

# Elliott County Schools

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## Elliott County Schools Receive Little Foundation Grant

Through the generosity of the late Lucille Caudill Little, the Elliott County School District will soon benefit from a first class, modern performing arts center. Mrs. Little, who grew up in Rowan County, had a lifelong passion for opera, drama, and other artistic interests. Upon her husband's death, she created the W. Paul and Lucille Caudill Little Foundation to help support the mission of the Foundation—"to promote education and, specifically, to develop creativity mainly through the fine arts." The Little Foundation awards grants to nonprofit agencies located in Fayette, Rowan, or Elliott counties in an attempt to help others "feel the power of the arts" that played such an important part in Mrs. Little's life. Among other projects, the Foundation has contributed to the construction of the Fine Arts Library at the University of Kentucky, support of Opera Central of Kentucky, the University of Kentucky's Gignol Theater, the Lexington Children's Theatre, the Lexington Symphony, and the Lexington Philharmonic.

With this endowment Mrs. Little will once again broaden the opportunity for citizens in eastern and central Kentucky to benefit from exposure to the performing arts. She is truly "making a difference" in the education and in the lives of the students and the community of Elliott



*Proc Caudill representing the Lucille Caudill Little Foundation presents John Claude Williams, Superintendent for Elliott County Schools, with a check for \$950,000 for the new Performing Arts Center now under construction.*

County. It is with great admiration and appreciation that we offer our sincere thanks to the Lucille Caudill Little Foundation and to Proc Caudill for their support of Elliott County Schools.



## **ECHS Co-Ed Cheerleaders Win Big at State Class “A”**

Elliott County High School Co-Ed Cheerleaders competed in the Kentucky State Touchstone Energy All A Classic Cheerleading Competition on February 4<sup>th</sup> in Richmond, Ky. The ECHS Co-Ed squad competed in the 2 ½ minute Co-Ed division where they won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the State. They performed a high energy stunning routine filled with stunts, jumps, flips, and spins. Their difficult routine left

the crowd astounded and hanging on the edges of their seats. Seniors, Jaclyn Ferguson, Whitney Thompson, and Randi White were also recognized in a Senior salute ceremony and presented with an award for their leadership and accomplishments. Coaches, Sandy Holbrook, Nancy White and Dustin Howard would like to congratulate this group of cheerleaders for a spectacular job!

*Success, accomplishment, and confidence as seen on the faces of the Elliott County High School Cheerleaders.*

*Job well done!*

*Traditions of success are strong in the Elliott County Schools. As found on these two pages, success extends deep from our past into today's modern classrooms. We are proud of these traditions and are determined to see them continue.*

### ***Dwell On Success:***

*See pages 4-5 and 8-9*

## **“A Blast From The Past” A New Special Feature Beginning In This Issue**

Of utmost importance to Elliott County Educators is the ultimate success of our students. In the education world we know the importance of dwelling on success rather than of dwelling on failure.

The experiences of others is one of the most powerful teaching/learning tools available.. Upon meeting someone you can learn what to do, or what not to do depending on the individual's experience.

Our “Blast From The Past” specials offer us a unique look into the successful ventures of past graduates from the Elliott County Schools. These

special features provide us the opportunity to dwell on the success and learn from the depth of experience that Elliott Countians have built upon.

This venture has opened our eyes to the vast amount of accomplishment that Elliott County “folks” have had in the world.

We hope you enjoy this most special collection of personal attainment. We also encourage everyone to ***dwell on the success*** in an effort to grow our own achievement in every endeavor of life.

*“You can't depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus.” Mark Twain*

## The Tradition Of Musical Excellence Continues ECHS Band To Compete in Gatlinburg

The Elliott County High School Band plans to return to Gatlinburg April 28th – 30th of 2006 to compete in the Smoky Mountain Music Festival. This festival has always been a favorite destination for the ECHS Band. They went to Gatlinburg for this national competition in 1986, 1997 and 2004.

National competition brings performing groups from all corners of the country together to be judged by some of the most

demanding university directors. Being on the competitive stage in the presence of other bands and the judges gives a great feeling of success as students realize that they can perform and compete with anyone. Winning trophies and plaques is a great feeling, but the real reward comes from the hard work and preparation that is ongoing throughout the entire school year. The competitive spirit and attitudes toward success will stay with the students for a lifetime.



*Student success is always accompanied by diligence, hard work and consistent positive attitudes as seen in the faces of these students.*

### "Elliott County Schools" Publication

"Elliott County Schools" is a monthly newsletter published by the Elliott County Board of Education. Opportunities are always at our fingertips. Taking advantage of these opportunities provides a clear path to success for our students. In the Elliott County Schools, students reach out to take advantage of the educational opportunities every day. The focus of the newsletter is to follow these stepping-stones to success. Our students personally experience; inspiration, knowledge, precision, competitive spirit, and the exhilaration of success in school as well as their personal life. We hope you enjoy "Elliott County Schools" and celebrate the success of our students throughout the community.

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*"A man can be destroyed but not defeated." Ernest Hemingway*

### From A One-Room School Curt Davis Found The Road To Success

Upon first thought, education and the construction industry may not have a lot in common. However, if one closely examines the life of Curt Davis, you will notice that the two are intimately related.

Mr. Davis was born on August 28, 1910, in a time when one-room schools that housed grades 1-8 were the norm. He attended school in Elliott County until he completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and then went to Rowan County to enroll in high school. After 2 ½ years attending High School in Rowan County, there were enough qualified teachers to open a high school in Elliott County. Mr. Davis returned home to complete his high school education. During the time Mr. Davis went to school in Rowan County, he never once returned to Elliott County to visit his family—according to him, it was “too far.” People simply were not able to travel between communities as easily as they can today. Also according to Mr. Davis, there were more students from Elliott County enrolled in high school in Rowan County than from any of the surrounding counties—Rowan County included. This is one indication of the importance that the people of Elliott County have traditionally placed upon education.

Mr. Davis worked for a time to pay off some debts before enrolling in Morehead Teacher’s College. He received his teaching certificate with a major in math and a minor in history. During his college career he played baseball, pitching the College’s only no-hitter.



After completing requirements for teacher’s certification, Mr. Davis returned to Elliott County to work as a teacher. He received \$22.00 monthly as salary, but wasn’t always paid on time, since this was during the Great Depression. Mr. Davis recalled receiving a 10% discounted salary in order to get paid on time and the full amount if you were willing to wait 30 days.

Mr. Davis held the position of Supervisor of Schools for two years. During this time he traveled around the county and saw the condition of all of the schools. This made him determined to do something to improve the schools. One thing that bothered him in

*“A good objective of leadership is to help those who are doing poorly to do well and to help those who are doing well to do even better.” Jim Rohn*



particular was seeing a team of horses pulling a wagon-load of children to school. He was concerned that small children might fall off and be crushed by the wagon's wheels. Older students played tag while they jumped on and off the wagon, running between the team and the wagon, increasing the potential for injury.

Mr. Davis became Superintendent of Schools in 1942. During this time he worked tirelessly to improve the educational system in Elliott County. At one point, however, he took a "vacation" from his duties. After being asked to talk to a group of young men being inducted into the army during World War II—students from county schools, some of whom who "had never even shaved"—Mr. Davis decided that it was only appropriate that he join them. He took an officer test in Charleston, WV, then received three months of training in decoding and coding messages. After serving through the duration of World War II, Mr. Davis returned to Elliott County to resume his duties as Superintendent of Schools.

Through Mr. Davis' efforts, the 66 one- and two-room schools in the county were consolidated into 3 modern school facilities beginning with Isonville Elementary in 1954, Sandy Hook Elementary in 1962, and Lakeside Elementary in 1968.

Upon announcing his retirement plans in 1970, Mr. Davis was invited to the home of Adrian Doran, President of Morehead State University. Under the pretense of showing the new University Center, Mr. Doran accompanied Mr. Davis through the building where he discovered that many employees of the Elliott County School system had gathered for a "This is Your Life" type of retirement celebration.

Mr. Davis continued his career by beginning a new career in the construction industry. Among the many projects completed by his construction company include many miles of Interstate 64 through Rowan, Carter, and Boyd counties; airports at West Liberty, Carter County, Olive Hill, and Mt. Sterling; and the Summersville and East Linn dams in West Virginia. According to Mr. Davis, "I was a good 'dam' builder."

When asked how he was able to accomplish all of these feats, Mr. Davis attributed his accomplishments to the education he received beginning in Elliott County in a one-room school. He believes that education is the foundation for any career. Mr. Davis has been asked to give the 2009-2010 opening day welcoming speech for teachers, marking his centurion year.

*"One thing that bothered him in particular was seeing a team of horses pulling a wagon-load of children to school."*



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*"Outstanding leaders go out of the way to boost the self-esteem of their personnel. If people believe in themselves, it's amazing what they can accomplish." Sam Walton*

## Reading Instruction—An Integral Part of the Curriculum in Elliott Schools

Educators in Elliott County Schools realize that learning is not a “one-size-fits-all” proposition. Every student does not learn at the same rate or in the same way.



To meet the diverse needs of all students, a variety of instructional techniques are used district-wide.

One of the research-based reading programs in our school system is called “Great Leaps.” This is an intervention program, designed to pinpoint the needs of students who are struggling to “keep up” with reading skills being taught at their age-level. It focuses on three major areas: phonics, sight phrases, and reading fluency. The stories in this program have been designed and written not only to significantly increase reading fluency, but also to motivate students to want to continue reading. As students achieve goals in each area of concern, they advance to a more

challenging next step.

Another reading program used in the District is Reading Recovery. This is an international program that targets first



grade students who are struggling with basic reading skills. It provides them with individualized, one-on-one instruction that is targeted to each child’s specific strengths and deficits.

Isonville Elementary is using the “Reading First “ approach to reading instruction. In this program, all primary students receive a minimum of 90 minutes daily of core reading instruction from a scientifically based reading research program. Students who do not meet

benchmarks at the beginning of each school year receive supplemental reading instruction for an additional 30 minutes per day.

Teaching reading is a challenging mandate that the teachers, staff, and administration of the Elliott County School District take very seriously. Parents must keep in mind that practice—in addition to the instruction students receive at school—is crucial in the development of the skills necessary to become a proficient reader. Encourage your children and spend the necessary time to make them the most successful person that they can be!

### 42 Elliott Students on MSU’s Fall Dean’s List

To be named to the Dean’s List, a student must be enrolled on a full-time basis and achieve at least a 3.5 grade point average, on a 4.0 scale. The following students met these criteria:

**SANDY HOOK:** Kristen Adkins, Phillip Blair, Joseph Bowling, Joseph Carter, Lisa Cassity, Joshua N. Eldridge, Emilee P. Faulkner, Brittany Gilliam, Ashley Howard, Sabra Howard, Keshia Ison, Ruby Johnson, Katherine Le, Oral Moore, Tara Nanny, Bonita Parsons, Anita M. Perry, James Perry, Amber Porter, Everett M. Salley, Megan Simmons, Tiffany B. Skaggs, Miranda Smith, Allison R. Stephens, Alecia Sturgill, Amy Sturgill, and Patrick D. Trent

**ISONVILLE:** Miranda Adkins, Tanna Hay, Jessica Henry, Caitlin R. Hutchinson, and Mary Sloas

**OLIVE HILL:** Brittney Bear, Debra Carter, Jessica Cox, Kendrick J. Holbrook, Derek R. Maggard, Vanessa M. Maggard, and Cliff Porter

**MOREHEAD:** Kelly Black and Sheila L. Gray

*“Leadership has a harder job to do than just choose sides. It must bring sides together.” Jesse Jackson*

## ECHS Boys Box Scores

**January 10, 2006**

**Elliott County 66 vs. Menifee County 58**

#0 Chris Knipp ~2 pts; #1 Ethan Faulkner~11 pts, 4 reb, 3 assists; #2 Evan Faulkner 11 pts, 3 reb,2 assists~ #3 Nathan Lewis 4 pts, 1 reb, 5 assists; #4 Jonathan Ferguson 22 pts, 6 reb, 1 assist; #5 Ronald Weddington~13 pts,12 reb, 12 assists; #32 Tyler Maynard~3 pts, 1 assist

**January 13, 2006**

**Elliott County 82 vs. Lewis County 71**

#0 Chris Knipp~10 pts, 6 reb, 1 assist; #1 Ethan Faulkner~ 3 pts, 6 reb, 8 assists; #2 Evan Faulkner~28 pts, 4 reb, 2 assists; #3 Nathan Lewis 6 pts, 2 reb, 4 assists; #4 Jonathan Ferguson~14 pts, 10 rebounds,2 assists; #5 Ronald Weddington~8 pts,8 reb,8 assists; #23 Jonathan Morgan~4 pts, 1 reb; #32 Tyler Maynard~ 5 pts, 2 reb; #35 Josh Greene~ 4 pts, 2 reb

**January 16, 2006**

**Elliott County 90 vs. Rose Hill 81 (First Round- Class "A" Tournament)**

#0 Chris Knipp~ 2 pts,1 reb, 2 assists; #1 Ethan Faulkner~ 5 pts, 1 reb,3 assists; #2 Evan Faulkner~ 27 pts,5 reb,4 assists; #3 Nathan Lewis~ 12 pts, 11 reb,3 assists; #4 Jonathan Ferguson~ 23 pts, 9 reb, 2 assists; #5 Ronald Weddington~ 11 pts, 6 reb, 5 assists; #23 Jonathan Morgan~ 5 pts, 1 assist; #32 Tyler Maynard~ 5 pts,1 assist; #35 Josh Greene 1 reb

**January 17, 2006**

**Elliott County 65 vs. West Carter 53 (Semi-Finals- Class "A" Tournament)**

#1 Ethan Faulkner~9 pts, 6 reb, 5 assists; #2 Evan Faulkner~ 23 pts, 2 reb, 3 assists; #3 Nathan Lewis~ 2 pts, 8 reb,1 assist; #4 Jonathan Ferguson~ 25 pts, 10 reb,1 assist; #5 Ronald Weddington~6 pts, 7 reb, 8 assists; #32 Tyler Maynard ~ 1 reb

**January 21, 2006**

**Elliott County 48 vs. Fairview 78 (Finals- Class "A" Tournament)**

#0 Chris Knipp 2 reb, #1 Ethan Faulkner~ 8 pts, 4 reb, 4 assists; #2 Evan Faulkner~ 4 pts, 2 reb, 3 assists; #3 Nathan Lewis~ 5 pts, 2 reb,1 assist; #4 Jonathan Ferguson~ 9 pts, 4 reb; #5 Ronald Weddington~ 19 pts, 6 reb,6 assists; #32 Tyler Maynard~ 3 pts, 1 assist; #35 Josh Greene~ 2 reb, 1 assist

**January 24, 2006**

**Elliott County 67 vs. Morgan County 65**

#1 Ethan Faulkner~10 pts, 2 reb, 3 assists; #2 Evan Faulkner~17 pts, 4 reb, 5 assists; #3 Nathan Lewis~9 pts, 2 reb; #4 Jonathan Ferguson~13 pts, 10 reb, 2 assists; #5 Ronald Weddington~ 16 pts, 8 reb, 11 assists; #32 Tyler Maynard~2 pts; #35 Josh Greene~ 4 reb

**January 30, 2006**

**Elliott County 86 vs. Fairview 82**

#1 Ethan Faulkner~12 pts, 5 reb, 8 assists; #2 Evan Faulkner~24 pts, 4 reb, 1 assist; #3 Nathan Lewis~16 pts, 2 assists; #4 Jonathan Ferguson~ 23 pts, 10 reb, 2 assists; #5 Ronald Weddington~ 5 pts, 14 reb, 12 assists; #32 Tyler Maynard 6 pts

**February 7, 2006**

**Elliott County 68 vs. Ashland 77**

#1 Ethan Faulkner~17 pts, 2 reb, 4 assists; #2 Evan Faulkner~12 pts, 4 reb, 2 assists; #3 Nathan Lewis~ 5 pts, 5 reb, 2 assists; #4 Jonathan Ferguson~ 17 pts, 2 reb,1 assist; #5 Ronald Weddington~14 pts, 6 reb, 8 assists; #32 Tyler Maynard 3 pts

## ECHS Girls Box Scores

**Menifee 78 ~ Elliott 39**

Lakin Griffith~ 11pts; Theressia Adkins~ 2 pts; Keshia Skaggs~ 3pts, Brittany Rose 7pts, Kelsey Ferguson~ 2 pts; Hallie Griffith~ 9 pts; Jhonda Ison~ 2pts; Amber Middleton~ 1 pts

**Fairview 50 ~ Elliott 26**

Lakin Griffith~ 6pts; Theressia Adkins~ 5pts; Nancy Greene~5 pts; Hallie Griffith~ 4 pts; Kelsey Ferguson~2pts; Brittany Rose~ 2pts; Amber Middleton~ 2pts

**Fairview 50~ Elliott 26**

Lakin Griffith~ 4 pts; Hallie Griffith~ 9pts; Nancy Greene~ 4pts; Theressia Adkins~ 3pts; Kelsey Ferguson~ 8pts; Nashae Ferguson~ 16 pts, Renee Ison~ 2pts; Amber Middleton~ 1pts

**Raceland 47 Elliott 32**

Lakin Griffith~ 14pts, Hallie Griffith ~ 2pts, Brittany Rose~ 2pts, Kelsey Ferguson~ 6pts, Nancy Greene~1pt, Amber Middleton~ 2pts

**Raceland 52 Elliott 39**

Lakin Griffith ~14pts, Hallie Griffith~ 8pts, Brittany Rose~ 5pts, Theressia Adkins~ 3pts, Keisha Skaggs~ 5pts, Nancy Greene~ 4pts

**Lawrence 98 Elliott 74**

Nancy Greene~ 2pts,Lakin Griffith~16pts, Keisha Skaggs~ 10pts, Kelsey Ferguson~17pts, Hallie Griffith~15pts, Brittany Rose~ 6pts, Renee Ison~ 3pts, Jhonda Ison ~ 3pts, Amber Middleton~1 pt, Kala Leadingham~1pt

**Lawrence 98 Elliott 74**

Lakin Griffith~6 pts, Kelsey Ferguson~16pts, Hallie Griffith~ 10pts, Theressia Adkins~ 6pts, Keisha Skaggs ~ 3pts, Brittany Rose~ 5pts, Whitney Fannin~ 2pts, Nashae Ferguson~ 8pts, Jhonda Ison~ 5pts

**West Carter 97 Elliott 42**

Nancy Greene~ 2pts, Keisha Skaggs~1 pt, Lakin Griffith~ 10pts, Hallie Griffith~11pts, Nashae Ferguson~ 7pts, Brittany Rose~ 3pts, Kelsey Ferguson~ 8pts

**Menifee 64 Elliott 57**

Lakin Griffith~ 21pts, Hallie Griffith~ 10pts, Nashae Ferguson~ 10pts, Theressia Adkins~ 4pts, Kelsey Ferguson~ 8pts, Whitney Fannin~ 4pts

**Fairview 57 Elliott 52**

Keisha Skaggs~ 4 pts, Lakin Griffith~ 27pts, Hallie Griffith~ 6pts, Theressia Adkins~ 2pts, Kelsey Ferguson~2 pts, Brittany Rose~ 5pts, Jhonda Ison~ 2pts, Amber Middleton~ 4pts

**Lewis 59 Elliott 43**

Keisha Skaggs ~ 4pts, Lakin Griffith~7pts, Hallie Griffith~ 4pts, Brittany Rose~ 4pts, Kelsey Ferguson~ 7pts, Whitney Fannin~ 3pts, Jhonda Ison~ 3pts, Nashae Ferguson~ 6pts, Nancy Greene~ 5pts,

**Wolfe 70 Elliott 44**

Lakin Griffith~11pts, Hallie Griffith~ 12pts, Theressia Adkins~ 4pts, Brittany Rose~ 6pts, Kelsey Ferguson~ 3pts, Nashae Ferguson~ 8pts

*A special thanks to John Robert Duvall, Charles Lee Bowling, and Ronald Wheeler for providing dinner for the team. Thanks a bunch!*

*"When inspiration does not come to me, I go halfway to meet it." Sigmund Freud*

## Blast From The Past

### 1956 Graduate Homer Fannin Engineers F-15 and F-18 Fighters For McDonnell Douglas



Fifty years from now, do you think that you will remember people and events from your school days? Homer Fannin, who graduated from Sandy Hook High School in 1956, vividly recalls many of those experiences. For example, he credits Laurie White, a math teacher in the Elliott County school system for more than 30 years, with developing his love of math, which led to an exciting 35-year career as an engineer. He strongly believes that without the support and encouragement of Mr. White he

would never have had the self-confidence to pursue the career that he found so satisfying. Mr. Fannin described one memorable class in which he solved a problem that had stumped his teacher. He felt as if there were a competition—his brain vs. Mr. White’s. When Mr. White began the next day’s class by working the problem that had been discussed the previous day (admitting that the student was right), Mr. Fannin stated that it was “a shining moment. I was proud.” Mr. Fannin went on to explain that Mr. White won the competition—because he had instilled in his student the desire and the ability to defend his thinking processes, which furthered Mr. Fannin’s desire to learn everything that he could.

Mr. Fannin discussed some of the other teachers that influenced his life. There was Ms. Farley who taught typing. When taking the class he wondered what the purpose was, but he found out how important it was when he went to college. His keyboarding skills also were useful to him because they allowed him to become proficient with a computer later in his career. There was Tom Adkins, the basketball coach, who allowed Mr. Fannin to play (“I liked to play basketball, but I was terrible at it.”) The skills learned on the basketball court taught the value of teamwork and carried over into adulthood. Ms. Turner’s English class (later Ms. Clevenger), (“which I couldn’t understand the need for”) also proved to

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead*

be very useful, because “I had a strong foundation for college.”

Even with this “strong foundation” Mr. Fannin felt somewhat intimidated when he enrolled in the University of Kentucky. He wondered how a “little ole eastern Kentucky boy” could compete with students from the bigger high schools. He remembers entering Memorial Coliseum, which was filled with young men wishing to become engineers. When he finished his college career, the number of people completing their degrees would have only filled a small corner of the room.

After graduating from UK, Mr. Fannin embarked upon a career in engineering. While working, he also earned his Master’s degree at the University of Missouri-Rolla. He spent 35 years working for McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis, ten years of which were spent in “advanced design.” His job was to “design out Reliability & Maintainability problems.” He worked both the F-15 and F-18 fighter jets projects, among other projects. He was present when the first F-18 landed on an aircraft carrier. He loved all of the years of his career going from “one good project to another.”

Mr. Fannin believes that teachers have an awesome responsibility—to recognize potential and encourage young minds to develop to their fullest potential. He advises young people when thinking of a career to look not only at what they’re good at, or what comes easily to them, but



*It was a pleasure to visit with Homer Fannin. We certainly enjoyed his kind, polite manner and wit during the interview. The experience provided us with a great learning opportunity to share with our schools.*

to make sure that it is something that they enjoy. Mr. Fannin’s feelings about his education may be summed up by this thought, “In my experience, the sharpest brains come from little places like where I came from. People who work hard will do well. You should always try to work with people that are smarter than you—it rubs off.” Finally, “Go to the hardest jobs you can find, pushing your brain. You are never too old to learn new things.” Mr. Fannin has graciously accepted an invitation to speak to math students at Elliott County High School about his experiences. This visit is greatly anticipated.

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***"Teachers have an awesome responsibility—to recognize potential and encourage young minds to develop to their fullest potential."***

*"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." Helen Keller*

## Math-A-Thon Participants At IES Contribute Over \$1500 To Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital

Students at Isonville Elementary recently participated in the Math-A-Thon event to raise money for the Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Under the sponsorship of Sandy Moore, resource teacher at IES, the students in Kindergarten through sixth grade worked math problems and collected over \$1500 which was sent on to help the children at Saint Jude's.

Many of the students earned incentives for their efforts including t-shirts, gym bags, and tickets to Six-Flags theme parks. The student raising the most money was Ethan Moore. He also won a 50 in one game console. IES is very proud of these students for working to make a difference in another child's life.



### Taylor Wagoner with Christmas Card Design

Tina Smith representing the Elliott County Christian Community Center recently visited Isonville Elementary fifth grade to present Taylor Wagoner with a check for \$50 for her winning entry in the Center's annual Christmas card contest. Students used their creative designing ability & artistic techniques to illustrate the idea of "What Christmas Means to Me". Taylor also received a packet of Christmas cards printed with her design.

## Elliott County Beats Morgan In West Liberty Barn Burner

On January 24, the Elliott County Lions Boys Varsity Basketball team succeeded in grabbing one of their greatest victories of the regular season. The Morgan County Cougars were caught off guard as the Lions, with a score of 67-65, handed them their first defeat in the 16<sup>th</sup> region. As a team, Elliott County hit over 50% of their field goal shots

and 45% beyond the three-point line, including Ronald Weddington's half court desperation shot as the seconds died down in the third quarter. Although, the game got close at times, the Lions never gave up and came out with the win. Congratulations Lions on the victory in this hard fought battle.

*By David Gillum*

### Web Opportunities

Parents can view their students grades and assignments from STI Home. You will find a link on the Elliott County District Web Page at: [www.elliott.k12.ky.us](http://www.elliott.k12.ky.us)

Past issues of the "Elliott County Schools" can be found on the District Web site also!

*"No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new heaven to the human spirit." Helen Keller*

# Monthly Attendance Winners

## ECHS



Elliott County High School Junior Class. Congratulations!

## Lakeside



1st Row: Rhianon Douglas, Jackie Kees, Kayley Harper, Jeremiah Randolph, Danielle Easterling, Hayley Harper, Katie Lewis, Rebecca Holbrook, Jessie Mabry, Brayden Parmley, Paige Hickman  
2nd Row: Kyler Hutchinson, Kaitlyn Fountain, Jamie Kees, Meldrick Garris, Felicia Porter, Aaron Sturgill, Hayden Harper, Austin McWilliams, Tanner Moore, Tony Riley, Sydney DeHart, Chase Herron

## Isonville



1st Row: Ralph Ferguson, Daniel Griffith, Iriska Mollette, Quinton Wells, Justine Reaper, Brittany Kinster, Brianna Gollihue, Emma Dickerson  
2nd Row: Hannah Hale, Kelly Irick, Brandon Fultz, Blake Holbrook, Tanner Skaggs, Autumn Gilliam, Michele Maxie, Issac Newell

## Sandy Hook



1st Row: Joshua Reaper, Rodney Wagoner, Kelsey Fraley, Allie McDowell, Garrett Ison, Erin McKinster  
3rd Row: Destiny Gilliam, Brittany Adkins, Chaston Carroll, Alecander Leadford, Dusty Tolliver, Jeanie Maxie  
2nd Row: Rusty Tolliver, Blake Fultz, Salli Stevens, Cassandra Wagoner, Renee Fultz, Brittany Sloas, Travis Ison

## All Aboard The Polar Express At Isonville Elementary

On December 15, Isonville Elementary School hosted a "Polar Express" Family Literacy Night at the school. The extravaganza began with Mrs. Dolly Fannin, Reading First Coach, leading a human "Polar Express" train down the hall to the cafeteria/gymnasium where students, staff, and parents enjoyed pizza, cookies, soda, and hot chocolate. After refreshments everyone gathered in the library for a reading of the book, *The Polar Express*. Students then shared their Christmas wishes

with a very special guest, Santa Claus. Prizes were awarded and each child received a copy of the book to take home. The students finished the event with six different activities. They e-mailed Santa in the computer lab with Mrs. Patty Ison and played "Conductor Says" with Mrs. Sue Massie in her classroom. They created a candy train, "Sweet Expressions" with Mrs. Rebecca Martin in her classroom, and made a special Christmas gift in Mrs. Ison's classroom with Mrs. Sharon Boggs. Christmas carols were

sung with Mrs. Mary Skaggs in her classroom and parents had their own activities in the school's conference room. All of the participants had a very enjoyable evening.

*"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." John F. Kennedy*

## **Little Foundation Grant**

### **Cheerleaders Win Big**

### **Band To Compete in Gatlinburg**

### **“A Blast From The Past”**

### **Reading Initiatives Abound**

### **42 Elliott Students on MSU’s Fall Dean’s List**

### **Elliott County Beats Morgan**

### **Math-A-Thon Contributes To Saint Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital**

### **West Liberty Barn Burner**

## **Superintendent's Message**

Mark Twain has been quoted as saying, “There are lies, darn lies, and statistics.” Twain was referring to the fact that you can use statistics to prove or disprove anything you want. I think of this quote every once in awhile when our test scores are published in the newspaper. Sometimes our scores appear much higher than I feel are justified; other times they are much lower. However, we continue to produce outstanding graduates year after year. For example, you can cross the county line, go to Grayson, Kentucky and have your eyes examined by an optometrist who graduated from Elliott County High School, have dental care from a dentist who graduated from Sandy Hook High School, get medical care from a physician who graduated from Elliott County High School, and get your taxes prepared by a Certified Public Accountant who graduated from Elliott County High School. The list of outstanding graduates from our small school district goes on and on. Beginning with the current issue of *Elliott County Schools* newsletter, we will feature a column highlighting the accomplishments of some of our graduates. Take a moment to recognize their achievements and appreciate the fact that we share our home with some of the most intelligent people in the world. We have every reason to be proud of our schools, as well as our heritage.

John C. Williams, Superintendent

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