



Kentucky Department of Education

# District 180 News



## Two Kentucky Priority Schools represented at Teach To Lead Summit

Submitted by Ruth Ann Sweazy, ERS

Approximately 150 teacher leaders, policymakers and education supporters gathered at the Seelbach Hotel in Louisville last month to take part in the Teach to Lead Summit.

Teacher leaders interested in participating in the event submitted proposals or ideas for review. Of approximately 80 submitted proposals from around the nation, 32 were selected to be presented at the summit. Kentucky was represented by several proposals, including two from Valley High School and Westport Middle School.

### Team Members and Project Plans:

#### Valley High School – Protection of Instruction Time

Jenny Currin – College Access Resource Teacher (CART) & Advisory Leader

Joyce Charlesworth – Math Department Chair

Leslie Mears – English Language Arts Department Chair

Claire Humes – Science Department Chair

Jennifer Hoban – Project Lead for Biomedical Program

Ruth Ann Sweazy, NBCT – Education Recovery Specialist Literacy

#### Westport Middle School - Hybrid Teacher Positions

Sarah Yost, NBCT – Literacy Master Teacher - Project Leader

Liz Popelka, NBCT – Math Intervention

Dr. Staci Eddleman – Principal

Robyn Baxter, NBCT – Education Recovery Leader

Billie Travis – Education Recovery Specialist Math

In addition to the presentations, Education Commissioner Terry Holliday spoke at the conference, sharing some of the work Kentucky has been engaged in around teacher leadership.

Teach to Lead is an initiative jointly convened by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and the U.S. Department of Education to advance student outcomes by expanding opportunities for teacher leadership, particularly those that allow teachers to stay in the classroom.

Through the online Commit to Lead community and a series of regional Teacher Leadership Summits, the initiative seeks to:

- Highlight existing state and district systems that are working to support

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## Priority Schools in the News

Academy @ Shawnee, Fern Creek High School, Doss High School, Southern High School, and Westport Middle School featured on December JCPS “Our Kids” TV Show - <http://youtu.be/6SIYkOBUefg?list=UUNsPBGn59pNSN5LdsCtUbQQ>

Free on-site counseling center run by University of Louisville will provide variety of services to help Academy @ Shawnee students and their parents - <http://www.wdrb.com/story/26663952/u-of-l-opens-counseling-center-at-academy-shawnee>

Teachers from Academy @ Shawnee get lesson from workforce partners; externship program gives Jefferson County educators a better idea of how to incorporate real-world problems into their teaching - <http://www.kentuckyteacher.org/features/2014/10/teachers-get-lesson-from-workforce-partners/>

Five JCPS schools, including Academy @ Shawnee and Westport Middle School, receive \$7.5 million to help teachers, students - <http://www.wdrb.com/story/27327511/five-jcps-schools-get-75-million-to-help-teachers-students?autoStart=true&topVideoCatNo=default&clipId=10825812#.VF1wSyJMiE.facebook>

Christian County High School students hit the road to become more aware of relationships between their school, community, and futures - <http://www.ksba.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=500IBY&dasi=3G32>

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teacher leadership

- Share resources to create new opportunities for teacher leadership
  - Encourage people at all levels to commit to expanding teacher leadership
- To create systemic and sustained change, Teach to Lead involves stakeholders at every level of education and is informed and driven by teacher voice.

Between December 2014 and February 2015, Teach to Lead will hold three regional Teacher Leadership Summits (Louisville, Boston, Denver) to help spotlight and advance the groundbreaking, teacher-led work that is happening in states, districts, and schools across the country. More than 50 agencies and organizations across the nation have pledged support for the Teach to Lead Initiative. Kentucky supporters include the Kentucky Department of Education, Education Professional Standards Board, and the Kentucky Education Association.

For more information: [www.teachtolead.org](http://www.teachtolead.org)



Teach to Lead participants, including teams from Valley High School and Westport Middle School

## Superintendent's Spotlight Featuring Ronnie Dotson, Carter County

From Commissioner's Fast Five on Friday (week of Dec. 5, 2014):

On a quest for the Carter County school system to be "the standard of excellence," the district has established high expectations for all staff and students. Schools are taking ownership in this vision and the community is proud of new successes.

The two high schools in the district have made tremendous gains. East Carter High School, previously labeled as a persistently low-achieving school, has since been designated a Distinguished School. In addition,

the school was recently named a Hub School. West Carter High School also has shown considerable growth over the past couple of years. With a focus on college- and career-readiness (CCR), the school has increased CCR from 24 percent in 2011 to 92 percent in 2014 earning it the designation of being a proficient school. In 2013, the momentum continued as Star Elementary School was named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

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Christian County High School ranks in the top ten of agricultural programs in the state - <http://www.wk-dzradio.com/pages/20388290.php>

Christian County High School teacher named Art Teacher of the Year by Kentucky Art Education Association - <http://www.christiankyschools.us/?PN=News2&SubP=DNewsStory&gn=&DivisionID=&DepartmentID=&SubDepartmentID=&NewsID=56978&ShowNav=&StoryGroup=Current>



Dayton High School, Fairdale High School, Franklin Simpson High School, Hopkins Central High School, Livingston Central High School, Pulaski County High School, Sheldon Clark High School, and Stuart Middle School recognized for best practices at second annual Continuous Improvement Summit - <http://education.ky.gov/comm/news/Documents/R%2014-088%20Best%20Practices.pdf>

Doss High School principal says turnaround at school began with changing culture, getting students involved outside of course work, refining teachers' skills - <http://wfpl.org/post/whats-led-doss-high-schools-improvement-starters-school-culture>

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provement planning have been at the forefront of the district's success. With an intensive approach to professional learning, all teachers are involved in district facilitated sessions on a monthly basis that are data-driven and content and grade specific. This aggressive structure for improvement planning has brought about positive change by establishing a sense of urgency and solutions to address bold obstacles.

The district's focus on providing all students with a rigorous curriculum has brought about partnerships with Ashland Community and Technical College, Morehead State University, Kentucky Christian University, and AdvanceKentucky. Additionally,

## College Application Week

East Carter High School held College Application Week the week of Oct.27-31. The week is vitally important to the school's mission of ensuring 100 percent of its students are college and/or career ready when they graduate. Teachers decorated their classroom doors to represent their alma mater and wore their college T-shirts or sweatshirts throughout the week. Seniors attended a workshop about with financial aid and scholarships. Seniors also met with representatives from Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, and Ken-



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community partnerships have led to the installment of the Carter County Youth Leadership Program, a group that focuses on community leadership, economic opportunities, and establishing cohesion between the two local communities.

Superintendent Ronnie Dotson and all district and school staff are proud to be part of the progress made in Carter County, and more is expected as the district looks toward the future with anticipation and excitement for advancements yet to come. It is Dotson's belief that the district, which earned the designation of a distinguished – high performing district in 2014, will continue to flourish in its role as “the standard of excellence.”

tucky Christian University that week. A College Fair was held one evening for parents and students. Students were encouraged to sign up for online transcripts to make the college application process smoother. Throughout the week, students completed 505 college applications. Students who completed college week activities were entered into a drawing for various prizes the colleges provided. Thank you to all faculty and staff who helped make this week a success, especially Bill Billman, Sheila Porter, and Wanda Greer in the counseling department.

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East Carter County High School earns hub designation from KDE for successful academic turnaround, becomes fourth hub school in state – [http://www.kentuckyteacher.org/news/2014/10/east-carter-high-named-third-hub-school/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+KentuckyTeacher+%28Kentucky+Teacher%29](http://www.kentuckyteacher.org/news/2014/10/east-carter-high-named-third-hub-school/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KentuckyTeacher+%28Kentucky+Teacher%29)



*Education Commissioner Terry Holliday presents a Hub School certificate to East Carter High School principal Larry Kiser. L to R: Carter County Schools Superintendent Ronnie Dotson, Education Commissioner Terry Holiday, and East Carter High School principal Larry Kiser*



Avoiding “just one wrong decision” at the heart of annual event to show East Carter County High School about life choices that lie ahead for them - <http://www.ksba.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=50GYAY&dasi=3G32>

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## College Application Week

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## ECHS Teacher Passes National Boards

East Carter High School is proud to announce that business teacher Aundra Shearer was recently notified that she passed her National Board Certification for Teaching. National Board Standards and National Board Certification give teachers and schools the tools to define and measure teaching excellence. Similar to certification in fields like medicine, National Board Certification is a rigorous, peer-reviewed process that ensures that Board-certified teachers have proven



Aundra Shearer

skills to advance student achievement. National Board Certification is an advanced teaching credential. As part of this process, teachers must analyze their teaching context and students' needs, submit videos of their teaching, and provide student work samples that demonstrate growth and achievement. East Carter is pleased to have two teachers who are National Board Certified. English teacher Courtney Martin has her certification as well.

## Fairdale High School recognized as a Model Professional Learning Community at Work™; one of about 200 schools and districts in the US and Canada to receive this honor

Fairdale High School was recently recognized by Solution Tree for its sustained success in raising student achievement. The school's successful implementation of the Professional Learning Communities at Work™ process was a major contributing factor in the improved achievement of its students.

PLCs are schools and districts in which educators recognize the key to improved learning for students is on-going, job-embedded learning for the adults who serve those students. The three big ideas of a PLC call upon educators to:

1. Focus on learning

2. Build a collaborative culture
3. Create a results orientation

Schools are recognized based on strict criteria, including demonstration of a commitment to PLC concepts, implementation of these concepts for at least three years, and clear evidence of improved student learning over that period. Once measurable results can be seen, the school must explain its practices, structures, and culture and submit its application for consideration by the PLC Review Committee.

Fairdale received the following feedback from the All Things PLC Evidence of Effectiveness Review Committee:

- While a majority of your student

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Students in Fern Creek High School Communications and Media Arts program create a YouTube video aimed at restoring their school's reputation; student: "We really are a family" - <http://www.wave3.com/story/27320673/fchs-students-hope-video-goes-viral-restores-tiger-reputation>

Students from Fleming County High School, Franklin Simpson High School win awards at national FFA convention - <http://education.ky.gov/comm/news/Documents/R-14-111%20FFA%20Results.pdf>

Frederick Law Olmsted Academy North will receive \$48,000 in grants as the winner of this year's Team Up for Technology award - <http://thejournal.com/articles/2014/12/01/kentucky-school-wins-48000-in-tech-and-cash.aspx>

Hopkins County High School ranked 77<sup>th</sup> and Christian County High School ranked 100<sup>th</sup> out of 202 Kentucky high schools in 2015 Niche rankings - <http://wkms.org/post/west-ky-school-districts-top-100-niche-rankings>

How Iroquois High School broke with history and became football royalty - <http://usatodayhss.com/2014/believe-how-iroquois-broke-with-history-and-became-football-royalty#>

Leslie County High School has reason to celebrate as a result of rising test scores; school is fighting eastern Kentucky stereotypes - <http://www.wkvt.com/mobile/headlines/Eastern-Kentucky-schools-learn-how-they-did-on-state-testing-278078251.html>

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population represents students that have traditionally been underserved in school, your staff demonstrates a learning-focused school culture that believes all your students are capable of learning at high levels and assumes responsibility when children are not achieving.

- Your staff understands that post-secondary education must be the goal for every student. This awareness has guided your teacher teams to identify rigorous college-readiness standards for each course of study. Additionally, you are ensuring that all students have access to these ! rigorous expectations as part of their core curriculum.
- Your school has moved beyond using primarily summative assessments to measure student learning, and has instead balanced this with frequent, systematic formative assessments aligned to your essential standards.
- Through the use of your FLEX time, your school has created a master schedule to ensure students can receive timely, targeted, systematic, and directive interventions during the school day.
- Most importantly, your collective efforts are leading to significantly sustained growth in student achievement

## Franklin-Simpson High School

(submitted by Robin Winnecke Poynter, ERL)

Hub School Visits are off to a great start! Here are some facts to share:

On Oct. 29, Franklin-Simpson hosted 86 visitors from 14 school districts.

Currently, there are 37 visitors from eight school districts scheduled for the Dec. 16 Hub School visit. Metcalfe County High School, Livingston Central High School, and Hopkins Central High School will share their best practices during this visit.

Topics included in 30-minute sessions during Hub School visits are CCR culture, career tech pathways and certifications, CCR pathway planning and master schedule, student moni-

toring for gap closure, teacher leadership development, guided planning and PDSA systems, and walkthrough systems.

Future Hub School visits are scheduled for Feb, 25 and April 21 of 2015.

As of November, Franklin-Simpson has already reached 63 percent CCR with bonus! The school is on target to reach 100 percent CCR for the second year in a row.

This success has come from a year-long effort to support students in their school mission statement – “To Empower ALL Students to be College and/or Career Ready.”

## Knox Central High School

From Knox Central News Nov. 2014:

### KMEA All-State Choir competition

Choir students under the direction of Eddie Campbell competed in the Kentucky Music Education Association All-State Choir competition in Louisville.

Several members of the Knox

Central choir were named as members of the KMEA All-State Choir.

These members include Isaac Brooks, Matthew Broughton, and Tristan Hinkle.



Isaac Brooks, Mathew Broughton and Tristan Hinkle

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Leslie County High School taking part in state snow day pilot program that lets students work from home even when classes are canceled due to snow - <http://www.wkyt.com/wymt/home/headlines/Eastern-Kentucky-schools-talk-readiness-for-snow-days-284382161.html>

Lincoln County High School continues turnaround from PLA to just short of distinguished - <http://www.ksba.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=5AU2B2&dasi=3G32>

Livingston Central High School recognized as distinguished as well as high progress school - <http://www.ksba.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=5AU0YB&dasi=3G32>

Livingston Central High School selected to participate in Close the Deal initiative - <http://www.wpsdlocal6.com/story/27157306/college-preparedness-program-comes-to-livingston-central-high-school>

Metcalfe County High School overcomes physical limitations to participate in archery - <http://www.ksba.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=50APYB&dasi=3G32>

Red Zone intensive instruction moving Sheldon Clark High School students to significantly greater college and career readiness levels - [http://www.kentuckyteacher.org/features/2014/12/red-zone-success-helps-high-school-bounce-back/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+KentuckyTeacher+%28Kentucky+Teacher%29](http://www.kentuckyteacher.org/features/2014/12/red-zone-success-helps-high-school-bounce-back/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KentuckyTeacher+%28Kentucky+Teacher%29)

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## Knox Central High School

Students from seven counties auditioned to perform in the honor band. Knox Central students Matthew Hensley, Johnathan Rigney, and Steven Sparks were all winners.

Matthew Hensley received concert band honors, Steven Sparks received symphonic band honors, and Johnathan Rigney received top honors band recognition as well as symphonic band honors.



*Steven Sparks and Matthew Hensley. Not pictured: Johnathan Rigney*

### HOSA Pin Contest Winner

The Kentucky Chapter of HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) sponsors a pin design competition each year. The 2014-2015 winner was Knox Central senior Brooke Broughton.

Brooke worked approximately two weeks perfecting her design before submitting the design in September to the state HOSA committee in Frankfort. All state HOSA officers voted in the contest. Brooke was notified in October that her design was the state winner.

The pin is an important part of the national HOSA conference. Every state will have a unique pin designed by their state HOSA organization. HOSA members will trade these pins as they connect with other HOSA chapters across the United States.



*Brooke was recognized for her design at a pep rally held October 31.*

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Southern Belles program at Southern High School offers female students information about leadership, health, and personal improvement - <http://www.jefferson.k12.ky.us/Pubs/>

### HOSA/Biomedical HOT Expo

Students from the HOSA club and the biomedical classes at Knox Central High School participated in the HOT Expo. HOT is an acronym for Health Occupation Technical Sponsors. This year's event was held at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset.

The goal of this event is to bring awareness to the health field. Colleges and various health organizations provide entrance information, technical experiences, and hands-on learning events for the students.

Students talked to college recruiters and visited over 200 booths to gain knowledge of all careers that the health field has to offer.



## Knox Central High School Pep Section Gets New Look

The student pep section in the Knox Central gymnasium is going to have a new look this year. Art teacher Molly Shields started a senior project that will add two murals to the front of the pep section.

One mural is of a panther face and the other depicts a panther claw. Senior art students have begun work-



ing on the project. These students include Alex Sprinkles, Matthew Barger, Tony Brown, Cody Lockard, Kendall Frost, and Nate Cole.

The students have used mostly acrylic paint on the project. Mrs. Shields has set a timeline for the murals to be finished before the beginning of basketball season.

## Seniors Visit Area Colleges

Cathy Sue Smith with the Berea College program sponsored college visits for Knox Central seniors.

Seniors had a choice to visit one of four colleges. Students could choose between Union College, University of the Cumberlands, Southeast Community and Technical, and Somerset Community and Technical College.

At the colleges, students visited dorms, classrooms, and campus facilities. Admission counselors discussed financial aid, possible majors/minors, and participating in college sports teams.



## Shark tank

Travis Mills and his engineering classes spent three weeks designing a prototype for a new invention.

Students had to brainstorm a new invention, design it, and prepare a sales pitch for their item.

Students went before a "Shark Tank" of teachers to pitch their sales idea for a chance to have their product produced.

*Team members Landon, Malloree, Cassidy, and Anna Beth show their idea for "FIND IT," a device that locates lost items such as keys, remotes, and cell phones.*





## Lee County High School

### Lee County Schools receive more than 100 Learn Pads as part of Appalachian Renaissance Initiative Grant

Lee County Schools recently received more than 100 Learn Pads funded by the Appalachian Rural Initiative grant. The Learn Pads are now paired with four Mondo pads (one at each school building). These devices are very similar to the better known iPad, but are designed for classroom application.

To help students acclimate to the new devices and learn to become good digital citizens, the school has paired the Learn Pads with four innovative teachers.

Ms. Joy Neace at Lee County High School, Mr. Tony

Barrett at Lee County Middle School, Ms. Carol Napier at Southside Elementary, and Mr. James Daily at Beatyville Elementary will help ensure students are fully utilizing the wonderful opportunity they have with this technology.

These four teachers are attending a year-long training program sponsored by the University of Kentucky called the "Next Generation Teachers."

Each school received 32 tablets during the month of November.

### LCHS celebrates student achievement on EOC exams and On-Demand Writing

On Oct.31, 2014, Lee County High School spent the last half of the school day celebrating the achievements of students on last year's End of Course (EOC) exams and On-Demand testing. Students gathered in Sedley Stewart Auditorium to witness and take part in a presentation honoring those who scored Proficient and Distinguished on EOC exams in Algebra II, Biology, English II, U.S. History, Geometry, Algebra I, English I, and On-Demand Writing in grades

ten and eleven.

As students entered the auditorium a PowerPoint played displaying pictures of each student along with the tests on which they scored Proficient and Distinguished. Principal Mark Murray said, "We are very proud of how students performed on last year's EOCs, and I challenge this year's class to do better."

Overall, Lee County High has earned a Proficient/Progressing classification from the state.



## Lincoln County High School



What an amazing turnaround in just two short years at Lincoln County High School! Mr. Godbey, Mrs. Denny, and Mr. Harris were rewarded with a banner proudly proclaiming LCHS a Proficient/Progressing school. With an 88 percent rank on K-PREP scores, the school is just two points shy of the distinguished mark. Congratulations staff and students for an excellent job!



## Livingston Central High School

### Superintendent's Spotlight Featuring Darryl Chittenden, Livingston County

*From Commissioner's Fast Five on Friday (week of October 20, 2014):*

During the past five years there have been several notable accomplishments in the Livingston County school district. Most recently, the district was recognized as a proficient district on the 2013-14 School Report Card. This includes two schools – Livingston Central High School and North Livingston Elementary School – being recognized as Distinguished-High Progressing Schools for the first time in their history. Livingston Central High School has made remarkable gains in reaching the distinction of being a Distinguished-High Progressing School after being declared a Persistently Low-Achieving school in 2011.

In facilities management, Livingston Central High School also recently underwent a \$3.5 million renovation made possible through a Qualified Zone Academy bond. In addition, Livingston County Middle School is about to begin a \$1.6 million renovation also made possible by a Qualified Zone Academy bond.

The district has extended after-school programs to include each of its four schools through a 21st-Century Grant. These programs offer remediation and enrichment activities to participating students.

Livingston County has a highly successful dropout prevention program which targets students who are at-risk. The Open Campus program in the district has assisted more than 150 students in receiving their high school diploma who would have otherwise likely dropped out of school. Along with reducing the district dropout rate, Livingston County also has exceeded the college- and career-readiness goals set forth in 2011 and has a graduation rate exceeding the state average at approximately 97.3 percent.

In 2013, Livingston County adopted a new mission statement, "Live RED," which stands for "Reaching Excellence Daily." The staff and students of Livingston County Schools strive to fulfill this mission each day.

## Martin County Showcase (including Sheldon Clark High School)

*Submitted by Carolyn Spangler, ERL*

The Martin County School District is committed to Continuous Improvement and the promotion of best practices within our district that support student learning and college/career readiness. In an effort to spotlight district-wide educational opportunities and strategies that have been proven successful, the district hosted its first annual Martin County Showcase on Nov. 4, 2014.

The showcase used a framework modeled after the Kentucky Continuous Improvement Summit. The work of the District Data Team led the district to recognize schools for their promising practices that have improved student achievement and learning environments based on data collection and monitoring. This ongoing data analysis within

the district showed strengths in varying areas of student performance, learning environments, and organizational effectiveness. The analysis of MAP data, targeted interventions and programs such as CT4GC, Reading Recovery, Battle of the Classes, etc., showed a correlation to results found throughout the district on K-PREP testing as well as non-cognitive data such as attendance.

The showcase was an opportunity for each school to highlight strategies that have been proven successful, as well as to communicate and share these practices within the district. This framework will allow our schools to lead and support one another in using results for continuous improvement.



## Metcalfe County High School

MCHS Assistant Principal Tim Cadle is shown with Board Chair Joey Shive as he was honored at a recent Metcalfe County Board of Education meeting for being selected as Certified Staff Member of the Month at Metcalfe County High School.

The Metcalfe County High School FFA land judging team competed in the Barren River Regional Land Judging Competition on Thursday, Sept. 25. The team finished in first place and will compete in the State Land Judging Competition on Nov. 6. Sam Walbert had the high overall individual score.



*Metcalfe County High School FFA Land Judging team members from left to right: Barkley Firkins, Joseph Compton, Ellie Caffee, Ryan Clemmons, and Sam Walbert.*

*The 2014 Hornet Marching Band participated in the Class A State Semi-Finals competition placed 15<sup>th</sup>, the highest KMEA placement in Metcalfe County History!*



## Metcalfe County High School students recognized for scoring all Distinguished on ACT End-of-Course assessments

After a recognition ceremony, a reception was held in the Metcalfe County Middle School Cafeteria for students and parents/guardians. The students' names are on an "All Distinguished" plaque, which hangs in the Metcalfe County Board of Education boardroom.



*MCHS All Distinguished students left to right Andrew Roach, Melanie Ennis, Hayden Crain, and Jackson Bell with Bennie Stephens, District Assessment Coordinator (far left), and Superintendent Dr. Benny Lile (far right)*

## Newport High School Students and city come together to create community garden

*From the Newporter newsletter (Newport High School) Sept./Oct. 2014, vol. 1*

Newport High School carpentry students are working in coalition with many different members of the Newport community to produce raised planter boxes. These boxes will be located across the street from the Brighton Center and by the detention center.

The goal in providing these boxes is to allow local businesses and neighbors to use them to grow fresh produce, absolutely free of charge. Project organizers Doug Bray and his wife Shelia hope that when citizens see these planter boxes they will be motivated to grow their own garden. Timothy Vorhees, a Newport High School junior, said, "This project is a great work experience. I see the value this project has for the entire Newport community."

He wants to work on a farm after high school and he says this service project has prepared him for work in the future.

There are many people and local businesses involved in this worthwhile project. Newport's own Grady Brown con-

tacted Doug and Sheila Bray in hopes of getting Newport High School students involved. Also assisting in the making of the planter boxes is The Brighton Center and St. Paul's Church.

Forge lumber in Erlanger has graciously provided discounted wood. The city of Newport is going to donate mulch to put between the rows of boxes. Even the equipment has been taken care of by Art's Rental Equipment.

The people using the planter boxes will be in charge of maintaining them.

Doug Bray has provided black mats in the boxes to avoid the growth of weeds and a sprinkler system will be installed to water the produce.

The carpentry class is excited to see the finished garden in April, which is when the first planting is scheduled.

Jacob Haigis, a junior, said, "This service project has not only taught me great construction skills, but also great leadership skills."



*Oscar Franco and David Deters work on the Community Garden*

## Pulaski County High School

### DECA participates in reverse trick-or-treating

On Oct. 30, Pulaski County High School DECA members participated in a night of "reverse trick-or-treating." Students visited with patients in the rehabilitation facility and many other floors at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital as well as residents at the Bethany House and handed out candy and other treats as a community service project. The night was a success with both the students and recipients benefiting from their random act of kindness!





## Pulaski County High School FBLA members attend National Fall Leadership Conference

In November, 18 members of Pulaski County's FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) attended the National Fall Leadership Conference (NFLC) in Washington, DC. The theme of this year's conference was "Step Up to the Challenge." During the NFLC, members attended the opening session that featured Josh Shipp, aka "The Teen Whisperer," who is a former at-risk foster kid turned teen advocate. The students also attended various workshops such as How to Dress for Success, Start Small, Finish Big, All About You: Making a Good Impression, Choose More: Choose a Career with Meaning, Average is a Dirty Word, Fundraising Made Easy, Goal Setting with Attitude, and Networking Your Way to Success.

During this educational field trip, FBLA members visited many historical sites including the Lincoln Monument, the Vietnam Veteran War Memorial, the Smithsonian National History Museum, the Ford Theatre, the White House, and the National Holocaust Museum. Another highlight of the trip was a visit to the Verizon Centre to watch the Washington Capitals play the Carolina Hurricanes.

The visit was definitely a huge success and members are already looking forward to next year's Regional, State, and National Conferences. Special thanks to the administration of Pulaski County High School, the Transportation Department, and the Board of Education for their roles in supporting clubs in our schools.



## Southern High School

### Southern High School principal Bryce Hibbard receives a MAN UP award

MAN UP is recognizing 10 Louisville men for their excellence as examples of the five MAN UP Principles - being a responsible Individual, Provider, Husband, Father, and Community Leader.

The 10 award winners are:

Jay Davidson - The Healing Place  
 Tom Williams - Compassion Louisville  
 Ed Hart - Kentucky Kingdom  
 Bryce Hibbard - Principal, Southern High School  
 Terry Meiners - WHAS 84 Radio Host

McDaniel Bluitt - West Louisville Boys Choir  
 James Green - St. Stephen Baptist Church  
 John Cole - Coles Place  
 Pastor Jerry Stephenson - Midwest Church of Christ  
 Sam Watkins - Louisville Central Community Center

The first annual awards ceremony will be held Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014 in the main ballroom of Hotel Louisville. The evening will also include a social hour and dinner.

You can learn more about the MAN UP organization at [www.manupusa.net](http://www.manupusa.net).



### Southern High School students construct hovercrafts

<http://youtu.be/PnBqpyd21to>

[http://youtu.be/fh9DEvLI\\_9A](http://youtu.be/fh9DEvLI_9A)

### Western Middle School Some fun activities



*Cooking club hard at work making tacos*

## Western Middle School



*Studying percentages and ratios in math class using Halloween candy*



*Corporal Punishment Debates using Socratic Circles*

## Westport Middle School Congratulations to Ms. Paige Houston and Ms. Sharon Klump on earning National Board Teaching Certification!



*Sharon Klump*



*Paige Huston*

## District 180 Related News

Schools/districts improve in third year of Unbridled Learning assessments and accountability - [http://education.ky.gov/comm/news/Documents/R14-094%20Unbridled%20Learning%202013-14\\_FINAL.pdf](http://education.ky.gov/comm/news/Documents/R14-094%20Unbridled%20Learning%202013-14_FINAL.pdf)

Other school professionals test-drive PGES - <http://www.kentuckyteacher.org/features/2014/09/other-school-professionals-test-drive-pges/>

Hundreds gather in Louisville for 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC conference - [http://www.kentuckyteacher.org/photos/2014/10/hundreds-gather-in-louisville-for-21st-cclc-conference/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+KentuckyTeacher+%28Kentucky+Teacher%29](http://www.kentuckyteacher.org/photos/2014/10/hundreds-gather-in-louisville-for-21st-cclc-conference/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KentuckyTeacher+%28Kentucky+Teacher%29)



Number of Kentucky students taking AP tests up; scores higher – <http://education.ky.gov/comm/news/Documents/R14-097%20AP-SAT.pdf>

2 districts that are making the numbers real (Commissioner's Comments from Kentucky Teacher)- [http://www.kentuckyteacher.org/commissioners-comments/2014/10/2-districts-that-are-making-the-numbers-real/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+KentuckyTeacher+%28Kentucky+Teacher%29](http://www.kentuckyteacher.org/commissioners-comments/2014/10/2-districts-that-are-making-the-numbers-real/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KentuckyTeacher+%28Kentucky+Teacher%29)

Dr. Blake Haselton named an Alumni Fellow at University of Louisville's 32nd annual Alumni Awards celebration – <http://www.uoflalumni.org/s/1157/site2014/index.aspx?sid=1157&gid=1&pgid=2523>

Social learning network for east Kentucky students, teachers created by higher ed, regional ed co-op, K-12 districts; "The Holler" offers variety of resources - [http://www.floydcountytimes.com/news/news\\_education/150241553/Students-find-learning-at-The-Holler](http://www.floydcountytimes.com/news/news_education/150241553/Students-find-learning-at-The-Holler)

Teacher spends two days as a student and is shocked at what she learned - [http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/answer-sheet/wp/2014/10/24/teacher-spends-two-days-as-a-student-and-is-shocked-at-what-she-learned/?tid=sm\\_fb](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/answer-sheet/wp/2014/10/24/teacher-spends-two-days-as-a-student-and-is-shocked-at-what-she-learned/?tid=sm_fb)

Kentucky lauded for college readiness policies – <http://education.ky.gov/comm/news/Documents/R-14-107%20ECS%20College%20Readiness%20Report-KY-Joint%20Release.pdf>

Kentucky cited for its progress on graduation rate in "Homeroom" (official blog of the U.S. Department of Education) - <http://www.ed.gov/blog/2014/11/more-states-with-high-graduation-rates/>

Simpson County's James Flynn named top superintendent - [http://www.kentuckyteacher.org/news/2014/11/simpson-countys-flynn-named-top-superintendent/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+KentuckyTeacher+%28Kentucky+Teacher%29](http://www.kentuckyteacher.org/news/2014/11/simpson-countys-flynn-named-top-superintendent/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+KentuckyTeacher+%28Kentucky+Teacher%29)

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Laura Loman joined District 180 on Nov. 3 as an Administrative Specialist. She taught in the early childhood field for eight years prior to joining KDE. In her free time she enjoys crafting, going to the lake, and spending time with her family and friends. Laura is very excited to be a part of District 180 and looks forward to getting to know everyone.



**Welcome, Laura!**

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