

Proof Positive

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Board of Trustees Meeting



Junior Olympian wins gold

A student of karate since the age of 6, Beechwood Middle Sixth Grader Nathan W. DuBose won multiple medals at the AAU Junior Olympic Games, held July 27–28.

Performing in front of hundreds of people, DuBose won two gold medals, one in kobudo and one in kumite, as well as a bronze medal in kata.

DuBose also medaled at the USA National Karate Championships, winning bronze in kobudo.

As karate debuts as an Olympic sport at the Summer 2020 Olympic Games, DuBose trains with the goal of making Team USA one day.

DuBose studies traditional Okinawan karate, competing as part of the NC Budo Karate competition team out of Belmont, N.C. He began competing three years ago.



Theater teacher 'books' trip to national conference

Carolina Springs Middle's Jennifer S. Simmons heads to the Big Apple this month to connect with fellow theater educators.

Simmons received a grant to attend the Educational Theatre Association National Conference in New York. Sponsored by BookTix, the grant helps members achieve a higher level of professional achievement, access valuable continuing education and networking opportunities, and build their knowledge and skills so that they can better contribute to their school.

Only seven educators nationwide received a 2019 grant.

In addition to teaching theater at CSMS, Simmons directs the school's Junior Thespian Troupe.

WKHS grant empowers students to Eat Smart. Move More.

White Knoll High benefits from a new grant this year, designed to keep hungry students fed and engaged in morning classes.

WKHS's Amber M. Morris, an instructor in the Center for Public Health and Advanced Medical Studies, received a Let's Go 3.0 mini grant to fund a Healthy Young People Empowerment (HYPE) Project from Eat Smart Move More South Carolina.

Morris and students in WKHS's HOSA Medical Reserve Corps used the \$3,000 grant to purchase the wrapping for the second breakfast cart and social media advertisements.

After piloting the program for one week last year, WKHS now offers students a daily second breakfast whether they miss breakfast in the cafeteria or just need fuel to make it to their lunch period.

Students can choose from grab-and-go items such as sausage and chicken biscuits, breakfast bars, cheese and yogurt parfaits.

Morris used a portion of the grant funding to create a healthy trail mix station at Lexington Kid's Day and support the MRC students' trip to a youth leadership event.



PHMS enjoyed Renaissance Day thanks to the school's ABC Grant funding.

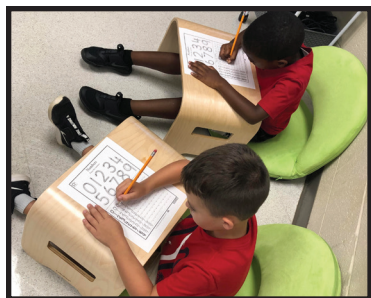
Grant advances the arts at **PHMS**, **WKMS**

Pleasant Hill Middle, represented by Shannon B. Canady, Lori L. McKelvey, Jessica I.M. Robbins and A. Mickey Summerall, and White Knoll Middle, represented by Debra C. Adams and Jolene K. Walter, will continue their excellent arts offerings with an Arts in Basic Curriculum Advancement Grant.

Provided by the South Carolina Arts Commission, the Arts in Education Grant program supports schools, school districts, or Gifted and Talented programs committed to implementing standards-based arts curricula, and to making the arts an integral part of the basic curriculum and daily classroom instruction.

PHMS received \$11,430, while WKMS received \$8,795. Both schools successfully applied for the ABC Advancement grants in previous years, receiving thousands of dollars to support artistic programs.

Using this funding dedicated to the arts, schools have used artists-in-residence to show students career opportunities and woven arts education into core subject areas, as well as provided professional learning opportunities for teachers.



Teachers receive thousands for classroom supplies

Several Lexington District One teachers started the new school year with fully funded projects thanks to DonorsChoose.org. The online giving platform allows teachers to post supply requests for anything they need to make their classroom operate better or engage students with a new project.

Recent funding recipients include Carolina Springs Elementary's Staci A. Blakely, Emily Cava and Tyler D. Smith; Gilbert Elementary's Chrystie A. Singleton; Gilbert Primary's Marie S. Coates, Suzi W. Davidson and Whitney T. Umbarger; Meadow Glen Elementary's Debra M. Bumgarner and Michelle C. Rapp; Midway Elementary's Samantha F. Hammond; New Providence Elementary's Emilie Burwick; Pleasant Hill Elementary's Jennifer H. Farmer; Red Bank Elementary's Ruth M. Hughes, Andrew M. Merchant, Liddy C. Parrish and Kristin C. Tarcza; and Saxe Gotha Elementary's Mary T. Seebauer.

Through funded projects, teachers will outfit their classrooms with supplies ranging from seed packets to storage carts to a toad habitat kit.

WP Rawl 'plants' support in six schools

Six schools will expand/sustain their school gardens thanks to grant funding from Walter P. Rawl and Sons, Inc.

Recipients of School Garden Mini-Grants include Beechwood Middle's Haleigh D. McCartha and Anne M. Peterson, Meadow Glen Elementary's Caroline M. Cartin, Midway Elementary's Dorie J. Bermas, New Providence Elementary's Erica M. Schumpert, White Knoll Elementary's Gianina R. Hayes and White Knoll High's Sarah J. Fisher.

Financial support from W.P. Rawl — \$500 for each new garden or \$250 to maintain an existing garden — allows teachers to provide outdoor learning opportunities that reinforce concepts such as mathematics and measurement, teamwork and responsibility.

Projects funded this fall include a brand-new garden at BMS, MES and NPES, and support of existing gardens at MGES, WKES and WKHS. The \$2,250 in grant funding impacts 524 student gardeners, as well as hundreds more who will enjoy eating the produce yielded from the school plots.



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Michelin funds 'Golden' classroom ideas

Michelin North America's Lexington site continues to support Lexington District One by awarding Golden Apple Teacher Grants for fall 2019 to Carolina Springs Elementary's Kizzi S. Gibson, Carolina Springs Middle's Nichole G. Criminger and Lindsey B. Smith, Forts Pond Elementary's H. Lizzy Siceloff, Lake Murray Elementary's Sarah E. Livingston, Parenting Center's Marla G. Hamilton and Chanta Zeigler, Pelion Elementary's Jennifer E. Berry, Pelion High's Lauren C. Garner, Red Bank Elementary's Tiffany S. West, River Bluff High's Jennifer E. Gibbons and Amy P. Price, and Saxe Gotha Elementary's Megan R. Mosteller.

This cycle of grants benefits a total of 1,962 students at 10 schools by funding \$2,500 worth of projects and other classroom needs.

Projects supported by the fall 2019 Michelin grants include a reading challenge with incentives at CSMS, LEGO robotics to teach engineering principals at FPES, teacher cadet shirts and name tags for PHS students, a marine science field study trip for RBHS students and a micro ecosystems project at SGES.



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