

KIDS FIRST



Superintendent's Message

As I write this message, I am so very hopeful that we have finally reached the end of winter weather for the year. At least the extended forecast is not predicting snow for the first time in several weeks and April is a short five days away. I fully realize how frustrating it has been for everyone as we have adjusted our plans to accommodate twenty-three missed days of school. I appreciate your determination to make the best out of what has been a difficult situation.

I wish we could provide more information about what our legislators are going to do to alleviate some of the problems for school districts who have missed excessive days because of inclement weather. However, as of yesterday, there seemed to be continuing disagreement between parties and the House and Senate over how best to allow districts options for making up the missed days. We will communicate the final outcome to everyone as soon as we know what will be available.

I know everyone is feeling the pressures of getting everything accomplished during this final stretch of the school year. I have every confidence that our district will be serving our students in exemplary fashion. I encourage everyone to remember the importance of every employee in our district as we endeavor to provide our kids with the education and learning experiences that will facilitate their success. Don't forget the little things that are so important to those students. They need to know that we care about them and want the best for them. They need to see the smile on our faces when we greet them each morning and send them off at the end of the day. They need to know that we see, in them, good things for their future and that we are going to set expectations, for them, that will help them achieve those things. These are things that all of us can do whether we are teachers, administrators, or support personnel. Never doubt how much our students need to know that we genuinely care about them, especially as we enter into this very busy time of the year.

As always, thank you for everything you do for our kids!

Tom Price

IMPORTANT SPRING DATES:

- April 12th – National ACT (held @ FCHS)
- April 15th – Junior Make-Up ACT
- May 1 - Senior Awards Night
- May 8 – 14 – AP Testing
- May 17 - Junior/Senior Prom...
- May 21-23 - KPREP Testing, grades 10 & 11
- May 21-28-KPREP Testing, grades 3-8
- Memorial Day—26
- May 27 - June 6 - EOC Testing
- June 7- Graduation Ceremony 10am

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Congratulations Fleming County Panthers



Fleming County Panthers 61st District Champions



Fleming County Panthers 16th Region Champs



Fleming County Girls 61st District Champions



Fleming County Cheerleaders at Rupp



Photos by Larry Gooding & Cody Evans

Congrats to these FCHS Art students who received 2nd place for their paper sculpture at the Kentucky Regional All-State Art Competition, hosted by the Kentucky Art Education Association at [Morehead State University](#)!



Light It Up Blue with us this year!

April 2nd is World Autism Awareness Day, and to celebrate, thousands of people are coming together to Light It Up Blue. Please help us Light It Up Blue and shine a light on autism again this year.

Autism awareness is more important than ever - autism prevalence has increased 78% in 5 years and continues to rise. This increase can only be partly explained by improved diagnosis and awareness.

Please join us again in supporting Autism Speaks Light It Up Blue.
Visit www.AutismSpeaks.org/LIUB

Lonna Powell 's class at SMS and Kim Roman's class at FCHS are selling t-shirts commemorating Autism Awareness! Email one of them for an order form!!

Fleming County High School Nurse Aide Class



Fleming County High School is proud to announce that the first trimester Medicaid Nurse Aide class has successfully passed the Kentucky state nurse aide test with a 100% pass rate. The Medicaid Nurse Aide class is instructed by Mrs. Janet Grimes, RN. There were seven students who successfully completed the class and took the test. They include: Ana Percino, Amber Bivens, Samantha Humphries, Adam Powell, Bethany Deatley, and Brooklyn Fields. (Absent from photo was Jessica Masters) We want to congratulate these students on their success. We are FC!

What is Student Voice?

The Student Voice Survey is a confidential online survey, developed by the Kentucky Department of Education, that asks K-12 students to give feedback on specific aspects of the classroom experience, organized around seven elements of teaching practice: support, transparency, understanding, discipline, engagement, nurturing, and trust. These elements form the acronym, STUDENT

The survey generates information both about how students experience teaching practices and learning conditions in the classroom as well as information about how students assess their own engagement.

Student voice surveys are being used by hundreds of schools and thousands of classrooms in more than 25 states nationwide.

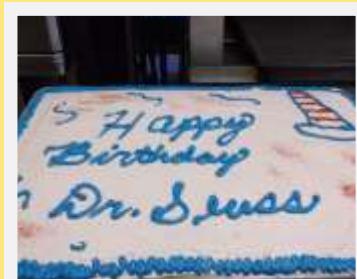
The effective use of student voice surveys is featured in the Gates Foundation Measures of Effective Teaching (MET) study of teaching quality. Results of the MET study reinforce a growing consensus that integrating student survey assessment results with high-quality observations and student growth scores on achievement tests creates a much more valid and reliable teacher evaluation system compared to current standard practices.

The student survey questions are aligned to the Charlotte Danielson *Framework for Teaching*, which has been adapted for the Kentucky Department of Education.

(Source: Kentucky Department of Education)

WARD ELEMENTARY CELEBRATES READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK

Students and staff took the opportunity to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday during Read Across America Week. . Students and staff dressed as Dr. Seuss or "Things" to celebrate his birthday. The cafeteria workers prepared cake to celebrate the occasion. Various activities occurred during this week, classroom doors were decorated, book fair, whole school reading time, mystery readers, etc. Students were encouraged to read at home with parents during the celebration. A Family Book Fair Night was rescheduled for March 13th.



Ewing Elementary Read Across America



During Read Across America Week, Mrs. Hardin's third grade class at Ewing Elementary had many guest readers from our community. These guests included Bill Morgan, Ewing's Interim Principal, Greg Emmons, from the Board of Education, Dwayne Price, Ewing's fire chief, Penny Price, a member of the Fleming County Ambulance Service, Gary Kinder, a police officer, Nathan Gregory, a wildlife biologist, and our Superintendent, Mr. Tom Price.

The students were also treated to the Reading Café, where they had snacks, read, shared, and discussed their favorite books.



OPERATION PREPARATION

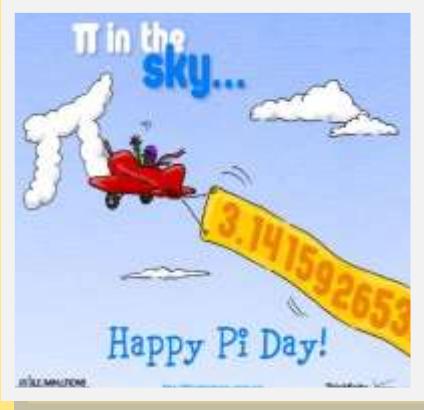
On March 19, 2014 over 390 Fleming County 8th and 10th grade students attended Operation Preparation at Fleming County High School. Nearly 40 community partners were available to speak with the students in small-group rotations. Careers in multiple areas were represented, and ranged from: Livestock Production, Pharmacist, TV Broadcasting, Pilot, and several more! The community partners discussed the students' career aspirations, required education/training and workforce skills, and academic courses recommended to prepare them for a successful future.

Operation Preparation is a joint effort of the Kentucky Department of Education and the Department of Workforce Development and provides a powerful opportunity for schools, students, parents and communities to collaborate in the process of effective advising and focus attention on the importance of planning for college and/or career.



Ewing Elementary “Pi Day Celebration”

Friday, March 14, 2014



Pi Day was held at Ewing Elementary as a way to have fun with numbers as well as the food “pie”. Across all grade levels we tried to incorporate lessons related to circles, the numbers represented by pi, and activities related to discovering pi. Our day ended by serving each student a piece of food pie donated by parents on Friday March 14th (third month 14th day 3.14). Students were encouraged to design and wear “pi t-shirts” and they certainly did a great job! There were many creative shirts throughout our building. The response for donated pie was tremendous and certainly enjoyed by all. (*Total of 92 pies*) *This program was promoted by Mrs. Rhonda Schwartz, Math teacher.*



Robotics Demonstration
at recent board meeting
By
Nate Grimes and Bradley Lowe



Community Partner Award Presented to Cheap Chevrolet



During the March 12, 2014, school board meeting, Jamie Collinsworth, Fleming County Board of Education Chairman, recognized Cheap Chevrolet for their support of the Fleming County School District. Representing Cheap Chevrolet is John Hyatt, Jewett and Paula Hyatt. Also pictured is Superintendent Tom Price.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Applegate	Luanne	4/1	Drake	Sandy	4/27
Royse,	Pamela	4/2	Roberts	Cheryl	4/27
James	Melissa	4/4	Logan	Amanda	4/28
Porter	Bonnie	4/4	Anderson	Jan	4/30
Heflin	Kim	4/6	Hart	Carol	4/30
Sapp	Eric	4/6	Lawson	Brett	4/30
Shields	Mitchell	4/6	Sanders	Kevin	4/30
Price	James	4/9			
Gay	Julie	4/13			
Conway	JoAnn	4/14			
Gasparac	Parker	4/15			
Lewis	Katha	4/15			
Puente	Mary	4/15			
Jones	Latressa	4/16			
Montgomery	Russell	4/20			
Emmons	Greg	4/21			
Jackson	Angie	4/21			
Gayheart	Hank	4/26			

