

# Good News



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## **Robertsville**

Robertsville Middle School TSA competed in the TSA Regional Championship on January 14. The students placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Biotechnology, Career Prep, Children's Stories, Inventions and Innovations, Off the Grid, and Problem Solving.

Congratulations to two RMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Art students were chosen to display their pieces in the 2022 Dogwood Arts Synergy Exhibition in Knoxville. The artwork entitled "Mushroom World" and "Sandwich Time" will be on exhibit March 2-23 and concludes with a reception and awards ceremony at the Clayton Center for the Arts.

## **ORHS**

Twenty-two Computer Applications A Honors students are now certified as Microsoft Office Specialists in Word 2019.

ORHS has a student that has qualified for the American Invitational Mathematics Exam.

TSW Work Based Learning now has eight students in paid part-time employment. The TSW program is now fully staffed as they have welcomed two new full-time assistants.

Ten ORHS students from Ms. Nebenfuehr's German 3 Honors Class took the Level II National German Exam in January. All of them got a certificate of recognition. Four received the Achievement Award demonstrating that they were better than half of all National German Exam participants. One student received the Bronze Award and three received the Gold Award. These three students scored above the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile and can now apply for the AATG-PAD National German Exam Scholarship. This scholarship allows the recipients to travel to Germany in the summer.

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## Willow Brook

Ms. Rebecca Mullins, Reading Specialist has been chosen to receive 100 new books. In September 2021, Reading is Fundamental initiated a campaign "*Rally to Read 100*," that promoted a way for students to re-engage with reading. Students, educators, and families were encouraged to read 100 books over the span of six months by Read Across America Day in March. As part of this initiative, the Rally to Read 100 held a sweepstakes for K-5 educators to submit their names for a chance to win 100 new books, and Ms. Mullins was a winner. In addition, Willow Brook will also be recognized as a recipient of 100 books on March 2, 2022, Read Across America Day, during RIF's "Reading Inspires!" webcast.

Ms. Sara Cochran submitted artwork from her students to the *Dogwood Arts Festival Student Art Exhibition*. We are pleased to announce that two pieces were again accepted this year. Congratulations to Dakota Rogers in Ms. Wager's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class and Lailyn Neikirk in Ms. Martin's Kindergarten class.

WBES will be participating in *Engineers Day* in partnership with Oak Ridge National Lab. Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be working virtually with Amelia Campbell, an engineer from Oak Ridge National Lab. Ms. Campbell is an Oak Ridge native and a Robertsville Ram. She will be talking with our students about her project called ITER, an international project working on proving the viability of nuclear fusion as a new way of generating electricity. Students will learn "what is an engineer?" and "what is fusion?".

Kindergarten and third grade teachers are working hard to engage in growing their craft by engaging in book studies in reading and math. They are working through the book "Know Better, Do Better" and "Building Thinking Classrooms for Math". They are working with Dr. Garner and other teachers in the district who have started this process. This is GOOD NEWS because it shows the amazing personnel we have at every school working to get better every day.