

Good News



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ORHS

ORHS students from Mu Alpha Theta have been competing in the Math Madness Competition sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America. Since Fall Break, the students have competed against other high schools from around the country in a weekly match. The team successfully made it to the Elite Eight in the Division IIA competition but lost a close match to the Hempfield Area School District 20-19. The team showed improvement week to week and recruited new teammates to join the competition. Mu Alpha Theta is looking forward to participating in the Spring Math Madness Competition.

ORHS Health Science Academy has 27 students who were certified in CPR. These students are Clinical Internship and Medical Therapeutics. Additionally, 14 Clinical Internship students tested for Pharmacy Tech certification over Christmas break.

Dr. Kristy Hutson's co-edited book, Promoting Positive Learning Experiences in Middle School Education, was a featured book at the World Education Leadership Symposium by IGI Global Publishers. Dr. Hutson also contributed a chapter in the book titled, "Missing Faces: Making the Case for Equitable Student Representation in Advanced Middle School Courses."

Kendal Whittaker, ORHS Spanish teacher, was awarded the Early Career Educator Grant by the Zeta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society of Women Educators. Kendal will use the grant funds to purchase a subscription to Zambombazo, a website dedicated to sharing cultural resources from the Spanish-speaking world. Using this website, Kendal's students will have a year's access to authentic materials and information across the globe.

Willow Brook

The Willow Brook Student Senate has completed a budget and submitted for review a final order for our Calm Corner Project. They will also sponsor the Great Kindness Challenge in January.

Willow Brook partnered with Tennessee Tech Students for Fall into STEM Day in all K-4 classes. Students from TTU Education program created STEM lessons and the students had a wonderful Wednesday full of STEM.

As second graders finished up a unit on paleontology, they had the opportunity to have a TEAMS lesson with Dr. Stephanie Drumheller-Horton, professor in the Department of Earth & Planetary Sciences at UTK. The students got to see various fossils, learn about the profession and ask questions.



RMS

Two RMS Art students have their artwork accepted into the East Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibit at the Knoxville Museum of Art. These students are 7th grader Ava Powell, with her piece "Memories of Mom," and 8th grader Aniyah Jones, with her piece "Old Toys."

On November 20, East Tennessee State Band and Orchestra Association held auditions for middle school students to participate in an honor band clinic on Friday, December 3rd and Saturday December 4th. We are pleased to share that 8th graders Charlie Taubenheim and Jacob Smyth had successful auditions and will be participating in this clinic. Out of approximately 40+ students across the area who auditioned on Saturday, Charlie placed in the ETSBOA Silver band in 7th chair, and Jacob placed 3rd chair in Bronze band.

Best of luck to Xavier Harper as he travels to Azerbaijan to compete at the World Age Groups for Trampoline and Tumbling.

Glenwood

Glenwood students collected "Pennies for Pajamas" to provide pajamas for seniors at the Alexander House over the holidays. The pennies and various change were used for multiple STEM projects during the second 9 weeks in all grade levels, and then used for good in our community.

Glenwood's First Annual Santa drive-thru was a hit. Families decorated their cars, donated food for Second Harvest Food Bank, and received gifts of a book and hot chocolate to kick off the holiday season. There were blow-ups, decorations, special characters, and a Glenwood specific radio channel for cars to "tune-in" and hear festive music. The drive-thru ended with a wave from Santa himself. It was an incredible night of family fun.

Glenwood won a grant from SAIC to establish a Lego League club. This club will be under the skillful guidance of Ms. Ellie Racey. A huge thank you to Mr. Dan Lovegrove, Glenwood PTO President, for his work to get this started.

Glenwood has established their first ever Spelling Bee Club. This will be led by Mr. Rick Hendricks and is sponsored by our Glenwood PTO.