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'Tis the Season

by Michael Flynn, President, FRYSCKy, Inc.

Irvine (KY) • Friends beyond a doubt this newsletter is going to find each of you in the midst of holiday mayhem. There are doors to decorate, trees to be strung with lights that never seem to work, Christmas cards to send, live nativities to be seen, gifts to be collected and then redistributed...and that's just the first hour of our day. The rest of the day is spent helping feed families who are hungry, collecting data for FY 13 Allocation Applications, impacting academic progress, and then having to prove it all was worth the few dollars that were spent getting it done.

Isn't it amazing how such a joyous season can create such utter pandemonium? It is in my opinion that the Jim Carey version of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" is the very best representation of the madness that we all live among. Those Who's in Whoville in a strange sort of way make me and business in December at my center have some semblance of normalcy.

I personally love the season and all that it stands for...peace, joy, giving to others selflessly, and unconditional love. If only this could be the philosophy that everyone tries to spread to our neighbors year round. We'd probably see many less dysfunctional children with even fewer dysfunctional families.

Please take the time to gather your thoughts and focus on your friends and family this season. For we truly never know when this may be the last season to say that "Merry Christmas" or to taste that special someone's prized apple pie.

As we begin to close our fall semester and start planning for the spring, it becomes even more imperative that we also continue to focus on the work that we as coalition members need to be doing. The Coalition Board appreciates everyone's support as you have (hopefully) been talking with your legislators and sharing with them the educational impact your programs have been having on the academic success of your students. I encourage you to regularly provide information to your Regional Representatives concerning contacts that have been made with our legislators as they request.

I would like to extend a great amount of appreciation to all our FRYSCKY Coalition Board members for their continued support in watching legislative issues and managing Coalition business in a manner that provides each of us with an amazing support network in Frankfort. However, I also want to remind everyone that the strength of our coalition does not lay among the members of our Board. Rather our strength comes from our unified numbers as members as a whole.

The Board itself merely serves as the Coalitions “watch dog.” The Board members are much like the family dog that we all know. Lying quietly at the doorstep every evening watching and making sure that all is good and safe as the beloved family rest inside. A good watch dog will notice its surroundings and upon first sensing some sort of danger he will stand and survey the situation to determine if a threat is present or not. If there is no threat the dog remains alert, but doesn’t sound any warning. However, if there is a perceived threat then he will sound an alarm, barking and growling telling all inside to beware and prepare. To prepare to defend themselves and protect what is rightfully theirs. Furthermore, sometimes he wards off the danger on his own and at other times he requires assistance in ensuring the families safety. Regardless for the next few hours both dog and family live in a heightened sense of awareness until both are sure that the danger has passed.

However, when the danger continues to lurk and the watchdog continues to provide the warning then the family inside hearing the warning must make a decision. Do they react and heed the warning with action? Do they ignore the inconvenient sounds of the barking dog and continue in their slumber? Ultimately the decision is theirs. For you see my friends a good watch dog is only good for the family who is aware of his bark, who heed his warnings, and save themselves in the end.

May your season be joyous and your new year blessed.

Regional Roundup

Region 7 (Morgan County) ~ *Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)*

by *Donna Blair-Davis, Coordinator, Morgan County Middle YSC*



West Liberty (KY) ~ I won this program at the Victory Over Violence conference. It really pays to attend these conferences. This program is a big hit at our school. Dads were very pleased to be a part of it. We held a special event on Tuesday October 26th to launch our Watch D.O.G.S.(Dads of Great Students) program for dads of our MCMS students. The program is designed to engage men, inspire children, reduce bullying and enhance the educational environment at our school. The launch was a great success. The Dads came with their children and enjoyed pizza and soft drinks. They were given certificates and t-shirts. This is a wonderful program for our schools. I hope everyone will consider implementing it into their school. Here

is the web site if interested. www.fathers.com/watchdogs. I don't think you will regret it. It is always good to have our parents be involved in our schools.

Regional Roundup

Region 7 (Morgan County) - "Fountain of Our Youth" Tile Mosaic Wall Mural

by Alicia McClurg, Coordinator, Morgan County High School YSC

West Liberty (KY) ~ The "Fountain of Our Youth" tile mosaic wall mural was a community art project that involved the students from all of the schools in Morgan County. Every student in the Morgan County Schools had the opportunity to express their artistic talent in a way that will be valued throughout the county for generations to come by creating a tile mosaic wall in the center of West Liberty. The wall contains over 2000 tiles, each created by a Morgan County student.

Students were involved in every phase of the project from the design of the mosaic to the unveiling ceremony for the community. The creation of the tiles began with each student being given a writing prompt. The students were instructed to think back to a great childhood memory of something in the community and to write a short story explaining the memory. The students then drew a simple image of the memory of a piece of paper.

The next step was to create the image of the tile. The students used glaze to paint the image onto the tile. High school students created the ceramic cougar faux fountain pieces by hand sculpting clay at the Morehead State University ceramics lab. The tiles were fired in kilns at MSU and Kentucky Mudworks. The district's two art teachers, Janell Potter and Malayia Whisman directed the project. The Family Resource and Youth Services Center staff provided on site school coordination at each of the seven schools in the district. The centers were responsible for having each student create their own tile and transporting the tiles to MSU for firing.

The project started during the spring semester of the 2010-2011 school year and the completed project was revealed at the community unveiling ceremony on August 31, 2011. The project that began as the idea of a small group attending the Brushy Fork Institute is now a beautiful gift from the students of Morgan County to the community.



Regional Roundup

Region 2 (Muhlenberg County) ~ Family Fun Night a Special Event for Students and Families

by Carla Embry, Coordinator, Bremen Elementary FRC



Bremen (KY) • Bremen Elementary has started a monthly Family Fun Night. The teachers choose what month they would like to have their family fun night per grade level. The night begins with an introduction to our parents and a story. The families then do an activity together and then meet back for a closing and a healthy snack. Fun night for all!

The 2nd grade family fun night began with everyone meeting in the library at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Davis and I gave a brief introduction and welcomed everyone.

Mrs. Sharon from the public library shared some Halloween stories with the families and really got the entire group engaged with sound effects and motions. The 2nd grade teachers then led their students and families to their rooms where they painted pumpkins together. At 6:45, everyone reassembled in the library for refreshments and a door prize was given.

Region 10 (Pike County) ~ Drug Awareness Walk

by Eugenia Whitt, Coordinator, Blackberry FRYSC

Ransom (KY) • The first Drug Awareness Walk in the Blackberry community was held on Saturday, October 29, 2011. The walk began at Blackberry Elementary School, police blocked the road clearing the way for us to walk to the Blackberry Park and then returning to the school. I worked with our STLP Coach on organizing the event. UNITE Pike was a tremendous help to us as well, supplying the P.A. and balloons which were released after the walk. We tied tags to the balloons so if anyone wished to do so they could write a message to someone who lost their life to drug abuse or dedicate the balloon to someone they know who is struggling with abuse.

Drugs are a problem everywhere, but in a community as small as Blackberry when someone loses the battle, it seems to have a greater affect on the public because everybody seems to know everybody here. We felt that we could no longer be silent in this battle and wanted to take a stand. We received so much support. It was truly and overwhelming and humbling experience for me to be a part of such a great accomplishment. Our school and community joined together to make the statement that we are, 1 School, 1 Community, with 1 Goal....to be DRUG FREE. We received donations from so many agencies, sold well over 100 t-shirts had over 150 people signed in. I am so proud of my school and community for uniting together for this cause.

Regional Roundup

Region 1 (Calloway County) ~ *Senior Preview Night for Juniors*

by *Barbara Hendon, Coordinator, The Harbour YSC*

Murray (KY) • The program was presented by the Calloway County High School counselors Susan Williams and Laura Course and Barbara Hendon of the Harbour YSC. There was a panel of guest speakers/representatives from Western Kentucky University, Mid-Continent University, KY Community & Tech College, Kentucky National Guard and KHEEA.

The panel discussion topics were.....

- College Search Process
- College Admissions Process
- College Preparation Process
- Post Secondary Options other than college
- Paying for College
- Campus Living

There was a college preparation To-Do List given to each person attending along with contact information for admissions to 21 colleges. This included what to do during your spring /summer junior year and fall and spring of your senior year at high school.

Information about Financial Aid, KEES money and KY's Pre-College Curriculum was presented. After each presenter, there was time for questions from the parents and students. 77 attended this activity. Our school also offers a FAFSA workshop and a Scholarship workshop for our seniors and their parents. 95 attended the FAFSA workshop and 90 attended the Scholarship seminar.

Region 3 (Jefferson County) ~ *Playground Construction Becomes Community Effort*

by *Felicia Hankins, Coordinator, Rutherford FRC*

Louisville (KY) • October of 2010, Rutherford Elementary Family Resource Center Coordinator, Felicia Hankins was given a challenge by her principal, Kenya Natsis to raise \$50,000.00 for a new playground. With the student population being over 95% free or reduced lunch this challenge almost seemed impossible.

However within one year \$62675.26 was raised. This was enough money to pay for the playground (Phase 1) and still have money left over for Phase 2. The funds were obtained through fund raising, business donations, and writing grants. We received a \$13000.00 grant from Miracle Recreations, a \$9000.00 grant from Kaboom Dr. Pepper Snapple, a \$10000.00 grant from PNC Bank, a \$15000.00

donation from Washington Park Apartments, and donations from local businesses and people in the community. We also had fund raising through candy bar sales, field day, and a walk a thon. The total cost for Phase 1 playground equipment, mulch and concrete was \$56915.99.

We saved \$8000.00 on installation charges by making this a community build playground. We had volunteers from the community and the school, come and build the playground. On October 15th about 35 people showed up for the project. To build a playground this size, the normal time to install is 3 days. Our volunteers completed the project in one day.

Our plans for phase 2, is to build a mile walking track around the playground and add stationary workout equipment for adults and children. We are also going to install picnic tables, trashcans, benches, and a soccer field.

Rutherford Elementary is located in the middle of a poor community. There are almost no activities for children to do when school is not in session. Our goal is to provide an inviting environment at Rutherford Elementary where parents and their children will come and spend time together after school hours.



FRYSCKy Legislative Training and Reception

Tuesday, February 21, 2012
Capital Plaza Hotel
Frankfort, KY

*More Details Will Be Sent to Coalition Members
Immediately after the Holidays!
Watch Your Email!!*

Regional Roundup

Region 2 (Muhlenberg County) ~ Career Week Held for 8TH Grade Students

by Jeni Jenkins, Coordinator, STAR FRYSC

Greenville (KY) • The HEARTS Youth Service Center sponsored a Career Week for Muhlenberg North and South Middle Schools. Career Week is provided for the 8th grade students at each school to help the students get a glimpse into all the career options that are available to them if they stay in school and continue their education past a high school diploma. The HEARTS YSC coordinates with community business members to have them come into the schools for an hour a day over a 3 day period. Each student will sign up in advance to attend an informative session choosing 3 different careers each of the 3 days. They have 10 speakers each day to choose from. This gives them exposure to 9 careers for the week. Career Week has been provided to the students for over 10 years and is one of the favorite activities of the students. There are approximately 400 students served through the career week between the two schools. Some occupations that have been represented in this activity range from positions in the medical fields such as RN's, medical doctors, radiology fields, surgeons and pathology. Other areas that have been represented that require a college education but may not require a 4 year degree have been occupations such as occupational therapy, dental hygienist, medical lab technicians, auto mechanics and daycare directors plus many others. Career Week will continue to be an annual activity at each of the schools and we hope it continues to be a wonderful learning experience for our students and serves to encourage them to stay in school and continue their education past their high school diploma.

Region 1 (Graves County) ~ Students Send Anti-Drug Abuse Message in Mayfield

by Jennifer Morris, Coordinator, Symsonia Farmington FRC

Symsonia (KY) • Graves County Schools students and Family Resource Centers staff lined the sidewalks of the Mayfield Court Square Wednesday October 28th to "Take a Stand to Take our Community Back!" Several Kindness and Compassion clubs and Friends Of Rachel clubs targeted their message in downtown Mayfield, soliciting car horns, waves, and similar responses from motorists passing by. They also talked to people, distributed brochures, and used other means to draw attention to the fact that drug abuse can be deadly and needs to stop.

Research shows that drug abuse gradually has become more of a problem in rural areas than in the past. The Kindness and Compassion clubs and Friends Of Rachel clubs began through the presentation of Rachel's Challenge a year ago and Rachel's Legacy, earlier this fall. The clubs seek to influence individuals, groups, and communities in positive ways. Other campaigns will take place with other emphasis later. Wednesday's event took place during National Red Ribbon Week with its traditional anti-drug abuse theme.

Regional Roundup

Region 9 (Floyd County) ~ 9/11 Ten Years of Healing

by Keith Smallwood, Coordinator, South Floyd YSC



Besty Layne (KY) • Betsy Layne Elementary held a school wide assembly to remember the attack on America which took place September 11, 2001. 9/11 was the day that changed America. Brian H. Akers with the Family Resource Youth Service Center welcomed everyone to the program. Our 1st grade classroom led everyone in the Pledge to the Allegiance. The Allen Central High School JROTC under the direction of Sergeant Hardy brought the Color Guard with the following members. Adam Barnes who serves at the Battalion Commander, Laura Daniels - Operations Officer, Danielle Ousely – Public Affairs Officer, Tyler Carroll Battalion Executive Officer, Jadon Hale – 2nd Lieutenant and Tyler Clark who is the Company Commander. Mr. John Kidd – Principal came and welcomed everyone and made several remarks concerning 9/11. Kayce Tackett and Katie Tackett sang the Star Spangled Banner under the Direction of Mrs. Sandy Tackett.

We were fortunate to have several First Responders with us for the event that included member of Betsy

Layne Voluntary Fire Department. Members included Eddie Clark who is the Fire Chief has served 40 year, Edward Clark Assistant Chief has served 27 years. Also in attendance were two firefighters Lonzie Blankenship and Austin Slone. We had Trans-Star Ambulance with Larry Adams who is the Deputy Director who has served 45 years. Hollis Whitehead our school's R.N. David Watkins 22 years and Shawn Little 13 years with the Kentucky State Police. Landon Hall with the Floyd County Sheriffs Office who has served 4 years.

Our 4th Grade Student read a Poem titled " America Is". Nathan Brinager sang a song "We Might Heal" with a Power Point presentation that he and Zackary Akers worked on with other students that are members of the STLP under the direction of Mrs. Sandy Akers, Curriculum Resource Teacher. Our 3rd grade classes read a poem then Alex Meade performed "Have You Forgotten".

To conclude our ceremony we honored our KSP Adopt a Cop, David Watkins, who retired after 22 years with the Kentucky State Police with a plaque recognizing his 10 years of service to Betsy Layne Elementary.

Regional Roundup

Region 1 (Todd County) ~ Afterschool Exercise Program Promotes Good Health and Fitness

by Kelli Templeman, MSW, Coordinator, Todd County YSC

Elkton (KY) • The Todd County Youth Services Center and Todd County 4-H partnered this year to offer an afterschool circuit training class for 6 weeks at both the high school and the middle school. We have already completed the 6 week session for our middle school and are halfway done for the high school session. A huge success. We had about 15 - 20 students to stay afterschool, which is an increase from last years fitness club. We offered a general circuit training class which was a rotating weight/strength training workout set up. The students had from 30 seconds to 1 minute (varying each week) to complete each of the 8-10 workouts in the circuit each week. They kept up with their progress by marking number of reps for each station on their individualized sheets. Many students noticed that they could do more reps each week in less time. We also offered different exercises each week. Exercises like Zumba, Yoga, Jump Rope, Basketball drills, some leadership type activities and much more. Verbal comments from many of the students suggested to us that we should offer this class again in the spring because they really enjoyed working out in a fun way. In fact, one student stated that she now does Yoga more regularly because she like it so much.



In support of National Red Ribbon Week, the Catherine Newton Youth Services Center (Vickie Caniff, Coordinator) sponsored a poster contest. Students from Boyd County Middle Art Classes participated in the project to prompt Drug Abuse Awareness. The results of the contest were presented to the students by a local pastor who had recently lost a son to a drug overdose. The winning poster will be displayed as a Bill Board in Boyd County for the month of December. Honorable mention posters will be displayed at a local McDonald's. All participating students received coupons for area restaurants. Funding for the project was donated by area business.

Regional Roundup

Region 7 (Carlisle County) ~ Student Food Drive Benefits Community

by Lisa Adams, Coordinator, STARS FRYSC



Bardwell (KY) • During the month of October, as a community service project, FCCLA members of Carlisle County High School geared up the annual can food drive. All students in the district were encouraged to bring can food items to school to help fill up local food pantries for the holidays. Over 1200 cans were collected. The kids were asked to bring as many cans as they could during the 2 week drive. Each school was awarded a pizza party by the S.T.A.R.S. FRYSC for the class who brought in the most cans. Mrs. Amber Cates won in the preschool, Mrs.

Sanda Fisher's third grade class won in the Elementary, Mrs. Charlotte Harris's class won in the Middle School and the Comet Academy led by Mrs. Dawn Coleman won in the High School.

On Friday pastors from Arlington First Baptist, Bardwell Baptist, Bethlehem Baptist and Milburn United Methodist Church gathered with some of the students and filled their church vans full of can goods. All of the kids were excited to help and the pastors were so overwhelmed with the collection. We hope this helps each church in our community fill food baskets during the holidays for our student's families in need.

Region 7 (Augusta Independent) ~ What's Happening in the FRYSC World?

by Lisa Bex, Coordinator, Augusta Independent FRYSC

Augusta (KY) • FRYSC has sponsored many programs and activities in these past few weeks and have many more planned. Many students have enjoyed such activities such as Movie Time, Cooking 101 Club, Grandparents Luncheon and Reading programs in the library. I would like to elaborate on a few other programs.

On Friday, Oct. 14th, Ron Cole, a motivational speaker shared with us a message on drug awareness, bullying, character education and motivation. Both, students and staff participated during the program as a terrific performance was given through Mr. Cole's musical performance.

With October being Fire Safety Month, a visit from the Augusta and Maysville Fire Department was enjoyed by the students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. Each class toured the mobile smoke house while being instructed what to do if they should be in a situation involving a house fire.

At the beginning of this school year, forms were sent home for parents to complete concerning dental health care. Upon completing these forms, they were sent to a company called Big Smiles. We were fortunate to have the staff from Big Smiles to join us on Oct. 31st. Several students received dental exams and x rays. Another date will be added to the schedule for students to receive follow up treatments as well as other students to receive dental screenings.

FRYSC has been working collaborate with Shannon Smith, CEA for Consumer Science at the Bracken Co. Extension Office, not only with student programs but also with parenting classes. Five weeks of classes have just been concluded as several parents in the community received valuable information and parenting tips. Also assisting with these workshops were Angie Mitchell, Program Assistant at Mason Co. and Trish Conley with Bracken Co. FRYSC.

Region 7 (Fleming County) ~ Fun Run Is a Fundraiser

by Mendy High, Coordinator, Fleming County YSC



Flemingsburg (KY) • The Fleming County Family Resource and Youth Service Centers collaborate each Fall with their local Interagency Council to sponsor a 5K Race/Walk. Each year, the event is held to assist with raising funds for the district Community Christmas program that serves 500+ needy Fleming County Youth with holiday assistance. This Halloween themed event has been held annually each October since 2002. This year marked the event's largest turnout with 109 runners. Over the half of the participants were students and staff members from the local schools. Flemingsburg Elementary School took home the trophy for

the most participants representing a school with Fleming County High School just a few runners behind. The cold and crisp October morning did not keep runners from setting record times. A Hillsboro Elementary faculty member was the fastest female of the race.

The local Dairy Queen assisted with the sponsorship of the event by allowing Interagency members to set the start and finish of the race at their location and provided free drinks to all of the runners following the race. Local Doctors offices, banks and the Fleming County Recreation Board provided funds so that every runner received a free Halloween 5 K Fun Run T-shirt. The event raised a whopping \$1,720 and is one of the many ways the FRYSC of Fleming County work and fundraise to ensure the less fortunate have a wonderful Christmas.

Regional Roundup

Region 7 (Mason County) - *The Choice Is Yours*

by Nancy Fritz, Coordinator, Mason County YSC

Maysville (KY) • Mason County 8th graders experienced real-life scenarios involving legal and illicit substances in September. This educational program was developed by the Univ. of Ky. Cooperative Extension Service. Parents, grandparents and volunteers as well as the students participated in this event. "The Choice is Yours" to learn more about the physical, emotional, financial and legal consequences of being involved with illegal and prescription drugs. It took months to plan but with strong community support it was a very successful event. Partners included county attorney, funeral director, coroner, court designated worker, counseling, Department of Juvenile Justice, health department, hospital, jail, judge, law enforcement, pharmacist, principals, school board members and lots of volunteers. For more information on Truth and Consequences contact your local extension service or Nancye Fritz (606-564-7755) will be happy to answer any questions for you.



Regional Roundup

Region 7 (Ashland Independent) ~ *Thanksgiving Basket Project*

by *Rose-Linda Stafford, Coordinator, South Ashland FRC*

Ashland (KY) • Charles Russell Elementary recently started a Thanksgiving Basket project to help needy families within their school. The project will provide 14 families with a Thanksgiving dinner. The school counselor and school nurse are working together on this project, giving the students a lesson in character (using the Character Counts module) and a lesson in nutrition (using the "choose my plate" nutritional guidelines). The students in each class planned a healthy Thanksgiving meal, then each student brought in 1 item (\$1 or less) to add to the basket. Local businesses have donated gift cards to purchase turkeys for each basket and the staff of Charles Russell is providing bread/rolls. The South Ashland Family Resource Center is helping out by adding some canned food items and finding a good home for each Thanksgiving basket.

The students are excited to have the opportunity to show their good character and provide others in need with a healthy, holiday meal. The students, staff, and community of Charles Russell Elementary are proving that if we each do a little, we can get a lot done!

Region 7 (Ashland Independent) ~ *Shoot Hoops Not Drugs*

by *Rose-Linda Stafford, Coordinator, South Ashland FRC*

Ashland (KY) • I am sending the pictures of Jane Beshear's visit to Meade Memorial for our "Shoot Hoops Not Drugs" event sponsored by UNITE on July 12, 2011. The Family Resource Center helped organize "Shoot Hoops Not Drugs" event sponsored by Unite. The program was wonderful! In addition to Kentucky First Lady, Jane Beshear, there 167 children in attendance in addition to their parents. Mrs. Beshear talked to the students about the harmful effects that drugs have on our young people and then she talked to the parents about the warning signs of drug use and how to stay connected with your children.



Former UK basketball player, Jeff Shepherd, along with volunteers of the UNITE organization taught the children basketball skills during the event. He also talked to the children about the dangers of drugs and how drugs affects you entire life.

Everyone truly enjoyed this event. There was not one negative remark made throughout the night. The UNITE group was a pleasure to work with and they do such an awesome job.

Region 1 (Graves County) ~ Mystery Family Reading Night

by Stacy Harris, Coordinator, Fancy Farm / Lowes FRC

Lowes (KY) • Lowes Elementary families enjoyed a “Mystery Family Reading Night” with special guest Sherlock Holmes and Scooby Doo on October 18th. Parents and students listened to books with a mystery theme such as Scooby Doo, The Case of the Bald Bandit, and Bunnicula the Vampire Bunny. The families took part in a Library scavenger hunt. Some of the items they had to find were things such as a book by an author, whose last name starts with a B, who wrote the Junie B. Jones books, the title of a mystery book, and which encyclopedia volume would you find information about pumpkins. Students were given “Scooby Snacks” as they turned in their scavenger hunt paper. Students also had the opportunity to win door prizes such as books, board games, and movies. Lowes Elementary had 107 parents and students attend the “Mystery Family Reading Night”.



Regional Roundup

Region 1 (Fulton Independent) ~ *In Fulton, Tutoring = Fun*

by Tracy Pulley, Coordinator, The Family Connection, Fulton Independent FRYSC

Fulton (KY) • Every Wednesday afternoon Fulton's Carr Elementary School library is full of smiling students who are actually having fun doing homework. The third and fifth grade participants are having fun because they're proud to be paired with the big kids from the high school, and the high schoolers are having fun because they enjoy guiding and leading the young ones.

The tutoring program started small two years ago, with just two fourth grade students who came to The Family Connection FRYSC office on Wednesdays during the 2009-10 school year. "I had a request from a parent who said her child needed extra homework help," says Tracy Pulley, coordinator of the FRYSC for the Fulton Independent School District. "I knew a senior who was looking for volunteer hours, so I paired them up." The elementary student's best friend was impressed; she also wanted to be tutored by a high schooler. Pulley found a second high school tutor and the two pairs met on Wednesdays until the year was over.

In the 2010-11 school year the tutoring program grew to 16 participants, and this year there are nine elementary school children and nine high school students paired up during the sessions.

It's obvious to all that the program is a hit. "I love coming to tutoring," says Jamila Hagler, a fifth grader who has attended Wednesday tutoring since last year. "It's nice to spend time with the high school students."

Austin Ferrell, a Fulton High School student who serves as president of the Future Educators club, loves the program too. "I think I want to be a teacher some day," says Ferrell. "This shows me if I'm any good at it."

Teachers say the program is effective; several have seen students' scores improve in reading and math, and all report that every Thursday the students always turn in their homework. "It's a wonderful thing," says Pulley. "I just wish we had more tutors."

Regional Roundup

Region 7 (Bracken County) ~ The "Blizzard Bears" Community Service

by Trish Conley, Coordinator, Bracken County FRYSC

Brooksville (KY) • A group of girls, grades 4th – 8th, are members of the Bracken County "Blizzard Bears" Junior Homemakers. During 2010-2011, members agreed to sponsor a "Baby Drive" to collect items for the HANDS Program as a community service project. This program, one of many programs offered by the Bracken County Health Department, provides services, information, and baby items for first time parents.

The drive, led by the children was very successful and many baby items were collected that would be beneficial to the families served by the HANDS Program. At the next monthly meeting, Ms. Ruth Lee, HANDS representative, was invited to attend. She was presented with the collected items and as a "Thank You", provided the girls with refreshments.

In addition to receiving appreciation from Ms. Lee, each girl was recognized and honored by The House of Representative for the success in their first community service project. Each member received a Citation signed by Gregory Stumbo, Speaker, House of Representatives, and Mike Denham, Member, House of Representatives.

The group is run by Trish Conley (Bracken County FRYSC Coordinator) and Shannon Smith (County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences).



Regional Roundup

Region 7 (Bath County) ~ Frog Dissection Provides Students with Exciting Learning Opportunity

by Kaye Wells, Coordinator, Bath County Middle YSC

Owingsville (KY) • The Bath County Middle School along with the Youth Service Center, partnered with the University of Kentucky's Area Health Education Center (AHEC) program to bring a hands on, highly educational, and engaging lesson to BCMS students. Aaron Lodes, Health Education Career Coordinator, worked with Michelle Bloomfield and Kaye Wells from BCMS, to allow students to dissect frogs.

Students learned about the human body, including the circulatory, respiratory, digestive, and central nervous systems. Students learned about the composition of their bodies, by dissecting and learning about the frog.

Student emotions ranged from excited, curious, and a little disgusted by the initial possibility. However, as the lesson progressed all students found the activity incredibly interesting and very educational.

Macy Maze, 8th grade student, said, "Dissecting the frog was one of the coolest things that I have done in school this year! It was a very fun learning experience."

Another sixth grade student exclaimed, "I never would have thought that I would have gotten to do this at school today!"



Aaron Lodes points out the heart and lungs to a student.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Robertson County Public Library is very appreciative of the assistance in the PRIME TIME Family Reading Program that will be provided by the Robertson County Family Resource Youth Services Center. PRIME TIME FAMILY READING TIME is a family-focused literacy program built around reading, telling, and talking about stories, a pedagogical method that has succeeded over time and cultures.

This family literacy project is funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Each series in the project will take place once a week for six weeks. Reading and discussion leaders will conduct 90-minute meetings at our library for parents or guardians and their children. At each session, a storyteller will present stories and will model reading aloud. A humanities scholar will serve as the discussion leader. The library representative will introduce families to library resources and services. Younger siblings will participate in separate pre-reading activities.

PRIME TIME is designed to encourage parents and children to read and discuss humanities topics and aids them in selecting books and becoming active public library users. It is based on a successful series of the same name that began in 1991 at the East Baton Rouge (LA) Parish Library and has since been conducted in 37 states and the Virgin Islands with NEH funding. Over 33,000 individuals have participated in more than 881 PRIME TIME sessions thorough out the U.S.

We are very excited to be a part of this nationwide effort that offers an opportunity for families to learn the concept of reading together. Public libraries have long been places where adult and child learners can learn and practice new skills. This project offers a unique opportunity for our library to expand family literacy opportunities and make a significant contribution to a more literate nation.

We could not offer this exciting program without the help of our community partners and we sincerely thank the Robertson County Family Resource Youth Services Center for their participation.

Sincerely,

Carol Mitchell, Director
Robertson County Public Library

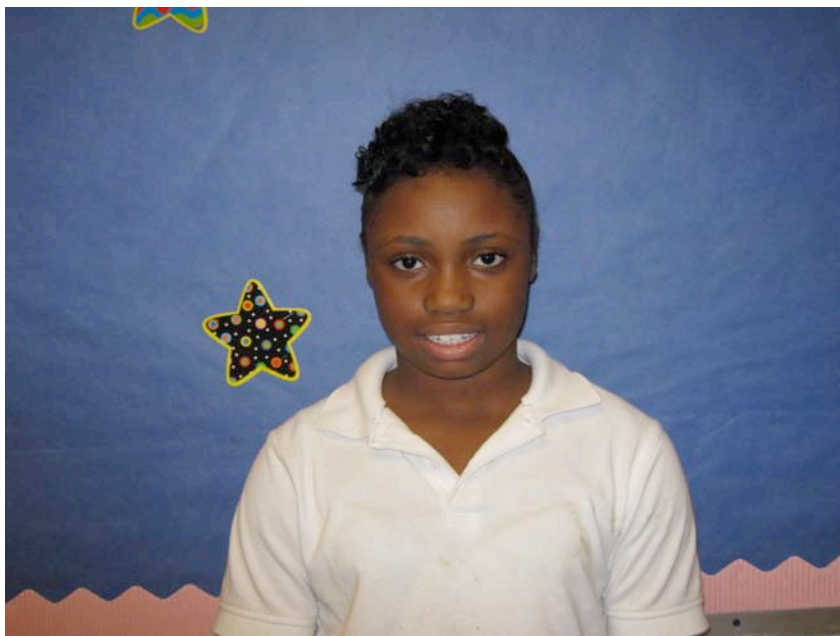
Fall Institute 2011

Changing the World of Tomorrow through the Children of Today



ABOVE: Former Coalition President, Darlys Warren, accepts the FRYSCKY Above and Beyond Award for exemplary service to the organization and the profession.

LEFT: The four previous Coalition President's pose in front of the artwork depicting the conference theme.



LEFT: Raniah Dale-Lee, Mayor of the Indian Trail Elementary Micro-Society Magnet Program in Louisville, made opening comments to kick-off this year's Fall Institute. Her participation along with the other youth involved with the conference was much appreciated and enjoyed.

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Kay Roe, YSC Coordinator, took seven members of the Rowan County Middle School UNITE club, Youth UNITED, to attend the recruitment luncheon for Operation UNITE, Rowan County Coalition. They had the opportunity to talk to Representative Rocky Adkins about ways to educate their classmates on the dangers of substance abuse.

