



Letter from the Superintendent

HAYWOOD COUNTY SCHOOLS RECEIVE ASSESSMENT SCORES: NOW WHAT?

In 2017-2018, Haywood County Schools is aligning to the State of Tennessee's strategic plan, and we are putting an additional focus on ensuring equity, aligning to high expectations, and providing authentic pathways to success after high school for all students in Haywood County.

First, we must collectively ensure equity. Every student deserves the opportunity to succeed. We must do everything possible to provide all students with the resources and supports appropriate to their specific circumstance.

Second, we must deeply align to high expectations. Tennessee has set high expectations in our standards and meeting these expectations will require strong support at all levels of Haywood County Schools.

Finally, we must provide authentic pathways to success after high school. Every student should be able to choose their path in life. They should not have their options limited because Haywood County does not offer the same types of courses as a school in a different county.

Haywood County Schools is also engaging in a cycle of continuous improvement by focusing on key district priorities outlined below:

Standards, Assessment, & Accountability

• Our standards set a strong foundation for all students' growth, our assessments provide actionable feedback on whether students are reaching those standards, and our accountability system ensures we are all aligned towards the same goals.

Haywood County Schools will:

o Build teachers' knowledge and understanding of the new academic standards and associated shifts.

o Use data from TNReady reports and formative assessments, as well as aligned materials, to support successful implementation of new standards and improved performance on TNReady.

Early Foundations

& Literacy

• Over the last year, we have seen remarkable collaboration develop across the district to improve literacy outcomes for Pre-K through third graders. Where do we go from here? What are the next steps to ensure that we are aligned in our strategies to provide all students with solid

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foundational skills coupled with deep comprehension and knowledge?

 Haywood Schools will:

o Incorporate Tennessee's Early Learning Model (ELM) into our vision for early literacy success.

o Support educators to implement high quality literacy practices as defined in the state's vision for third grade reading proficiency and "Teaching Literacy in Tennessee."

All Means All

• Like Tennessee, Havwood County continues to demonstrate large achievement gaps among students of different race and socioeconomic status. Our historically underrepresented populations are more likely than their peers to miss crucial instructional time due to absence or discipline and less likely to score on-track on standardized exams. By increasing quality core instruction populations,

supports, we can better support all students.

• Haywood County Schools will:

o Ensure strong imple-County mentation of RTI2 characterized by the inclusion of all students in Tier 1 instruction and a classroom environment that pairs appropriate challenges and supports for success.

o Establish a positive school climate by leveraging a multi-tiered system of support that results in a reduction of students that are chronically out of school.

• Positive School Climate = The Leader in Me (K-8)

High School & Bridge to Postsecondary

Success after high school . in Tennessee increasingly requires the completion of a postsecondary degree or certificate. Research shows that students who enroll in at least one early post- secondary opportunity, especially those in traditionally underserved more are

and intensive intervention likely to matriculate into variety of formal and inand persist in postsecondary. If we create vertically aligned pathways and opportunities for students to be exposed to early college and career training, we can strengthen our overall workforce and economy while improving students' overall quality of life.

 Haywood County Schools will:

Create vertically 0 aligned pathways from kindergarten through graduation (K-12) and on to postsecondary.

o Develop a diverse and high-quality portfolio of early postsecondary, industry certification, and capstone work-based learning opportunities for students and ensure they are aligned with postsecondary and career opportunities.

Educator Support

• The strength of Haywood County's classrooms is defined by the strength of Haywood County's educators. Haywood County will work to offer a wide

formal teacher learning opportunities.

 Haywood County Schools will:

o Develop a comprehensive human capital system to acquire, develop, and sustain highly effective educators.

o Assess, develop, and evaluate our district's approach to ensure rigorous and aligned professional learning that improves the practices of all educators. District

Empowerment

 Haywood County Schools can only take a leap forward if we are aligned in strategies that lead to a shared vision of improvement.

 Haywood County Schools will:

o Develop, communicate, and consistently review our strategic, data-based vision for our district's future.

o Support our strategic plan through effective and efficient use of resources.

Students enjoy Manufacturing Day

A group of Haywood High School students participated in Manufacturing Day on October 6, with Lasco Fittings, Teknor Apex, Precision Coils, Dynametal Technologies, and TCAT Whiteville partnering with Haywood High School - Career and Technical Division and the Haywood County Industrial Board to give them an opportunity to learn about manufacturing in the community.



They toured the industries and a team of experts from Tennessee College of Applied Technology spoke to the stu-

dents about careers and jobs how TCAT can meet their they witnessed during the tours, the educational requirements for the jobs and

education needs. The Career and Technical division provided lunch for the students.

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EPSO Week a success at HHS

The Tennessee Department of Education designated October 23-27 as Early Postsecondary Opportunity (EPSO) Week, and as part of our effort at Haywood High School, to increase awareness and enrollment in EP-SOs we invited students to participate in the activities throughout the week and for parents to attend our EPSO Parent and Family Seminars.

Research shows that students who participate in EPSOs not only earn college credit and industry certification while in high school. but are also more likely to enroll and persist in postsecondary programs. Your student can access a number of these opportunities at HHS including:

 Dual Enrollment – Academic – College English, U. S. history, sociology, finite math. art appreciation. music appreciation, etc.

• Dual Enrollment – Career and Technical – Students receive credit at the high school and through TCAT in industrial welding, machining, anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, office management, Mayor Bill Rawls whose etc.

 Industrial Level Certifications - Certified nursing assistant (CNA), Patient Care Technician (PCT), AWS welding, certified pro- held a job fair featuring duction technician (PCT), many



etc

In addition, the school had prominent citizens in the community speaking to the students about careers and technical jobs available in the community and surrounding areas. They talked about the skills needed for these jobs and careers and the jump they can get on gaining these qualifications by working with the high school to take advantage of opportunities in these areas of training. Speaking were Joe Barden, who owns and manages Barden Construction Company: Rhonda Thompson, a retired teacher and former Director of the HHS Career and Technical Division: Brownsville background includes leadership and careers in business, and HHS Principal Dr. Jerry Pyron.

On Thursday, the school area businesses.



industries, and post secondary schools in the area talking to students about their businesses and areas of opportunities.

ary opportunities (EPSOs); or Complete two EPSOs, plus earn an industry certification (on a CTE pathway leading to a credential; or On Friday, students had Complete two EPSOs, plus



the opportunity to sign up to become a READY GRAD-UATE. The READY GRADU-ATE is a building block that allows students to make a course of study seamlessly transfer to enrolling in postsecondary education and entering the workplace or the military.

The READY Graduate Indicator would be calculated as follows: Score a 21 or higher on the ACT; or Complete four early postsecondscore a designated score **TBD** on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Armed Forces Qualifying Test (AFQT).

These indicators define four "checks" for evidence that graduates have demonstrated postsecondary and workforce readiness. This is not a graduation requirement. HHS Career and Technical Director Pam Diebold coordinated this event.

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Schools watch the solar eclipse

Superintendent Joey Hassell announced at the August board meeting that he is making sure that all school students, administrators, faculty, staff and other employees are watching history in the making. The school system has purchased the required glasses so that everyone can watch the solar eclipse phenomenon as it is happening on Monday, August 21.

In other business, school board members approved on second reading 14 policy changes recommended by the Tennessee School Boards Association that were reviewed during the July meeting.

of Schools, three Teacher Leaders, Grace Fergie, Dawn Lovelace and Shalandria Shaw, shared with the board and guests their duties as leaders in their the Homecoming represen-

respective schools. They said they serve as mentors, and join the other teachers in sharing ideas that have helped them all observe and grow in their teaching. They support each other, sharing learning opportunities and find themselves eager for other teachers to learn. Teachers are also having linear discussions among subject areas, and share together in a book study.

Superintendent Hassell announced the Haywood High School Homecoming schedule. Homecoming is September 29 when the Tomcats will play Ripley. Students will be dismissed at 11:30. From 11:30 to 1:30 During the Celebration there will be tailgating at Football Stadium Parking lot. The parade begins at 1:30 and the game kickoff is at 7 p.m. At halftime, there will be the presentation of



Three teachers (from left), Shalandria Shaw, Dawn Lovelace and Grace Fergie, shared their responsibilities as Teacher Leaders in the schools. They are "supporting each other," sharing ideas so they can learn and grow.

tatives and court.

Chief Financial Officer Larry Livingston reported that the balance of the Catherine Truss Colhoun Scholarship is \$210,099.01. Board members also approved a number of budget amendments.

All Associate Superintendents, Art Garrett, Toni Eubanks, Yvette Blue and

Chris Davis, gave their reports of activities in their departments.

Board members announced they will be attending the TSBA Fall District Meeting at McNairy Central High School on September 7, and the TSBA Leadership Conference and Annual Convention in Nashville November 2-5.

Haywood Schools support Go Jim Go



WREG News Channel 3 meteorologist Jim Jaggers cycled to the schools of Haywood County Friday, October 6, for Go Jim Go, his annual fundraiser for Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. With incredible generosity from students, parents and teachers, the campaign rolled out of Brownsville nearly \$4,000 richer as each school presented Jaggers and his crew with the donations they worked together to gather.

According to WREG, 2017 marks the 12th Anniversary of Go Jim Go, where Jaggers rides his bicycle 333 miles across the Mid-South raising money for the hospital. Since its inception, Go Jim Go has raised more than \$1 million for the children of Le Bonheur.

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Garrett re-elected as Board Chairman



Superintendent Joey Hassell invited a group of students from East Side. known as the Student Lighthouse Team, a part of The Leader in Me program, to visit the September 14 board meeting and talk about their program. They talked about important responsibilities they have, such as helping their community, raising money for the school, making the school a better place, working together. setting personal goals, and naming their strengths and best work and appreciating the good things others have said about them. They said they, "share, work, learn, and have fun together," and they showed their excitement about sharing their experiences in the program. This is the second year of the Leader in Me Program at East Side Intermediate School, and Principal Sandra Humphrevs expressed her pride in the success of the program and the students.

The first order of business at the meeting was to elect chairperson and vice chairperson; Harold Garrett and Allen Currie were re-elected to these positions. Mr. Garrett also made committee appointments: he is serving as the TLN Representative; Harrison Jones, Allen Currie and Olivia Farrington will serve on the Scholarship Committee; Greg Vanstory on the Collaborative Conferencing Committee; and Harold Garrett and Allen Currie on the Budget Committee.

Board members approved out-of-state travel for 12 members of DECA (business department club) to go to New York to the Experience Marketing Conference November 29-December 3. Teacher Julie Davis will accompany them on the trip.

Members approved changes to five policies as suggested by the Tennessee School Board Association: 1.901 - a new policy about Charter School Applications increasing fees and creating another fee, 1.704 deleting the old Charter School policy. 4.700 - Now includes more information about Testing Programs, 5.117 – the Teacher Tenure policy was reorganized to clarify the procedures, and 6.2011 - Voluntary Pre-K Attendance (new policy) setting procedures about handling absences in the Voluntary Pre-K program.

Board members also voted to give three appropriate personnel in the Business and Finance Department authorization to use In-South Bank's ECORP, including signing documents and granting them access to ECORP systems for Haywood County Schools.

Superintendent Joey Hassell asked board members to approve the Insurance Committee's recommendation that the school system pay for the insurance increase that will be coming for employees in January. CFO Larry Livingston said the state will be paying for a portion of the increase through more BEP dollars and the school system can afford the difference of about \$66,000. They approved the measure. Livingston pointed out that the insurance payment the system covers for employees is a big plus in their salary package.

While going over budget amendments, it was brought up that some substitute teachers don't make minimum wage, based on the hours they work. There are several categories of substitutes, based on their education. Everyone agreed beginning September 16, that all substitutes would receive \$5 more per day. Their salary will be revisited when the board starts working on next year's budget.

In an updated report from Art Garrett, Associate Superintendent. Chief Student Services Officer, there are 2,992 students in Haywood County Schools. He also reported that the Parent Portal opened on Friday, September 8. The address is https://sis-haywood.tnk12gov/public. To reset password, please email parentportal@hcsk12.net. All information is in a text alert and posted on www. haywoodschools.com.

Toni Eubanks, Chief Human Resources Officer, reported that school nurses will be teaching staff members CPR. The Back-Pack Club will begin next week. She also said that there was a substitute orientation held for those who wanted to be a new substitute.

Chief Special Services Officer Chris Davis attended the West Tennessee Special Education Conference September 14-15. He also reported that Ms. Lindsey and Mr. Hines have started transition services at the high school.

October School Board meeting

The Haywood County Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, October 13. Members approved policy updates, approved several outof-state travel requests, the Textbook Adoption Committee and budget amendments. Superintendent Joey Hassell also celebrated the HHS JROTC and two new members of the 30+ Club.

On second reading, board members approved policy updates 1.901 – Charter School Applications, 1.704 – Charter Schools (delete this policy), 4.700 Testing Programs, 5.117 – Teacher Tenure, and 6.2011 – Voluntary Pre-K Attendance (new policy).

During the Superintendent's Celebration of Schools, he welcomed a group of HHS JROTC cadets. Commander Jalen Winters and Deputy Com-



Jeremiah Cavitt

mander Erin Adkerson gave the board and audience an overview of the program.

Superintendent Hassell also congratulated two new members to the prestigious HHS 30+ Club. To earn membership in the club, students must earn a 30 or more on



the ATC. Kaitlin Leath, daughter of Stephen Leath and Kelley Leath, qualified by scoring a 30 on the ACT. Also earning membership with a 31 on the ACT is Karoline Hobock. She is the daughter of Shannon and Jerry Glover and William Hobock.

In other business, board members approved two outof-state trips for the HHS JROTC. One is to take cadets to conduct a Curriculum in Action trip to St. Louis, MO, October 27-28. The second is a trip to Westside High School in Jonesboro, AR, to conduct another Curriculum in Action trip on October 28.

Board members also approved a Textbook Adoption Committee for the 2017-2018 school year, and approved budget amendments presented by CFO Larry Livingston.

In the Director's Report, Superintendent Hassell announced that he has named Jeremiah Cavitt as the chief of operations and special projects. He will begin on November 6. He also announced his plans for October and November and upcoming events and heard reports from the chief officers.

• Chief Academic Officer Yvette Blue gave a curriculum and accountability update. Mrs. Blue talked about myON Reader, the next steps for student growth and Read to Be Ready Summer Camp 2018.

• Toni Eubanks of the Human Resources Department reported on the nurses continuing to complete health screenings, and work on individual health plans for students with chronic conditions. She also reported on School Health Coordinator Cindy Smith's activities. Mrs. Eubanks also gave a report on her human resources duties.

• Art Garrett, Chief Student Services Officer, gave a report that total enrollment in Haywood County Schools



Commander Jalen Winters

is 2.969: there are 61 students in the REACH program; and there had been nine DHA hearings since August. He also reported that report cards will go home on Tuesday, October 24. The total number of parents and students who have signed in on the Parent Portal from August 7 through October 10 is 14,866. He said they are also working on chronic absenteeism by sending letters to parents and scheduling meetings with parents starting in November.

Buster the school bus Crash dummies bring drives home safety a message



When it comes to teaching 4- and 5-year-olds school bus safety, sometimes you have to get on their level, even if that means scaling down the bus. On Thursday, October 5, the students of Anderson Early Childhood Center got to meet Buster the School Bus, a child-sized school bus robot used for teaching the important lessons of school bus safety. As a fully animated remote-controlled robot, Buster moved, spoke, blinked his eyes and activated his lights. Buster's mission was to equip students with knowledge to increase their safety on and around the school bus in a way that they'd never forget.

Students enjoy community visitors



The Anderson kindergarten students learned about their community recently when the Brownsville Police Department visited to speak to them about their role in Brownsville. Also visiting were employees of Southwest Electric, who talked to the students about how families in the county have electricity in their homes.

Brownsville Police Chief Barry Diebold, other police officers.

students from HHS and the "crash test dummies" visited Anderson recently to promote awareness for Child Passenger Safety Week. Vince and Larry reminded kids to "buckle up." For 32 years, the crash test dummies have promoted seatbelt safety. HHS seniors Landon Wilson, Gracie Glaser, Logan Wilburn, Alexis Hines and **Brandon Evans volunteered their** time to help the young students learn about safety.



Preschoolers enjoy the animals





Thursday morning, October 5, with the help of HHS FFA students, under the direction of John Joyner and Carrie Smith, preschoolers at Anderson enjoyed the school's annual Petting Zoo from The Petting Place in Milan, Tennessee. Students were able to ride little horses, pet and feed a llama, chickens, goats, ducks, a donkey, and a rabbit. Many had not seen these animals and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet them in person. The FFA students helped the sometime reluctant students feed the animals and pet them. This was considered an on-site field trip and paid for with funds from a Pre-K grant, according to Principal Charles Byrum.

Anderson host for "Lunch with Grandparents"

Little Anderson Cubs were delighted to welcome their grandparents to eat lunch with them on Monday and Tuesday, September 11 and 12. There were smiles all-around as the children enjoyed the special attention that grandparents always give!







Anderson Cubs "ROCK" at the Sock Hop

It was a very lively site at Anderson Early Childhood Center on October 31 as all the students danced and sang their way through the school's annual Sock Hop. With the DJ (music teacher Ginger Cunningham) playing tunes from several decades beginning in the '50s, the students were dressed for the occasion and full of energy and some great dance moves! And they learned some great songs, too!





Annual Slumber Number party



Anderson Early Childhood Center held its annual Slumber Number party on October 5. Slumber? Of course not! Game stations were set up al over the school, geared towards math! As you can see here, there were LOTS of students and family in attendance.

Seeing double???



Yes, you are! Anderson Early Childhood Center has at lease seven sets of twins this year and for some, it will take a few days to tell them apart. It's fun though for them to have a permanent "partner" and to fool their friends some time about who is who.

Anderson welcomes all the little Cubs



When school started in August, all the little Cubs were welcomed with open arms by Principal Charles Byrum and all the teachers and staff members.

Voting to read



Anderson students enjoyed learning about elections, ballots, candidates and all things leadership during the week beginning on September 18. All Kindergarten students participated in an election on September 20. They were allowed to "vote" on their favorite book from this week's lessons!

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HES Open House

ementary students' family members attended the school's first open house on Thursday night, September 7. They toured the school and visited with the students' teachers. All teachers. administrators and staff members were happy to meet the families and talk to them about their children.

During the visit, teachers in all grades encour-

A host of Haywood El- aged students to go to the back of the school building and see the freshly planted greenhouse. This year the greenhouse will produce mustard greens, broccoli, radishes, spinach, and cabbage. While there they were encouraged to paint at least one steppingstone. The decorated steppingstones will be placed in front of the greenhouse for all to see and use as students enter it.



HES enjoys Farmer's Market



Haywood Elementary first graders recently to choose several items enjoyed their 3rd annual from sweet potatoes, corn, Farmer's Market. About 200 students were given really nice bags in which to collect their fruit and vegetables. Before they gathered their produce, they were treated to "Mrs. Shelby," who sang the cutest song to each group about how grapes turn into raisins. Then every student was given a box of raisins.

Next they were allowed peppers, cucumbers, apples, kiwi, and plums to take home. Such a fun way to learn about eating fruits and vegetables ... and being healthy! The Farmer's Market was sponsored by the BE MORE grant through UT Extension office, Coordinated School Health, and the Health Department.

Book Fair a success

Haywood Elementary recently hosted it's annual Fall book fair. The students were able to come in and purchase books, posters, and other items. The fair allows students to learn about money, taxes, and making transactions. The teachers also created wish lists for books they wanted for their classrooms. This fair was a huge success, thanks to the help of our parents, students and librarian Dawn Lovelace (pictured right). We are able to use funds earned from this fair to purchase materials, books, supplies, and other things for our school.

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HES works for their furry friends

wood Elementary partic- Humane Society. They also ipated in a Furry Friends collected blankets, toys, and Drive for our local humane treats for these animals. The society. There was a team students were very generof students that made posters, promoted, and collected over 500 pounds of dog food, cat food, and cat litter

The students of Hay- to give to the Brownsville ous and helpful to our furry friends during the month of September.



Gigi Gaietto-McKinney donates soccer equipment



Haywood Elementary student Gigi Gaietto-McK-

inney loves soccer and Haywood Elementary. When

no soccer balls or soccer equipment for her friends to play with, she decided to do something about it. She asked for donations and contributions from various people and businesses. In ing her leadership skills addition, with the support of Mr. Billy Wilhitt and Sylvia Trammell at Community Bank in Jackson, Cindy Smith, who is the school system's Health Coordina-

she noticed that there were tor, and Academy Sports and Outdoors in Jackson, she was able to gift four soccer goals and 19 soccer balls to the school at their nineweeks pep rally.

"Thanks to Gigi for showand providing a great Act of Kindness for our community," said HES Principal Anna Roberts. She is the daughter of HES music teacher. Patricia Gaietto.

HES students honored for success

Havwood held its first nine weeks awards program this past ment to give away a bike week. There were numerous awards given in recognition of the student's achievements. The school had approximately 160 students on Pictured are (from left) Joe First Honor Roll and 190 students on Second Honor Roll. from the Rotary Club and There were awards given for SRO Derrick Jackson from Reading, Language, Math, the Brownsville Police De-Science. Social Handwriting, Excellent Conduct, Perfect Attendance, rally, HES Principal Anna and Great Character. The auxiliary teachers also gave out awards to classes show- HES students raising \$1,061 ing best behavior and spirit.

Bike winner – Each nine weeks, the Brownsville Ro-

Elementary tary Club teams up with the Brownsville Police Departand helmet to the fortunate student whose name was drawn from all the students who had perfect attendance. Gibbs and Tommy Russell Studies, partment.

> Also at the end of the pep Roberts kept her promise to "kiss a pig" in honor of the for the Go Jim Go campaign that benefits Le Bonheur Children's Hospital.



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WELCOME BACK!

When East Side students made their way back to school this year, there were plenty of faculty and staff to welcome them back. The kids seemed to enjoy their welcome and ready to begin their fourth- or fifth-grade year!







GRANDPARENTS ENJOY LUNCH WITH ES STUDENTS

East Side is thankful to all the grandparents who came out for Grandparents Day on Friday, September 8. Grandparents were invited to eat lunch with the Wildcats!

Our Student Lighthouse Team was in place and ready to direct the happy traffic.











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EAST SIDE STUDENTS LEARN VOCABULARY

Ms. Griffith's students were engaged in a carousel vocabulary activity. The purpose of the carousel process is to allow students to share their ideas and to build a common vocabulary.

Each station in the carousel housed one vocabulary word. At each station rotation, students had to come up with sentences for the vocabulary words so they could gain a clearer understanding of each word. Students had to view all words that were posted in the room after they had a chance to come up with sentences for their assigned word.

Time is given, then, for students to discuss the sentences and how clearly the sentences conveved the meanings of the words.

This carousel activity is a great way for students to learn the meanings of words without having to copy definitions!! #ReadersAreLeaders!







ES HONORS "MORE MATTERS MONTH"

In honor of "More Mat- the new Nutri-Bullets purters Month" in September Side's Food Science Lab, every class had the opportunity to go through the lab recently.

Students made their smoothies in pairs using

chased through the "Be and the opening of East More" grant, the same grant that gave each student a water bottle so they could take advantage of the new water bottle filler stations at the school.









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HHS FOOTBALL HOMECOMING 2017

Haywood High School gating at the football Sophomores, 2nd place place - Sophomores, students participating win for the Tomcats in decorating the halls against and special days at Here are the results of

Ripley, 42-0. standing parade, tail- Decorations: winners –

Homecoming 2017 was stadium, the crowning - Freshman, 3rd place and 4th place - Seniors. held on Friday, Septem- of Homecoming Queen - Juniors, 4th place ber 29, beginning with and ending with a great Seniors; Powder Puff Mike Coburn, announc-Pep Rally winners – Ju- presented niors: and Parade Floats Representatives. Homeschool all week, an out- class competitions: Hall – winners – Freshmen, 2nd place – Juniors, 3rd

During halftime. game winners - Seniors; er for the Tomcats, the Class coming Royalty and the Queen.



TOP LEFT: Selected as winners were (from left) second runner-up Gracie Glaser, Queen Ahmadia Hines, and first runner-up Diamond Powell. TOP RIGHT: Members of the Royalty were (from left) Gracie Glaser, Skye Green, McKenna Barken, Temple Taylor, Diamond Powell and Ahmadia Hines. BOTTOM: Representatives were (from left) Freshman - Elizabeth Kirby and Mykia Montgomery, Sophomore - Valentcia Dancy and Reyce Moore, Junior - Cadaja Morton and Jocelyn Brooks, and Senior - Lanisha Bynum and Ellie Haynes.



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The Warriors to become Tomcats

As the students prepared to enter the 6th 7th, or 8th grades this year, they will take on a new mascot – the Tomcats instead of the Warriors. Everyone agreed that the school should be in line with the community and the high school and celebrate being a Tomcat in purple beginning this year. It will take several years to make the complete change, but most seem to be excited to make the transition.





Wild about water

Recently the BeMore Campaign to encourage drinking more water, doing more physical activity, and eating healthier diets has installed water bottle filling stations in several schools. Haywood Middle School received two last Spring. Now, thanks to the BeMore partnership among UT Extension, the Health Department, and Coordinated School Health, all students will be able to carry their own refillable water bottle throughout the day. Mr. Long is pictured here signing a policy that will allow all students this opportunity. Proper hydration in important to brain and body function, so students should realize better health and school performance very soon!



Project LIT advocates literacy



Haywood Middle School eracy movement comprised teachers Shalondria Shaw and Patrice Boyd have organized Project LIT Community, a new opportunity for munities with great books, students and staff members to enjoy reading together.

Project LIT Community is a national, grassroots LIT-

of a network of dedicated teachers and students who work together to flood comhost monthly community-wide book clubs and literacy events and champion daily reading. Shaw and

Boyd submitted an application on behalf of HMS and were approved to become Project LIT Site Leaders, along with 50 other teachers/ schools around the country.

Everyone is invited to participate in the Project LIT Haywood Book Club which will officially begin Monday, October 2, with the book "Wonder" by R. J. Palacio. There are three ways that members can participate: in person at HMS for Project LIT Breakfast Book Club. online via Project LIT Haywood's Book Club Blog or in print (typed/handwritten discussion submissions).

At the end of reading the book, as a community, everyone will discuss and celebrate this great piece of literature with food, fun and fellowship. The date, time and place will be announced later.

In the meantime, purchase your copy of "Wonder" wherever books are sold. HMS will provide a free copy of the book selection to Breakfast Club members.

The project is asking for donated copies as well.

For more information, email Patrice.boyd@hcsk-12net or shalondria.shaw@ hcsk12.net.

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HMS Fall Sports



HMS 2017 Football

Members of the HMS Football team are Sederius Palmer (2), Jakylon Taylor (3), Jalen Lewis (4), Marcus Kinnon (7), Jakylon Jones (8), Shylon Maydum (9), Jaden Perry (10), Cortavious Morton (11), Keith Warren (12), Jeb Banks (14), Kaleal Lawrence (15), Jamarious Reed (17), Dylan Climber (19), K.T Holmes (20), Christian Lawrence (21), Bishop Owens (22), Deaundria Roberson (24), Kevion Davis (25), Jordan

Johnson (30), Antavious Springfield (34), Anthony Brewer (35), Marquavious Harris (42), Derrick Montague (45), Cameron Douglas (51), Jessie Owens (52), Johnathon Forrest (53), Xavier Byars (54), Willie Parker (57), Travon Barnes (58), Hyden Jeter (62), Anthony Hendrix (65), Conner Springfield (66), Jaleohn Clark (68), Tanner Moore (72), Alvion Pugh (73), Collin Shaw (78), Johnathan Kent (88). Omarion Sweet and Antwan Rogers are managers. Head Coach is Vernon Mann and Assistant Coach is Xavier Clay.

HMS 2017 Football Cheerleaders

Members of the HMS Football Cheerleaders squad are (from left, front row) Alexa Leon, Markayla Jones, Martha Carpenter, Sinaí Leon, Makya Moss; (second row) Lakyia Boyd, Molly Nichols, Abbey Berry, Tamaya Stewart, Rikkila Taylor, Alex Baird, Makayla Ward, Tiniya Powell, and (third row) Antyonia Simon, Emma Lea, Asia Mayfield, Tamya Clark, Kelsea Delk, Karleigh Howard, Brianna Tatum, and Alyse Smith. Sponsor for the squad is Cindy Currie.





HMS 2017 Lady 'Cats Volleyball

Members of the 2017 HMS Volleyball Team are (front row) Deniya Wilson, Rachel Cunningham, Asia Flores-Williams, Ja'Kyra Tate, Ja'Bria Ellison, Joniya Starks, Cinyah Dotson; and (back row) Mecasia Taylor, Sha'Dalis Price, Travica Pugh, Josey Hershey, Kabreya Benton, Makaria Harris, Kalyce Mitchell, Madison Dancy, and Coach Patrice Boyd.

HMS 2017 Girls Soccer

Back Row L to R: Dennisse Ortega, Baneza Sandoval, Marcela Sanchez, Timya McBride, Anycia McGoughy, Ava Adams, Aryanah Blakely, Latia Hines and Faith Russell. Front Row L to R: Jadid Banos-Hernandez, Izzy Blakely, Liberty Johnson, Sonya Aguilar, Keyla Castro, Myilana Martinez, Breanna Rivero and Laura Aguilar. Not Pictured: Coach Humberto Aguilar



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Warriors celebrate Homecoming 2017









After last Tuesday's Hurricane Irma-related weather delay, Haywood Middle School was forced to move its 2017 homecoming festivities to Thursday, September 14. The Warriors defeated the Munford Cougars 18-0 to improve their overall season record to 2-1. Crestview, Brighton and Lausanne, remain on the Warriors schedule which wraps up on September 30.

TOP LEFT: 2017 HMS Homecoming Court L-R: Karleigh Howard, Molly Nichols, 1st Runner Up Sinai Leon, Emma Lea, 2nd Runner Up Shamariah Houston, Queen Lakiya Boyd and Mackenzie Hawkins.

MIDDLE LEFT: 2017 HMS Class Representatives L-R: Martha Carpenter, laniya Worles, Abbey Berry, Latia Hines, Vanessa Littlejohn, Makayala Ward, Breonna Bond, Harmony Micheal and Tamaya Stewart. BOTTOM LEFT: Shamariah Houston, second runner-up; Lakiya Boyd, homecoming queen and Sinai Leon, first runner-up. RIGHT: Quarterback Jalen Lewis runs the ball and tries to jump over a defender.

Annual middle school race a success

With the weather changing by the minute, it was a miracle that Saturday, October 7, turned out just perfect for a morning of running. The annual Haywood Middle School Tomcat Challenge 5K/10K brought out athletes of all ages to promote health and wellness in the community and schools. Organized by HMS teacher Tom Orr and Coordinated School Health, the race offered divisions for middle school-aged children, high school ages, and various divisions for adult runners.

"The main purpose of this event was to get students involved in exercise and physical activity," commented Orr.

Haywood High School's HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) students participated in the race by helping with registration and passing out refreshments.



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HHS SENIORS FIRST DAY



The Class of 2018 made a grand entrance into Haywood High School this year on the first day of school. They have three more nine weeks before they walk down the aisle to receive their diplomas and begin their adult life after school.

Shutes signs with U of M

Stand-out HHS basketball player Jamirah Shutes signed on Wednesday, November 8, to play basketball for the University of Memphis. She had a host of fellow players, coaches, family, friends and school officials there to support her as she signed for the U of M athletic scholarship.

Shutes, a senior and six-year player in Haywood County Schools, plays guard and last year averaged 25 points per game. She was named to the All-District and All-Region teams as Most Valuable Player, and to the All-State team.

Her parents are James and Patricia Shutes.



Pictured are (from left, seated) sister and brother-in-law, Kirstie Shutes Muex, Xavier Muex and niece Dallis Muex; Jamirah; her father, James Shutes; and mother, Patricia Shutes; Coach Patrice Boyd; (standing) Athletic Director and Assistant Principal Tim Seymour, Principal Dr. Jerry Pyron, and Assistant Principal Paige Ferguson.

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of Stephen Leath and Kelley Leath, has qualified to be a member of the prestigious ship with a 31 on the ACT is HHS 30+ Club by scoring a 30 on the ACT. She is a senior. a member of the Beta Club, played basketball vears, a HOSA member for three years, and a member of the HHS Health Council. Her goal is to earn a bache-

Kaitlin Leath, daughter lor's degree in Nutrition/Di- Beta Club, the Tomcat Book etetics.

> Also earning member-Karoline Hobock. She is the daughter of Shannon and Jerry Glover and William three Hobock. Her interests include traveling for mission trips, reading and discussing various genres of books. She is a member of the HHS

Club and HOSA. Her plans are to attend the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, earn a bachelor's degree in biology, then go to medical school to become a medical examiner.

The 30+ Club began in 2010 and the charter members were Anna Baumheckel and Andrew Pearson. With



Kaitlin Leath and Karoline Hobock Kaitlin and Karoline, there are now 32 members.

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HHS FOOTBALL



Members of the HHS 2017 Tomcat Football team are Tristan Taylor (1), Deyondrius Hines (2), Marquis Pugh (3), Derrion Williamson (4), Atlex Evans (7), Javarius Sommerville (8), Andrew Stanley (9), Taylor Shields (10), Jakobe Swift (11), Tillman McRae (12), Alex Taylor (13), Calen Johnson (14), Devonte Biggs (15), Trevor Cunningham (16), Detravious Baker (17), Phelp Pearson (18), Keiston Gause (19), Jalen Hudson (20), D. J. Taylor (21), Calvin Carson (22), D. J. Hawkins (23), Demarius Pearson (24), Xavier Walker (25), Tiriyon Wilks (26) Malik Turner (27), Khylan Clark (28), Travarius Baker (29), Treveon Banks (30), Decourtney Reed (31), Joseph Sanchez (32), Ethan Conatser (33), Tay Green (34), Andre Robertson (35), Marcus Jones (36), B. J. Taylor (37), Andrew Reed (38), Derion Love (39), Trondarius Rotherford (40), Cordarius Taylor (50), Travion Starks (51), Kendall Bond (52), Deon Jones (53), Zach Jeter (54), Jalen Clark (55), Iverson Hines (56), Dre Tyus (57), Sam Banks (58), Devin Jones (59), Rhyan Peet (60), Tradarius Franklin (61), Jamarius Brown (62), Tyrell Jenkins (63), Atlantis Cooper (64), Jackson Pettigrew (65), Dequortae Seaberry (70), Sherron Hines (71), Rahsawn Bradford (72), Martin Welch (73), Jacob Sanchez (74), Lamonte Middlebrooks (75), Kedariun Pirtle (76), Emmanuel Beard (90), Jerwin Young (91), Xavier King (92), Brent Moore (93), Derrion Bell (94), and Benard McDowell (95). Coaches are Head Coach Steve Hookfin, and assistant coaches Anthony Sawyer, Chris Eubanks, Jarrod Kornegay, D. J. Delk, Chris Brackeen, Avandre Cross, Rick Mason, Mike Snyder, and Greg Luster.



Members of the 2017 HHS Freshman Football team are Kyilan Newbern (1), Hollis Hudson (2), Sodonie Buford (3), Tavaress Somerville (4), Atlex Evans (7), Jabori Carter (10), Shcorius Sweet (11), Mason Phillips (12), Devin Miller (13), Trevon Holloway (14), Jadyen Pugh (15), Jaden Beard (19), Quintan Warren (20), O'Brien Henley (21), Darrin Silas (23), Carl Rutkowski (25), Kylan Bledsoe (29), Jordan Rogers (30), Jaylon Johnson (31), Jordan Mann (34), Brian Hill (38), Johnny Holmes (50), Melvin Taylor (53), Tylan Taylor (55), Tereon Taylor (56), Carsion Elery (57), Ryan Peet (60), Rumsey Byars (62), Kevon Scott (65), Kendrick Price (76), Alejundro Navarrete (90), Devin Jones (93), and Atlex Cooper (94).

Members of the HHS Football Cheerleading squad are (left to right, back row) Elizabeth Kirby, Elizabeth Carpenter, Iyana Taylor, Riley Simmons, Skye Green, Riley Barr, Molly McCage, and Breonica Reed; (middle row) Avery Turnage, Ann-Wesley Banks, Ellie Hayes, Riley Hooser, Allison Wright, and Rebecca Davis; and (front row) Temple Taylor, Zakaria Carpenter, Emani Hopkins, and McKenna Barken. Co-sponsors for the squad are Emily Carpenter and Megan Simpson.



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HHS SPORTS Girls Soccer



Members of the HHS Girls Soccer team are (from left, front) Emiliee Manchester (20), Makala Mullins (16), Carson Pittman (5), Ahmadia Hines (3), Andrea Cantu (6), Sujey Gasper (10), Mia Gaietto (19), Anna Haynes (13), and Allysia Perez (9); (second row) Coach Luis Rosales, Sanaa Muex (22), Machaela Parker (7), Elizabeth Porter (11), Brierra Starks (00), Riley Simmons (12), Chaoyue Yuan (8), My'Kala Mullens (16), Demarionna Mullins (4), #1 Fan Alex Policarpo, and Coach Tim Grapes. Not pictured are Ann Wesley Banks (2) and Manager Lena Smith.

Members of the HHS Volleyball team are (front, from left) Alaysia Applewhite, Quenoshia Lambert, Kayla Douglas, Alexis Hines, Kedra Benton, and Victoria Dancy; (second row) Chanaria Neal, Hanna Littleiohn, Alex Gillmer, Brionna Folk, Katelyn Evans, Valencia Dancy, Shaquira Brown, Jordan Lewis, Brierra Starks, and Head Coach Tiffani Hicks; (third row) Assistant Coach Cuwannia Kent, Ayanna Williamson, India Williams, Lauren Qualls, Andraya Jarrett, Laquita Callaway, Shakayla Callaway, Shaylin Winters, and Emmai Trotter.

Volleyball



Golf



Members of the HHS Golf Team are (from left) Tyler Woolley, Landon Wilson, Hunter Simpson, Tim Frederick, and J. T. Lea. Head Coach is Frank Chapman, Assistant Coach is Greg Emery.

Cross Country



Members of the HHS Cross Country Team are (from left) Juan Martinez, CedKevyon Richardson, Malik Woods, Jarrell Parsons, Quandarius Henley, Chris Hafford, Allen Weathers, Djalan Dennis, and Brandon Cantu. Not pictured are Preston Moore, Marco Clemons, Andrea Cantu, and Sieinna Muex. Coaching the team is Dave Rogers.



DECA SCAVENGER HUNT

Have you ever been on phone. a scavenger hunt? If you haven't, it's a game where individuals or teams compete to see who can obtain the most items from a list. They can take place just about anywhere and are a great way to teach people about a particular person, place or thing.

ville and the Haywood High Once there, a brief history School DECA Club partnered to bring scavenger hunts into the 21st century by utilizing something just about everyone has - a cell

You may be wondering how it worked. On Saturday, October 21, participants went to the Main Street Brownville booth at the Hatchie Fall Festival between 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. They were given a passport with directions to historical locations within walking dis-Main Street Browns- tance of the courthouse. of the site was shared, participants then took a picture and tagged it on Instagram with #msbinstahunt.



hunt is part of the DECA in January. Check out the Club's digital marketing pictures on Instagram with campaign that they will be the #msbinstahunt hashtag! The Instagram picture presenting at the state level

LEAN ON ME CLUB SHARES SMALL TOKENS OF APPRECIATION

During I HEART HCS Week, the community comes together to shower Haywood County's school system with love. On We Care Wednesday, however, Haywood High School's Lean on Me Club took time to send the love back as they said thank you to local businesses for the continued support.

The main objective of the Haywood High School Lean on Me Club: CHOOSE KIND-NESS. The group is made up of two dozen students who are trying to promote a positive atmosphere at HHS and in Haywood County. Sporting their purple and white "Kindness Begins with Me" shirts, the students flocked to Haywood County businesses chanting, "We are HCS!" and handing out CHOOSE KIND-NESS T-shirts to business owners.



dio/Visual teacher and Lean week holds a special place in ate their continued support on Me Club sponsor, com- our hearts because we get a mented, "This day during chance to show our commu-

Allyson Byrum, HHS Au- the annual I HEART HCS nity how much we appreciof our schools."

HHS COLLEGE FAIR





HHS BAND MARCHES AT UT CHATTANOOGA

The Marching Tomcats participated in UTC's annual Band Day by invitation Saturday, September 16. The Marching Tomcats joined other area high school bands from Chattanooga and Georgia and performed at halftime and during the football game with the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Marching Mocs. The theme for the halftime show was Superheroes and featured the songs "Captain America," "Superman," and "Spiderman." Band Director Dumanic Wade is an alumna of University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.



HHS CHOIRS PERFORM AT FALL FEST

Haywood High School Show Choir also has a men's choirs opened the annu- group called the B3's who al day-long Hatchie Fall Fest Saturday, October 21, in downtown Browsville, concert at the College Hill Three choirs performed: the Theater on October 28 at 3 Girls' Chorus sang "Flashlight" and "Flight Song;" the Concert Choir, sang "Jesus Promised" and "Every Praise;" and the Show Choir, sang "Some Nights." The

sang "Wade in the Water."

The Show Choir will be in p.m. and 7 p.m. and on October 29 at 3 p.m., presenting "Motown." The choirs are under the direction of Dr. Melinda Goedecke.







Scoreboard debuts, donors recognized



August 25, Haywood County enthusiastically welcomed – by the droves – the 2017 Tomcat football season. The night was made even more special by the debut of the much-heralded new scoreboard and time clock. Pictured to the right are the generous donors – honored at midfield during half time — who made it possible. Sponsors were also celebrated at a tailgate picnic reception in a gesture of gratitude.

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Summer Express 2017 a great success

The Haywood County Extended Learning Summer Express Program, directed by Cedric Bunch, had an awesome turnout! About 90 students, ranging from Pre-K to 11th grade engaged in different, but fun, learning opportunities. Students were able to attend The Memphis Zoo and experience an educational tour with zoo staff. The Memphis Zoo trip exposed students and staff to fun and knowledge. Summer Express students also had the opportunity to have fun and learn throughout the Summer **Express Program. Students** in grades Pre-K thru 2nd grade had the opportunity to do multiple projects within their classroom groups. Students in grades 3 thru 6 had the chance to work with Little Bits Technology kits to enhance their knowledge of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, also known as STEM. Students in grades 7 thru 11 had the opportunity to work in our new "Be More Food Science Lab."

Media Smart

Students in the Extended Learning Program at



Smart"! Mr. Cedric Bunch is teaching this class on Mondays. The Media Smart program is designed to teach students in the middle school range how to read food labels, know the terminology learn the amount of fats, sodium, cholesterol, sugar, and other ingredients are in different foods. They also are learning about how the media tries making foods look fun and appealing just to sell their product, even when it is not necessarily nutritious. They are learning the difference between highly processed foods and real foods and how to tell the amount of calories per serving; as well as the percentage of East Side became "Media fat, cholesterol, sodium,

and sugar different foods have in relation to what the daily requirement of each. So, when your child tells vou at the grocerv store or at a restaurant they you shouldn't be buying that item, they probably know and can tell you why! Coordinated School Health is partnering with Mr. Bunch in this very educational program.

Learning about Healthy Foods

Students in Haywood Elementary Extended Learning Program recently enjoyed making healthy snowman snacks and learning about the vitamins and minerals in bananas, blueberries, and other healthy foods they used to make their really cute snowmen. Ms. Karetha Miller. who directs the Save the Children Reading program and Mr. Cedric Bunch, the Director Haywood Extended Learning Program, invited Mrs. Cindy Smith, the School Health Coordinator, to teach a lesson about healthy snacks. Students were provided a take home paper explaining the vitamins in their delicious snacks, plus pictures, since most of

them ate their snowmen before they went home!

Fan Club

Students at East Side Intermediate School, who attend the Haywood Extended Learning Program, have formed the FAN club (Fitness and Nutrition). The FAN club meets on Wednesdays for 30 minutes per group as part of their afterschool activities. School Health Coordinator Cindy Smith teaches the classes. The first 5 or 10 minutes are spent on nutrition facts, such as how many calories children their age need per day and how many calories are in different foods. They will also learn about good fats and bad fats. cholesterol, blood pressure, etc. The remaining 20 minutes are spent on doing yoga! They are learning about yoga breathing, the importance of alignment, their body's core, muscles, joints, as well the voga positions. On their mats, they are doing some of the floor positions. Students have reported that it is "a little bit hard," and that they are "sore" the next day, which is good. That means they are using muscles they don't ordinarily use!



GEAR UP buys calculators for REACH

The Haywood High School REACH Academy recently received new Ti-84 graphing calculators purchased by Haywood County GEAR UP TN. The calculators will be used during classes, tests, and for preparing and taking the ACT test by helping students to complete mathematical computations by numerical, graphical, and symbolic representation.

Jackie Whitten, Site Coordinator for GEAR UP said.

"Our students needed calculators at the high school and the REACH Academy. GEAR UP was able to provide for those needs. Students have 60 minutes to answer 60 math questions on the ACT test. New Ti-84 calculators will help prepare our students for the ACT with classroom practice. We are all working diligently to help our students succeed on the ACT. Higher ACT scores will help our students have



better post-secondary opportunities (traditional universities, junior colleges, TCAT, the military, etc.). Our goal is

to make sure that all of our students are prepared for post-secondary success."

GEAR UP helps incoming HHS freshman



parents as they signed in and offered them free materials on succeeding in high school and getting college ready. The GEAR UP Ambassadors' roles are to be leaders within their school and community and promote college readiness with students and parents. Later. 10 GEAR UP students served on a panel in the library, where they gave information on staying focused, homework, attendance, cell phone use, identification badges, dress code, and much more.

HHS teachers Allyson Byrum and Catherine Hamilton worked with the student panel that gave information and answered questions for the new students.

The transition from middle school to high school can be unsettling for many students, but Haywood High School GEAR UP students were prepared to help make

the change easier for HHS many of their questions first-vear students. Haywood County GEAR UP TN helped incoming freshmen and their family members feel welcomed and answered

during Freshmen Orientation on August 4 at Haywood High School.

The GEAR UP Ambassadors welcomed students and

sponsors trips for students **GEAR UP**

Havwood County GEAR UP sponsored a trip to the Southern Heritage College and Career Fair at the Pipkin Buildng in Memphis on September 9 for 140 students from Ms. Timberlake's and Mr. Jetton's classes at HHS and the REACH Academy. The students were able to talk to local and regional college representatives who showcased their programs at the fair sponsored by the

City of Memphis Office of Youth Services.

"The trip was an opportunity for students who are deciding on postsecondary opportunities to talk to college and military representatives and to help the district goal of helping Haywood County students get college ready," said Jackie Whitten, Haywood County GEAR UP TN Site Coordinator.



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DEAR FAMILIES,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year!

This fall, we are asking your child, "What adventures do you take when you read?" We are excited to engage students in reading through myON, our digital library with thousands of books for your students to enjoy anytime, anywhere.

In our Where the Adventure Begins reading campaign, our students will explore different adventures based on different hats they recognize. They can pull on a baseball camp and explore a sports adventure, or strap on an aviator hat and take to the skies. The adventures in reading on myON are truly limitless!

Please see the enclosed family resources to help you take advantage of myON and our school reading campaign. We encourage all families to actively participate—reading at home has a huge impact on reading success.

Let's work together to show our students an adventure is only a book away.

Thank you!

P.S. Students are participating in the Where the Adventure Begins reading campaign across the globe. Share your reading adventures with your child on Facebook or Twitter using the hashtag #myONadventures to see students everywhere engaging in reading!



For more information, please contact your child's school.



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