant will supply opportunities for these students and their parents to be a part of college visits, job site visits, career investigation, college access events and a variety of other events to help them in their academics and career choices. In addition, teachers will receive professional development that will enhance their instruction leading to more rigorous coursework. When the students move to high school at Bradley Central, grant funding will follow them to include all of these opportunities and more.