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Hubert Hagan

Retired FRC Coordinator & Child Advocate, Foster Elementary – Louisville, KY

Spring: A Time to Rejuvenate and Refocus

by Betty Marshall, President, FRYSCky, Inc.

Louisville (KY) • With the arrival of spring, I am reminded of how quickly each school year passes. It just seems like days ago that this year started and now we are in the midst of preparing for annual testing and the close of another year. I truly hope that this has been a rewarding year both personally and professionally. I know you are making an impact within your schools and communities and encourage each of you to keep up the good work.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued sharing of information with our legislators. I know that we have made many contacts during this legislative session. This communication should not stop with the end of the session. This is an ongoing communication that should continue throughout the year. I have found that legislators enjoy hearing about our work in our schools. Your emails, letters, phone calls and personal contacts give them a unique perspective of what is happening in our schools today. YOU become the reporter of good news concerning programs that impact children and families. Make sure that your local representative and senator have your contact information, because you never know when they might have a question and you may have the answer.

As we begin to wind down another year and start planning for summer programs, transition activities and a new year, I want to encourage you to take some time for yourself. Allow yourself the opportunity to recoup and reflect on what you have accomplished this year. We can only do our best work for others when we are taking care of ourselves. You have or will be having training soon on the Humana Vitality program. This is an opportunity to learn about ways of taking good care of yourself as well as how to help your schools implement staff wellness into their school wellness plan.

During my 15+ years as a coordinator, I have known far too many wonderful coordinators who have burned themselves out and had to walk away from jobs that they loved. Unfortunately, I have also known many who have suffered from poor health and not been able to enjoy the things that make life worth living (family, friends, careers, etc.). I encourage you to make yourself a promise to do something special for yourself because YOU are worth it!

Wishing you only the best. Betty can be reached at betty.marshall@bullitt.kyschools.us or at 502-869-2812.

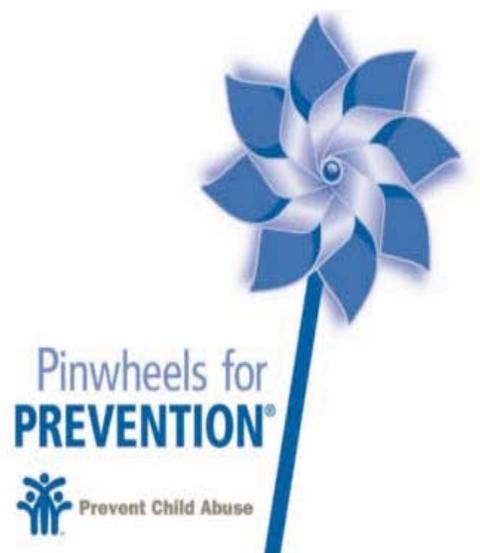
Regional Roundup

Region 7 (Morgan County) ~ Afterschool Program: Exciting Education Opportunities

by Angela Ferguson, Morgan County



West Liberty (KY) • The ESS/21st Century afterschool program is an opportunity to participate in an exciting and explorative learning experience. A new year with new adventures are planned to spark the interest of all participants. The students have been working on creating an art project with snowflakes. The UK Extension Office has been offering classes on health and nutrition. Students are learning how to make smoothies that are tasty and nutritious. We plan to have a surprise visitor in March.



Region 1 (Muhlenberg County) ~ YSC Paints County Blue Advocating Against Abuse

by Bonnie Gibson, Coordinator, Muhlenberg County High School YSC

Greenville (KY) • April is CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS month and once again, Muhlenberg County High Youth Service Center will be kicking off the Pinwheels for Prevention. Our High school students will be placing BLUE Pinwheels on both lawns at West and East Campus to help bring awareness to this horrible act against our children. We are asking all of our Muhlenberg County residents to place Blue Pinwheel on their lawns and in their places of business. April 1st will be our kick-off day. Help Us Out...Muhlenberg! This is a picture of last years students...I will be posting more on this all the month of March to help us gear up and fight for our children. Please go stock up on those Blue Pinwheels this month and get ready...Let's paint... Muhlenberg County Blue!!!

Regional Roundup

Region 10 (Pike County) ~ Red Ribbon Week: Slaying DRUGons, One Kingdom at a Time

by Dawn Rowe, Coordinator, Pikeville FRYSC

Pikeville (KY) • Pikeville Independent Schools celebrated Red Ribbon Week in October by providing educational programs and events to encourage student, faculty, staff and community about the importance of drug abstinence.

At Pikeville Elementary School you could find princesses, princes, dragons and knights to help celebrate being drug free with the theme "Slaying DRUGons, One Kingdom at a Time. The week included programs presented by Larry Adams Martial Arts and the ABC's of success, The Pike County Library with folktales and stories about making positive choices, Red Ribbon Relays a day to celebrate whole body wellness, and The Pike County Health Department's Witches Brew with their nasty cauldron of poisons. A special family night was held that included Crafting, Reading and choosing positive influences with the UPIKE Bears. Parents received training that identified warning signs and community resources by Unite Pike.

Students at Pikeville High School participated in a school-wide assembly promoting drug abstinence, positive decision making and identifying role models to influence successful life behavior from Sports World. Throughout the week students participated in activities as a reminder to stay drug-free.



Region 10 (Pike County) ~ Holiday Literacy Night

by Dawn Rowe, Coordinator, Pikeville FRYSC



Pikeville (KY) • Pikeville Elementary Family Resource and Youth Service Center hosted their monthly family night just before the holidays. Literacy night was very successful with more than 98 parents and students in attendance. Grade level themes included Elf on the Shelf and Polar Express. The night's activities were planned around the theme and included reading, crafts, writing and watching "Elf on a Shelf". Students participated in activities while Jeanie Stone, retired Pikeville High School writing teacher, provide hints and tips to parents to help them move their students toward distinguished writing. Parents and students were reunited with each to share what they had learned. The evening ended with Mrs. Barbara Kelley's elementary chorus singing several of our beloved holiday classics.

Region 5 (Jessamine County) ~ "B"elieve "E"xceed "S"ucceed

by Debbie Montgomery, Coordinator, Family Circle

Nicholasville (KY) • Nine years ago Jerry Butler and his wife, Debbie, moved to Nicholasville in search of a slower paced, smaller community than they had been accustomed to in California. Jerry probably never expected he would land in the busy, bustling halls of Brookside Elementary School! Mr. Jerry, as our students lovingly call him, served in the United States Marine Corps and worked for Warner Brothers Studios for 32 years before he retired and moved to Jessamine County.

He joined our Brookside family four years ago through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. During this time, he has been a mentor and role model to eight boys, sharing his time, stories and laughter. His weekly visits provide consistency, dedication and patience for these boys who often don't have positive male role models in their lives. Many classrooms have also enjoyed the fascinating stories he tells of his time spent at Warner Brothers. He encourages our students and helps them believe they can, in fact, "Believe, Exceed and Succeed."



When his friends asked him what his retirement plans were he told them, "I don't have a plan. I'm looking for a long vacation!" He says he hasn't wasted any days, and he has enjoyed each one. When we tell him how valuable he is to our school, he just smiles and says, "The rewards are mine".

Regional Roundup

Region 9 (Whitley County) ~ South Whitley Homemakers Club Gives to Community and FRC

by Della Rose, Coordinator, Pleasant View/Boston FRC



Williamsburg (KY) • South Whitley Homemakers Club is a group of ladies who work hard and diligently in the community and help encourage ladies with cancer, young ladies learning to sew, grandparent and parent workshops to brighten their days. They made scarves and other hats to give to cancer patients in community. Quilts and lap quilts were made with grandparents and grandkids to help bring the ability to learn how to quilt and to keep the heritage and culture of that activity alive. Projects and meetings are ongoing twice a month in the Boston/Pleasant View Family Resource Center Della Rose, Coordinator provides space, sewing machines that have been bought throughout the years and stored in the center for anyone to use. Material and other projects that the ladies do for community like the quilts and hats for Breast Cancer Awareness Month was sponsored by Boston/Pleasant View Family Resource Center. Special ladies; Janie Lawson, Mildred Rose, Nancy Crowley, Nannie Sue Payne, and Marjorie Lawson (others may have been missed), these ladies are a blessing for teaching, fellowship with others and lending a kind hand in the community. God Bless all of them!

Region 5 (Frankfort Independent) ~ Frankfort's OWN: Supporting African American Males

by Jill Sutton, Coordinator, Frankfort Independent FRYSC

Frankfort (KY) • Frankfort's OWN (One Way Now...Forward) is a cooperative effort between the Frankfort Independent School system and the community of Frankfort. Frankfort's OWN is a Saturday program that offers a variety of activities aimed at providing support, motivation, and community for the African American males in the Frankfort Independent School District. Saturday program activities include African American studies, team building, guest speakers, college preparedness, field trips, physical activity, family meals, and more. The mission of Frankfort's OWN is to empower males in Frankfort to become educated and energized to make life-long decisions that will positively impact their lives and the future of the community they serve.

Regional Roundup

Region 7 (Augusta Independent) ~ A New Coordinator's Story

by Jason S. Hinson, Coordinator, Augusta FRYSC

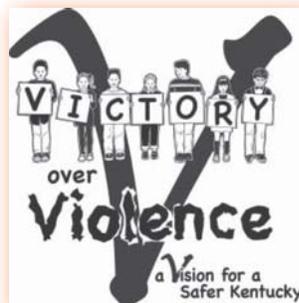
Augusta (KY) • In July, I was named the new FRYSC coordinator and have really enjoyed all aspects of the job. It has been great to help with the special needs of families including food, clothing, and supplies. As the basketball coach at Augusta, I have learned to manage both duties, and also managed to bring them both together by creating activities for the team to help with. With most of the basketball duties taking place at night, I am able to use my team in other areas throughout the day and summer to keep them involved. My team is learning valuable lessons by helping out and it has shown them how important the FRYSC department is to Augusta Independent School. Many of my basketball team's families have brought in clothes, shoes, and other supplies that their children don't need any more. Our closets are now overflowing with shoes and clothes.

When I took over in July, I thought it would be great to get materials donated from various organizations to hand each child a "supply bag" for our annual Read-I-Fest event. The entire basketball team graciously donated their time to come in and help put the supply bags together for each student at Augusta Independent. The players also volunteered their time to hand out the supplies at the Read-I-Fest event.

FRYSC and the basketball team have both seen success in this past year. Just recently we won the 39th district Championship by beating Mason County for the first time in school history and Bracken County in the finals. In winning the district, we were asked to lead a parade in downtown Maysville. This parade is for the Regional Prevention for Sexual Abuse. This is an honor to lead the stand against abuse and to also let our student athletes be aware of sexual abuse. Tanner Kelsch, a senior at Augusta Independent School and Co- Captain of the basketball team, started the parade off by giving random facts about sexual abuse.

These are great examples how being a FRYSC Coordinator and Coach can go hand in hand in developing a great relationship with students and student athletes. Students must feel welcome around you and I feel that being the basketball coach makes the students feel more comfortable when they need to come see me for supplies or when they have issues.

Basketball plays such an important part of the Augusta culture. Many of the students look up to our athletes and having them show the importance of reading by reading to our students and participating in Family Fun Nights gets more students involved. These are just a few of the many great examples of how we make it work at Augusta Independent School.



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Region 5 (Frankfort Independent) ~ Be A Part of the Solution, No Bullying

by Jill Sutton, Coordinator, Frankfort Independent FRYSC

Frankfort (KY) • Second Street School hosted its first annual “Anti-Bullying Week” the week of February 4th through the 8th. The week consisted of a variety of events:

- Theme days for each day of the week:
 - Monday – Peace Out Day (wear tye-die and peace signs)
 - Tuesday – Pajama Day (put the bullies to bed)
 - Wednesday – The Golden Rule Day (wear your bling)
 - Thursday – “Pawsitive” Day (wear Cubs or UK gear)
 - Friday – “Be A Part of the Solution” Day (wear your anti-bullying t-shirt)
- Daily mini-lesson on bullying, taught by each classroom teacher.
- Door-decorating contest with anti-bullying theme with pizza party for top three winners.
- Student assembly with guest speaker Lt. Scott Harvey for students in grades 4 thru 6.
- Publishing parties held in each classroom inviting family members to hear/view student work related to the anti-bullying theme. Work included posters, skits, videos, anonymous letters, poems, art, and more published by students.
- Parent program also presented by Lt. Scott Harvey on ways to recognize bullying, help a child cope with bullying, etc. with over 100 parents in attendance.
- T-shirts for all SSS students and staff with the “Be A Part of the Solution, No Bullying” theme.

The week was a huge success!

Region 7 (Rowan County) ~ Reality Store Shows Correlation between Education and Salary

by Kay Roe, Coordinator, Rowan County Middle School YSC

Morehead (KY) • Rowan County Middle School partnered with the Rowan County Extension Office 4H program to bring “Reality Store” to all 7th grade students on February 21st. Students were given an occupation based on their educational plans after high school. This may have been furthering their education after high school in a technical or 4 year college, no further education, or dropping out of high school. The students then attended Reality Store where they spent their monthly income after taxes on the necessities and luxuries they envision as part of the adult lifestyle including food, shelter, utilities, transportation, property taxes, insurance, childcare, furniture, clothing, and entertainment. Students also had to visit the crystal ball to pull out a chance card. “Chance” cards are those unexpected items that affect their life daily. If for some reason a student found themselves in real financial trouble, they can get help at the SOS table. One of the most important lessons students learned was the correlation between education and salary.



Regional Roundup

Region 7 (Morgan County) ~ Student Santas Help Many Families & Children Have a Merrier Christmas

by Kim Standafer, Coordinator, Family Connections FRC

West Liberty (KY) • The annual Morgan County Student Santa event was held on Dec. 18th at Morgan Central Elementary with a large number of families and children receiving toys and gifts for the Christmas holiday season. 130 families signed up through the local FRYSC offices at the schools with a total of 302 students being served. The Student Santa program each year also purchases small gifts for the residents of Woodsbend Youth Development Center. This year the total number of residents at the camp was approximately 35.

Even though the changes for Morgan County this year have been vast and extreme, the one thing that has never wavered is the generosity and dedication of the businesses, volunteers and citizens. Many businesses stepped up to help with monetary donations and toys as well as permitting their lobbies to become drop off points for people to bring their donations. Several businesses also allowed their Christmas trees to be adorned with paper angel cutouts depicting the ages and gender of the participants for whom the toys would be given. In addition to the businesses we had 43 volunteers who came to help with any task they were asked to perform. Whether they carried, unloaded, loaded or wrapped, our volunteers were eager and more than happy to spread cheer to our participants.

Each family was given a tin of popcorn, a Testament and a children's book of the Christmas story. The gifts that were chosen for the children were wrapped by various organization volunteers and citizens. The Student Santa planning committee wishes to commend and thank the following for their donations and assistance:

- Monetary Donations: Kiwanis Club, KCCD, First National Bank, EKCC Inmates, Cade Logging, John and Linda Whitt, Morgan County Woman's Club.
- Agencies collecting toys were: Bank of the Mountains, Citizens Bank, Commercial Bank, First National Bank, Cash Express, EKCC Staff, Long Term Recovery, and the Morgan County Board of Education Central Office Staff.

The committee also wishes to thank the Licking Valley Courier for their Advertising, Morgan Central Elementary for the use of their gymnasium, Dept. of Protection and Permanency, Towne-n-Country and Country Cousins Morgan County Homemakers Clubs, RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), 4-H Teen Club, Morgan County Head Start, Morgan County Schools Personnel, MSU Adult Education, Ameri-corps Volunteers-Heather Bryant, Karen Standafer, Wanda Sexton and Becky Brown. Morgan County Schools Transportation and Community Education Director-Keith Holbrook, Family Connection FRC Director-Kim Standafer, WEVE FRC Director-Angela Ferguson, HSYSC-Alicia McClurg, MSYSC-Donna Blair, 21st CCLC Director-Debi Brewer and all other Morgan County citizens who came to help in any way.

Regional Roundup

Region 7 (Morgan County) ~ Little Learners Have Big Fun!

by Kim Standafer, Coordinator, Family Connections FRC



West Liberty (KY) • Little learners, was held on Friday, January 4, 2013 at Morgan Central Elementary. The children shown in the photograph from left to right are; Adyson, Emma, Hudson, and Daniel. We started our program with a delicious apple and choice of milk, provided by the cafeteria staff, next we enjoyed a story provided by our library about "Clifford's First Snow Day", then, it was the learner's time to play in the snow by throwing pretend snow in the air. They had so much fun! The adults used watercolors to paint a tree sketched by a local artist Ronnie Gevedon, and then the children used their fingerprints to decorate the leaves. The next little learner's class was held in early-February, we look forward to another hour of learning and fun! If you have any questions regarding our program, please call the Family Resource Center at 606-743-8432.

Region 9 (Laurel County) ~ All Pro Dad Program at South Laurel Middle School

by Kim Turner, Secretary, South Laurel YSC



London (KY) • South Laurel Middle School/YSC sponsors a monthly meeting for all fathers or father mentors of South Laurel Middle School students. This meeting is called All Pro Dad. Fathers and their child/children are invited to come and have a free breakfast and then a program is presented to the fathers and students regarding ways to spend more quality time with each other as a family. Door prizes are given to each adult attending the meeting. Pictured are a group of fathers/father mentors and their children from our February 2013 meeting.



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Region 1 (Carlisle County) ~ Carlisle Farmer Wins \$5,000 for STARS Program & Senior Citizen's Center

by Lisa Adams, Coordinator, S.T.A.R.S FRYSC

Bardwell (KY) • A local Farmer Wins \$5,000 for S.T.A.R.S Program and Carlisle Senior Citizen's Center through America's Farmers Grow Communities. Justin Watson of Bardwell has been selected as a winner in America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund.

Grow Communities gives farmers the opportunity to win a \$2,500 donation to direct to their favorite local nonprofit organizations. To further support counties that have been declared disaster areas due to drought by the U.S.D.A. winning farmers in these counties were able to direct double the donation, a total of \$5,000 to further support the community.



Carlisle County was declared a disaster area by the USDA, giving Justin Watson, the opportunity to place two \$2,500 donations.

Justin Watson selected the Carlisle County S.T.A.R.S. Program and Carlisle Senior Citizen's Center as the recipients of the winnings. A ceremony was held on Thursday February 14 at the Carlisle County Board Meeting.

Lisa Adams S.T.A.R.S. Coordinator said, " When Justin called me I couldn't believe the dollar amount!" The money will be divided between the Elementary, Middle and High Schools. Adams said, "So far, we have purchased an ACT College Prep kit for the high school, and the Elem school will put their money towards a new math series that will be implemented in grades K-5. Without the continued support from our community our center could not do everything that we do for our students. I am so grateful for Justin and Lacey Watson for believing in the work our center does to ensure that every child at Carlisle County has every means possible for them to be the best student possible."

America's Farmers Grow Communities SM is sponsored by the Monsanto Fund to support local farming communities. The program, which launched in 2010, allows farmers to enter to win a \$2,500 donation for their favorite community nonprofit organization, such as 4-H, FFA, schools, fire departments and other civic groups. One winner will be selected in each of 1,271 eligible counties in 39 states.

To further support counties that have been declared disaster areas by the USDA due to drought, winning farmers in these counties can choose where to direct an additional \$2,500 donation based on community needs that surfaced because of the drought. The Monsanto Fund will invest over \$5 million to local nonprofit organizations across the country through Grow Communities this year.

Regional Roundup

Region 7 (Martin County) ~ Backpack Snacks Program is Growing

by Martin County FRYSCs

Inez (KY) • Many of you have weekend feeding projects of one kind or another. Those of you that do can certainly understand how hard it is to keep the pantry full, so to speak. The Martin County FRYSCs are blessed with a group of volunteers who make our program a success.

After watching the 20/20 special with Diane Sawyer, Hidden Appalachia, Amy Guerrieri, a resident of Connecticut, decided she needed to help on a personal level. She gathered together her neighbors and hosted a drive for school supplies and backpacks and headed for Kentucky. To make a long story short Ms. Guerrieri has banded together with her community, her privately owned business and corporate sponsors to create R.A.M.P. or Rockin' Appalachian Moms against Poverty.

Through the non-profit organization R.A.M.P. almost 400 children in Martin County receive backpacks filled with nutritious food two weekends of every month. Our local R.A.M.P. representative, Melissa Stepp, and her volunteers fill and deliver all the backpacks to each school in a truck purchased by the organization for this purpose. With the help of Whole Foods we have also been donated a WIFI ready bus to use for after school and summer educational programs. Ms. Guerrieri and her never tiring band of volunteers continue to create ways to serve the people of Martin County through scholarships, grants and other programs. When the tornado hit Martin County last March R.A.M.P. sent two semi trucks of nonperishable foods and cleaning supplies to Martin County. The FRYSCs of Martin County and the families we serve are very grateful to Amy for all her assistance.

We would also like to give a shout out to the JROTC of SCHS and their Sgt. Mark Rodriguez. They are the heart and muscle of the program. They assist the FRYSCs with child supervision, class presentations, food distributions and many other projects. We salute you, JROTC and Sgt. Rodriguez. Thanks for all you do.

Region 11 (Meade County) ~ Visit the Kentucky Derby Museum

by Whitney Thomas, Coordinator, KERALot III FRC, Flaherty Elementary

Ekron (KY) • The Kentucky Derby Museum visited Flaherty Elementary and Flaherty Primary on March 8th. Heather Hill from the Kentucky Derby Museum presented information to each class pertained to the Kentucky Derby. Each program is age-appropriate and address Kentucky's Academic Expectations and Program of Studies guidelines. The Kentucky Derby Museum's Statewide Outreach program is made possible through the generous donations from:

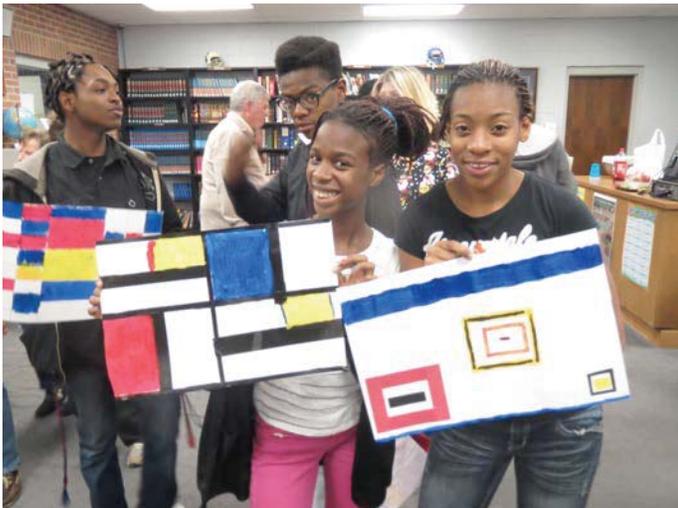
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Region 1 (Fulton Independent) ~ Art (and Life) Lessons

by Tracy Pulley, Coordinator, The Family Connection FRYSC



Fulton (KY) • Who the heck is Mondrian? Most high schoolers don't have a clue --- but 21 students at Fulton High School know he was a Dutch abstract artist who created some of the most famous geometric paintings in history. They know Mondrian, because they are members of The Family Connection's mentoring program, launched back in 1998 and still going strong 14 years later.

Students in grades 8, 9 and 10, referred by teachers, are paired with community leaders. They meet at school as a group once a month, never knowing what to expect. "Theoretically, mentoring is about creating bonds between caring adults and students in order to

improve a student's chance of not only graduating but moving into a successful adulthood," said coordinator Tracy Pulley. "But how do you 'make' people bond? It's a challenge."

Pulley, who served as TFC coordinator for the Fulton district from 1993-97, married, moved away and then returned to the position in 2009, gets creative when it comes to mentoring. "I've brought in a yoga teacher to make the mentors and students stretch their bodies, and I found a female professional bullrider to talk with us and stretch our possibilities," said Pulley. "This year we're focusing on a different artist every month, stretching our creativity."

Once referred, students remain in the mentoring program through graduation. The program creates positive PR in the community by connecting the school with community members for years at a time, and it supports students who need to know someone cares about them and wants them to succeed. "If we had enough community volunteers I'd put every student in mentoring," said Pulley. "It's a wonderful program."

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Region 9 (Williamsburg Independent) ~ Williamsburg Student, Makayla Mack, Serves as Legislative Page

by Tammy Stephens, Coordinator, Williamsburg Independent FRYSC



Williamsburg Independent 8th Grader Makayla Mack pictured with Kentucky State Representative Regina Bunch

Williamsburg (KY) • Williamsburg Independent Eighth Grader, Makayla Mack, was chosen to be a Legislative Page for the school's Family Resource and Youth Service Center (FRYSC). Williamsburg students entered the FRYSC Page contest by submitting an essay along with artwork explaining why they wanted to be a Page for State Representative Regina Bunch. The student submissions were graded and judged and Mack was selected as the 2013 region 9 FRYSC Page.

Mack was one of only 16 students selected to represent region 9, which consists of Bell, Clay, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, and Whitley County Schools, as well as the Independent Districts of Corbin, East Bernstadt, Middlesboro, Pineville and Williamsburg.

Mack traveled to Frankfort with her FRYSC staff on February 13th to spend the day with Representative Bunch and others developing an understanding of the workings of state government. Mack is the daughter of Craig and Joy Mack of Williamsburg.

Region 10 (Floyd County) ~ Prestonsburg Student, Emily Dillon, Serves as Legislative Page

by Michelle Keathley, Coordinator, Adams Middle School YSC

Prestonsburg (KY) • The Adams Middle School Youth Services Center was pleased to have as our Student Representative for this year's Legislative Page Days, Miss Emily Dillon. Emily is an 8th grader at AMS and is very active in her school. She is a part of the Y-Club, Journalism Club, Dance Cats and Dance Elite. As part of the Y-Club, Emily has furthered her interest in learning about our government and how it works. She was very excited to get an opportunity to meet and work with Senator Turner and add to her resume of experiences this year.

The artwork that Emily submitted with her page application showed that she really knows about the role of the YSC in our school. She was able to feature many of the activities of the center as well as ways that the center helps meet the needs of students. As part of the Dance Cats, Emily along with the rest of her teammates, decided instead of exchanging gifts with each other for Christmas, they would donate the money to the center to help out students in need.



Regional Roundup

Region 1 (Graves County) ~ WATCH D.O.G.S, Presidents, and Reading

by Stacy Harris, Coordinator, Lowes/Fancy Farm FRC



Fancy Farm (KY) • The Lowes/Fancy Farm Family Resource Center recently held a family reading night at Fancy Farm Elementary. The theme of the night was Presidents. We focused on George Washington and Abraham Lincoln since both of their birthdays are celebrated in February. Several dads volunteered during the night, many of whom are also involved in the WATCH D.O.G.S program. Some read books, served lemonade, helped make crafts and signed up families for attending. Two of the dads dressed as Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. Almost 200 parents and students attended the reading event and every student took home a free book. The Lowes/Fancy Farm Family Resource has implemented the WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) to encourage fathers/father figures to spend a day at school with their child. Both Lowes and Fancy Farm schools have fathers that volunteer. The dads do a variety of things from reading, eating lunch with students, helping in PE, Library, monitoring hallways, to helping unload car riders. The fathers/father figures provide the students with a positive male role model.

Region 5 (Nicholas County) ~ UK Dental Program Delivers Smiles!!!

by Paula Hunter, Coordinator, Nicholas County FRYSC

The University of Kentucky Dental Van program has been a tremendous benefit to the Nicholas County Elementary School. We have around 127 students who are using the services on a yearly basis. We have been using the program for four years now.

For many of our students, this is their first appointment with a dentist. The comprehensive work the staff does for our students is the very best. And Dr. Lester and his staff provide the friendliest dental office you will ever visit. Parents don't have to miss work and spend the gas money to take their children to the dentist.



We have one student who never smiled because his front two teeth were bad. Now that they have been fixed, he smiles all the time and as he enters high school next year, he will have one less issue to worry about.

Out of all the programs we have had through our office, I think this is my favorite. Thank you University of Kentucky!



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FACES ACROSS KENTUCKY



FRANKFORT -- Rep. Bart Rowland, R-Tompkinsville (right), confers with Sen. Sara Beth Gregory, R-Monticello, during a recess period in the Kentucky Senate.

FRANKFORT -- Sen. Perry Clark, D-Louisville (left), congratulates Sen. Paul Hornback, R-Shelbyville, following passage of a bill in the Kentucky Senate.



FRANKFORT – Senate President Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, adjourns the 2013 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly.