

“Bear Cub Newsletter”

March 19, 2009

- We are ready for spring! Thank goodness everyone is finally getting well. We've had a lot of sickness, but I think the pretty weather is helping us all feel better! ☺
- **We have been busy this second semester; here are the highlights!**
 1. Our “Learning Tree” after school program began in January. Ms. Elliott and Mrs. Smith are the teachers. The program is fun, and we do have some slots available if you are interested. The program begins at 3:00 p.m. and ends at 5 p.m. every school day. If you are interested, call us at 893-5702. We help with homework, and then we do fun stuff everyday!
 2. We held our school wide spelling bee and Peyton Moore was the winner; Ryan Cagle was the alternate. Congratulations to these great spellers!
 3. Community service was on the agenda in January as well. The high school hosted a blood drive, and many folks gave of their blood and time. Thank you to all those that participated! Giving blood saves lives!
 4. The first grade went on a field trip to the movies. They saw “The Tales of Despereaux.” They had a great time! Mrs. Lindsey and Mrs. Duboise thank all their parents that went and helped chaperone.
 5. Congratulations to Hannah H. She won the Winston County Farmer’s Federation Farm-City Poster contest. Hannah is in Ms. Elliott’s room.
 6. Mrs. Boteler and the 5th and 6th grade did a Black History study. They presented a “wax museum” for the student body to learn from and enjoy. They did a super job, and they had fun with this project!
 7. LES & LHS held a special Board Member Appreciation breakfast. This was a special time of fellowship. We appreciate all our Winston County Board of Education does for our school system. Special thanks to Joey Boteler, the Lynn representative.
 8. The kindergarten went on a field trip to the circus. They had a blast. Mrs. Linley and Mrs. Wilson also thank all the parents that went and helped chaperone.
 9. The St. Jude’s Math-A-Thon began in February. \$1548.40 was raised, and this far exceeded our expectations. Thank you for giving!
 10. Mrs. Veal, Mrs. Riddle, and Mr. Heck attended the State Archery Competition. They are getting ready to begin the archery program here at school. More info to come!
 11. The Alabama Dept. of Public Health sponsored a “Safety First, Alabama” coloring book contest. Logann Smith was the winner in 6th grade with her “Buckle Up” seat belt coloring sheet. Kelsea D. was the 5th grade winner with her “Wear A Life Jacket When Fishing” coloring sheet.
 12. The lunchroom did a promotion to encourage students to eat breakfast and lunch everyday. Samantha J. won a Ms. Pac Man Game! Thanks for eating with us Samantha!
 13. Mrs. L. Cagle and Mr. Heck attended a professional development meeting on Gender Differences. They learned a lot about the different ways boys and girls learn, and they’ve put some new practices in place in their classrooms. We never quit learning!
 14. The lunchroom hosted a special Valentine’s Day lunch for students and visitors. Thanks to everyone who comes to our special dinners and supports our lunchroom. We appreciate you!
 15. We did our School Mall fundraiser. Thank you for helping us with this! Jerry L. won the drawing for the remote control car!
 16. The 5th and 7th grades participated in the Alabama Direct Assessment of Writing Test on February 19. We believe our students performed excellently as usual! Our scores will be reported sometime in May. The rest of the elementary school

participated on this same day in a “mock” writing assessment. We do this to ensure that all of our students are taught writing and are prepared for this assessment throughout school. We want great writers! Who knows...the next great New York Times Best Selling author may be one of our very own students! DREAM BIG!

17. Mrs. Sophia, Ms. Elliott, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Bishop, and Mrs. Riddle attended training on a new computer program called CLASSWORKS. This is a great program that our students use on computers to help prepare them for the Alabama Reading and Math test. Ms. Sophia uses this program daily in her Riverdeep lab, and Ms. Elliott and Mrs. Smith use the program in the after school program. Kids really like it...it's like a learning video game!
18. Mrs. Belinda headed up the kindergarten, 2nd grade, and 4th grade vision screening through Children's Hospital. If you've been contacted about your child's eyesight, please address this issue. If you need information, please contact Mrs. Belinda at 893-5702.
19. We have celebrated Dr. Seuss's Birthday and Read Across America! We had some special guest readers, and a whole lot of dress-up fun. Even Mrs. Janet had her picture featured in the AEA School Journal!
20. The second grade went on a field trip to West Alabama Sand and Gravel in Fayette. They had an outstanding and dirty time! See their photo story posted on our website www.winstonk12.org Mrs. Tittle and Mrs. Randolph thank parents who went and helped. Everyone had fun!
21. Mrs. Alicia Baughn has taken over our Boxtops for Education campaign. Keep those box tops coming; this helps our classrooms earn money!
22. Traders and Farmers Bank fed our school employees a super lunch on our in-service day. Thank you to these wonderful people who support us!

These are some of our upcoming events; mark your calendars!

1. Kindergarten registration will be Monday, March 23. Students need to come with their parents. Bring the birth certificate, social security card, and immunization form (blue slip).
2. Scoliosis screening for grades 5 thru 9 will be Tuesday, March 24.
3. 4-H Meeting will be Wednesday, March 25.
4. Elementary Scholar's Bowl will compete on Thursday, March 26 at 9 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Double Springs. The Awards Ceremony will be at 1 p.m. Our team members are Autumn B., Sam H., Logann S., Peyton M., Trae A., Harlee B., and Brandon H. Our watchers are Garrett C., Chance H., and Joey P. Sponsors: Denise Cagle and Brian Heck. Good luck team!
5. **Stanford Achievement Tests and Alabama Reading and Math Tests will begin on Monday, March 31 for grades 3 thru 8. It is super important that you have your student here on time everyday through April 10. Be sure students get plenty of sleep, eat a good breakfast, and have an attitude of achievement and success! We expect great scores again!**
6. Spring break will be April 13 through 17. Enjoy!!!
7. 6th grade science fair will be April 20, and the county-wide fair will be April 23.
8. Elementary Beauty Pageant will be April 24, and the high school will be April 25.
9. Safeplace Abuse Prevention will have a program for us on April 24.
10. Teacher Appreciation Week will be May 4-8. Thank a teacher!!!
11. The “Critter Show” will have a program for us on May 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Thank you all for supporting our school! We appreciate you! ☺