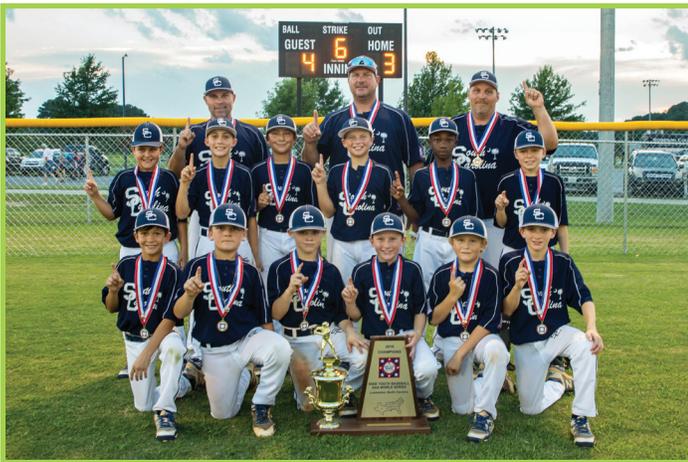




Honoring Lexington County School District One students and staff receiving state, national and international awards

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Proof Positive



'Grand slam' students win World Series

Just before returning to school, several Lexington District One students wrapped up their summer with a World Series victory.

Winning students from the Midland Dixie Youth Baseball team include Forts Pond Elementary's Jacob C. Kelly, Pleasant Hill Middle's MJ Hornsby, Saxe Gotha Elementary's Keaton C. Bennett, White Knoll Elementary's Jacson K. Barrineau and Jacob R. Buol, and White Knoll Middle's Chance E. Culley, Logan A. Gadberry and Andy V. Salvato.

Representing South Carolina, the Midland team bested North Carolina 4-3 in the final game to win the series crown at the Dixie Youth AAA World Series, held August 4-9 in Lumberton, N.C.

Midland defeated teams from Florida, Mississippi, Texas and Virginia as they made their way through the tournament bracket, losing only one game to Louisiana, giving the team of all-stars an 18-1 record.

This is the second World Series championship for Barrineau, Bennett, Culley, Gadberry, Hornsby and Kelly, as well as Midland Coach Matt Hornsby, athletic director and physical education teacher at Pleasant Hill Middle.

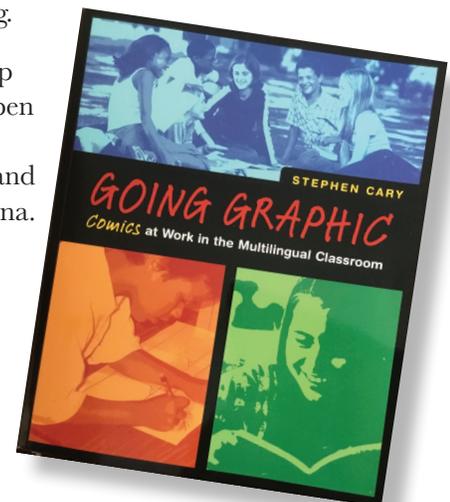
GHS teacher receives grant to accelerate learning

Gilbert High's Jennifer L. Gooding, a teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages, recently received a grant to purchase unique literacy materials for her students.

Carolina Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages awarded Gooding an Innovate to Accelerate Language Learning Grant. The new grant aims to provide educators with opportunities to enhance the educational experience of English language learners by supplying financial aid for activities that promote learning.

Gooding plans to use her grant funding for a project called "Going Graphic." She feels the use of graphic novels gives students additional visual support to enhance their learning of English, while offering engaging content they enjoy reading.

The grant, up to \$750, is open to educators from North and South Carolina.





Student's green thumb brings bounty

Gilbert Middle Sixth-Grader Wilson B. Oxner continued his winning ways with South Carolina 4-H, most recently as winner of the state Small Garden Project.

Competing in the junior division, Oxner prepared his garden plot, cared for his seedlings and harvested a bountiful crop of corn, tomatoes, eggplant, cucumbers, various peppers, squash, sweet potatoes and green beans. He also documented what he learned in a thorough record book.

Judges scored more than 100 gardens throughout the competition, giving Oxner's garden the highest score in the county, region and, finally, the state junior division. They noted his exceptional weed control, irrigation and overall vegetable production.

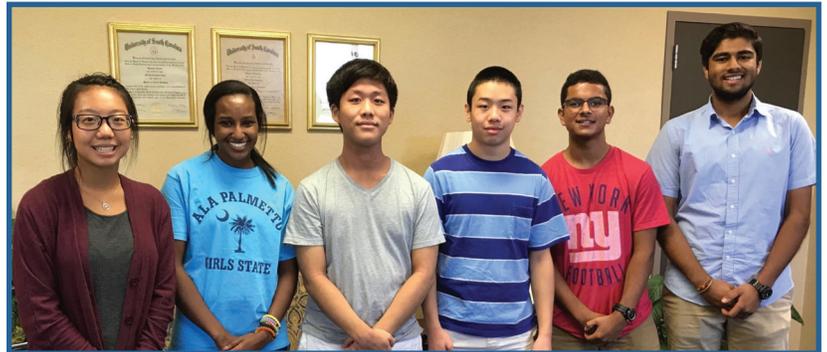
In addition to planting vegetables, Oxner planted pollinator flowers to improve pollination of his crops. He was able to freeze and can some produce, as well as sell produce at a local stand and donate produce to senior citizens.



Alexander Pendris



Haley Kubilus



(L to R) Winni Zheng, Hoda Abdalla, Paul Kim, Raymond Lin, Kevin Shah, Mehul Jain

Eight seniors named National Merit semifinalists

The National Merit Scholarship Program named eight Lexington County School District One students National Merit semifinalists: Haley F. Kubilus from Gilbert High; Hoda E. Abdalla, Mehul Jain, Paul T. Kim, Raymond Lin, Kevin Shah and Winni Zheng from Lexington High; and Alexander M. Pendris from River Bluff High.

Each year, thousands of students submit test scores, teacher recommendations, community service hours and personal essays. The program selects those who show exceptional academic ability, with semifinalists representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors.

Ninety percent of the 16,000 nationwide semifinalists will attain finalist standing in February 2019. About half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship at the culmination of their high school career, earning the title of Merit Scholar.

These academically gifted students are competing for approximately 7,500 scholarships worth a combined \$31 million. Scholarships include National Merit Scholarships worth \$2,500 each, college-sponsored Merit Scholarships that provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study, and about 1,000 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarships.



Parenting Center recognized for innovation, dedication to families

Members of Lexington District One’s Parenting Center recently received multiple awards on the state and national level for their dedication to empowering the district’s parents.

As a group, the Parenting Center won the Parents as Teachers Losos Prize for Innovation. Staff members include Lead Parent Educator Marla G. Hamilton and Parent Educators Maria E. Arroyo, Gigi E. Towers and Chanta Zeigler.

Hamilton says the center is unique in its ability to build upon existing strengths and apply new strategies in literacy for children prior to school entry. The center began its bilingual outreach 17 years ago with Spanish-speaking families, expanding in recent years to work with families that speak other languages, including Japanese, Chinese, Arabic and Korean. Hamilton says a chief goal is evolving with the changes the community experiences.

The Losos Prize for Innovation comes with a \$5,000 prize, which the center plans to use to serve families in Lexington District One.

Parents as Teachers also recognized Arroyo as Parent Educator of the Year for her ability to use her own cultural experiences to recognize and relate to the families she serves. Arroyo pushes parents to reach their goals, constantly advocating and learning alongside them.

Hamilton commended Arroyo for always improving her work, sharing her successes, bringing fresh ideas to home visits, and keeping the Parenting Center’s website, blog and social media up to date.

The center’s third award came from Children’s Trust of South Carolina, which chose photos submitted by Zeigler for a Home Visiting Consortium Photo Project.

Parent educators from around the state submitted six photos that captured three elements of home visits. Children’s Trust of South Carolina chose three of Zeigler’s photos and invited her to present at the Home Visitation Summit on September 17.

Michelin honors teachers for ‘forward’ thinking



Red Bank Elementary’s Jamee M. Childs and Saxe Gotha Elementary’s Tara L. Price are the newest recipients of Michelin’s “A Better Way Forward” award.

Michelin honors two teachers every year — one from Red Bank Elementary and one from Saxe Gotha Elementary — who embody Michelin’s slogan of “A Better Way Forward.” The award recognizes teachers for “exemplary progress and professionalism in delivering an innovative and personalized educational approach to the children under their care.”

Honorees, nominated by their respective schools, receive funding for a leadership or educational conference.

Childs serves as interventionist at RBES, while Price teaches first grade at SGES.



RBES named first National Unified Champion elementary school

Red Bank Elementary became the district's newest Special Olympics Unified Champion School in the first year that elementary schools could apply for the recognition.

Staff who worked on the application include Principal Marie G. Watson, Physical Education Teacher Pattie P. Corley, and Special Education Teachers Taylor Jeffers Gray, Britani A. Magargle, Brendon J. Matuszek and Heather D. Pace.

RBES is one of only two elementary schools in South Carolina to receive national status.

AT RBES, all students with special needs have the opportunity to participate in Special Olympics. The school offers cheerleading, bowling, and track and field, with plans to add bocce and disc golf.

RBES's Young Athletes, for students 7 and younger, participate in a motor development program. Third-graders volunteer their recess time once a week to work with the Young Athletes on motor and social skills in a new Unified P.E. class.

Special needs students can also participate in "Good Morning Activity Fun" three days a week to improve motor skills, exercise and spend time with friends. Activities coincide with upcoming Special Olympics competitions.

Unified sports are a vital part of RBES, as demonstrated by support from the entire school.

Robotics teams power up with new grant opportunity

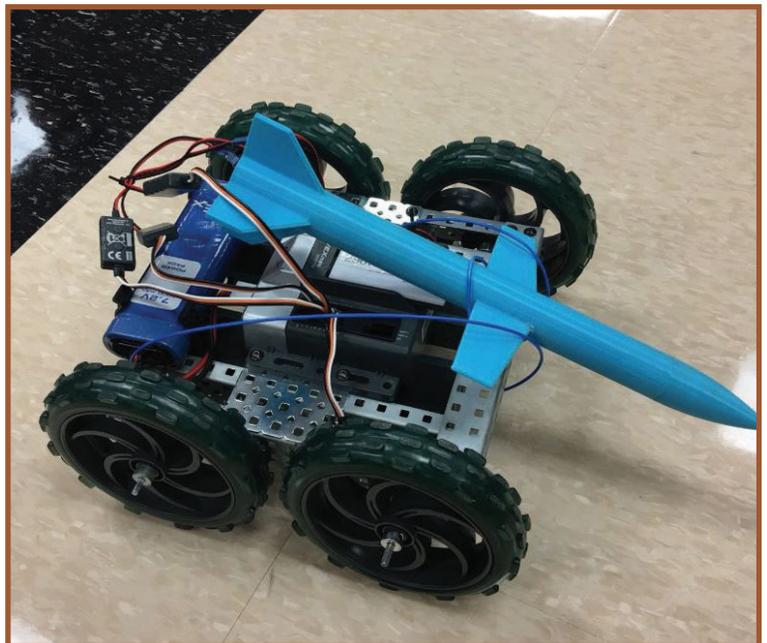
The Lexington District One Educational Foundation gave school robotics teams a power up with a new grant.

Winners of grant funding for robotics include Forts Pond Elementary's H. Lizzy Siceloff; Gilbert Middle's David Chestnut; Lexington Technology Center's Brian D. Little, Ph.D.; Lexington Middle's Lois A. Byars, Ben R. Godfrey and Ivey F. Homer; Pelion Middle's John F. Leneschmidt; Pleasant Hill Middle's Lori J. Lambert; River Bluff High's Westley M. Crocker and Shirley Waldy; White Knoll High's Cory R. Summerall and White Knoll Middle's Alan Lominick.

Grant amounts ranged from \$670 to \$3,751, which will allow schools to strengthen existing robotics competition teams or launch new ones for students interested in STEM. Schools can use grant funding to purchase robotics kits and parts, pay for competition and team fees, and assist with travel costs.

Competing on a robotics team teaches students academic skills such as range of motion, calculations, balance, measurement and speed; technical skills like programming, engineering design process, computational thinking, and mastery of power and hand tools; and soft skills including teamwork, public speaking, critical thinking and communication.

The grant funding, a total of \$18,000, will affect 154 students on 19 teams. Lexington District One schools compete in either FIRST LEGO League at the elementary level or VEX Robotics at the middle and high school level.



Four schools receive Special Olympics grant

Special Olympics South Carolina awarded four Lexington District One schools with funding to support ongoing activities for Special Olympics athletes and promote more inclusion within the school setting.

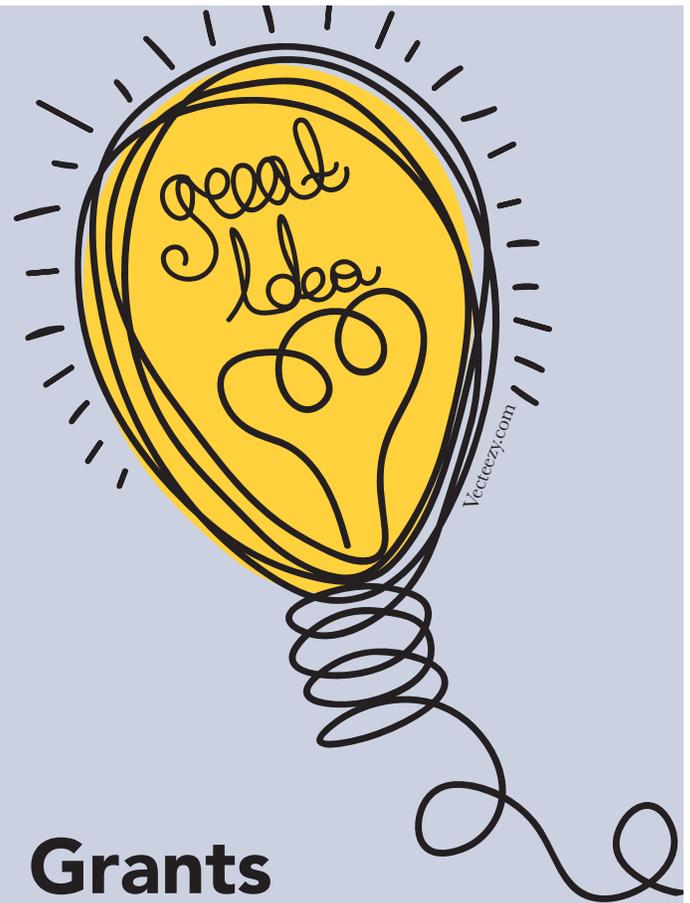
Grant recipients include Carolina Springs Middle's Anna D. Faust, Gilbert Primary's Elizabeth C. Tisdale; Midway Elementary's Stephanie R. Amick, Laura L. Gates and Anna E. Owens; and Red Bank Elementary's Pattie P. Corley.

In recognition of the schools' efforts to include all students, CSMS, GPS, MES and RBES each received a Unified Champion Grant.

Prizes include funding for transportation, Unified club supplies and sports equipment; funding to purchase team T-shirts, uniforms or other supplies; and a School Resource Kit with a variety of tools used to teach students about acceptance and inclusion, and grow programs such as Unified P.E. and other clubs.



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Grants fund 'innovation' at six schools

Each year the Lexington District One Educational Foundation encourages teachers to apply for its Innovation Grants for Elementary Schools as a way to support unique science, technology, fine arts and literacy projects. Funding for the 2018–2019 projects total \$27,432.

This year's winners include Lexington Elementary's April S. Hamilton; Midway Elementary's Jan M. Fickling and Alyssa R. Langford; Pleasant Hill Elementary's Betsy P. Goodman, Jennifer E. Jones and Amanda Youmans; Red Bank Elementary's Marie G. Watson; Rocky Creek Elementary's Meredith L. Gray, Katie R. Herndon and Whitney G. Seddon; and White Knoll Elementary's Angela H. Zokan.

Engaging and interactive projects submitted by grant recipients feature topics such as "Getting the Most Bang from our Books," "Community Sculpture Garden," "PBL STEAMing Ahead with Coding," "No Fear Engineers Design the Future," "Up! Down! Inside or Out! Learning My Way!" and "STEM Starters."



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