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NASHVILLE #49 SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

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It is very hard to believe that we are already at the end of the first quarter! We are off to a great start here at Nashville #49 and are extremely proud of what our students have accomplished already this year!

Nashville #49 would like to congratulate Coach Tebbe, Coach Heseman, Coach Winchester, Coach Pelker, and all of the baseball and softball players on a great season. Both teams won their regionals and made it to the state tournament. Although both teams lost tough quarter-final games at state, they have a lot to be proud of and represented our school in a very positive manner. Congratulations again to the baseball and softball teams on outstanding seasons!

We also have our after-school clubs in high-gear already this year. The kids have loved Mr. Ben Crawford's Ultimate Frisbee Club so far this year. Mrs. Carrie Taylor has begun her first year as the sponsor of the popular Lego Club. Ms. Alisha Sabo is again leading the kids at the Baking Club sessions and Mrs. Kathleen Roper is assisting the kids with space exploration during the Astronomy Club meetings. Thanks to all of these sponsors and to our families for participating in these wonderful co-curricular activities!

Please find some important upcoming dates and activities listed below:

October 13-End of the 1st Quarter, October 17-Parent/Teacher Conferences (4 PM-8 PM), October 18-Parent/Teacher Conferences (4 PM-7:30 PM), October 19-11:30 AM dismissal, October 20-No School, October 26-School Board meeting-8:00 PM

Finally, I would like to update the community on some important data that pertains to our school district. Much of this information, including state averages, will be officially released by the Illinois State Board of Education on October 31 via the Illinois School Report Card.

Our 2017 PARCC state assessment scores increased by almost two percentage points from last year and rank among the highest in our region. 65 % of our 3rd-8th grade students approached, met, or exceeded the standards set forth by the ISBE, including 31 % who met or exceeded those standards. The district recognizes that test scores are important, but a well-rounded overall program is essential for students to be successful. We are very proud of these accomplishments and appreciate the hard work of our teachers and students!

The Nashville #49 Board of Education and I are equally proud of the fact that our district has been able to maintain a high level of success despite the financial difficulties of Illinois. Nashville #49 finished the 2016-2017 fiscal year with a positive budget balance even though Illinois still owes our district over \$120,000 in delinquent payments for transportation, special education, and the Pre-School Grant. We also received an almost perfect score (3.9 out of 4.0) on our estimated 2018 Financial Profile Rating. Additionally, the district will again be filing a balanced budget for the 2017-2018 school year with overall expenditures estimated to be over \$150,000 less than last year.

We also work very hard to keep our costs at a reasonable level while still providing our teachers and students with the resources that they deserve. According to the Illinois State Board of Education's ILEARN ranking system, Nashville #49 fares extremely well when compared to similar school districts throughout the state. Out of the 369 elementary school districts in Illinois, here is where our district ranks (#1 being the highest costs and #369 being the lowest costs):

*Our district's Operating Expense Per Pupil ranks 296 out of 369 elementary districts in the state and is over \$4,000 less than the Illinois average cost per pupil.

*Our district's Per Capita Tuition Charge ranks 280 out of 369 elementary districts in the state and is over \$3,400 less than the Illinois average tuition charge.

*Our district's overall tax rate ranks 267 out of 369 elementary districts in the state. Nashville's K-12 tax rate of 4.98409 compares very favorably to the latest available overall Illinois average K-12 rate of 5.16280.

We are exceptionally proud that our district excels while we continue to address the difficulties and challenges that currently exist. However, we would not be able to enjoy these successes without the support of our families and our community. Nashville #49 is truly one of the finest elementary school districts in Southern Illinois and we look forward to continuing this tradition into the future!

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Welcome to Nashville



Hello. My name is Mrs. Haley Evans and I am the prekindergarten teacher here at Nashville District 49. I was born and raised right here in Nashville. I attended Nashville District 49 as a child and then Nashville High School. After high school, I attended Southern Illinois University of Carbondale where I received my Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education. In 2012, I returned to SIUC to obtain my Early Childhood license. While at Nashville High School, I met my husband, Josh. He is the golf course superintendent here in Nashville. We live in town with our three children, Madisyn 5, Reed, 3, and Emma 2. Madisyn is now in kindergarten and Reed in preschool here at Nashville Grade School.. It is so wonderful to have my children be Hornets just like we were. This is my 10th year in teaching, but my first year here at Nashville District 49. I taught 9 years at Immanuel Lutheran School in Okawville teaching 3rd & 4th grade. I am excited to have the opportunity to teach preschool in my hometown and look forward to the new adventures it will bring.

Hi! My name is Mrs. BreeAnna Pelczynski and I am the Pre-K/Early Childhood Teacher. This is my first year teaching for Nashville but my 4th year teaching altogether. I love Early Childhood and all of the exploring, learning and fun we get to have! I obtained my teaching degree at Missouri Baptist University with endorsements in Early Childhood, Early Childhood Special Education and Elementary Education. I grew up in Sullivan, MO with a brother and a sister. We go to Missouri often to visit family. My husband, Tommy, grew up in Nashville and we moved back here after getting married. We have 4 children; Brody (9), Brynlee (5), Bristol (3), and Tommy (1). In my free time I love to spend time with family, work on our house and read. I am so excited to be a part of this wonderful district and community!



Hello! My name is Sara Green. I am employed by Kaskaskia Special Education. This is my 9th year as a Speech-Language Pathologist, and my 1st year at Nashville Grade School. I received my Masters Degree in Communication Disorders and Sciences from SIUC-Carbondale in 2009. I currently live in DuQuoin, IL. I have been married for 6 years. My husband and I have two boys. Levi is 5 years old and Beckham is 2 years old. I am excited to be working at Nashville this school year!

Red Ribbon Week

October 23rd-27th



Monday: Wear Red Day

Tuesday: Hero day – Dress like a Hero

Wednesday: "Don't Even Try Drugs" –
Sign Pledge to be Drug Free

Thursday: Prize Drawings

Friday: Halloween Festivities

Your Future is Key so Stay Drug Free!

2017-2018 ACTIVITY CLUBS

Lego Club



K&1 Dates

September 27th

November 8th

January 24th

March 14th

2nd-8th Dates

October 11th

December 13th

February 28th

April 25th

Astronomy Club



Meeting Dates

Time: 6-8pm

September 28th

October 5th

October 12th

October 26th

Baking Club



Meeting Dates

Time: After School-5pm

September 20th

October 12th

November 15th

December 14th

January 31st

February 22nd

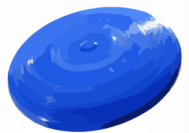
March 21st

April 19th

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Tuesdays/Thursdays in September

Time: 3:30-4:30pm



Kindergrarten



Mrs. Howard



First day of kindergarten smiles! Here are some students in Mrs. Howard's class showing off their excitement on their first day of kindergarten!



During the first week of school Mrs. Howard's kindergarten class read the story "The Gingerbread Man." After reading the story they made a gingerbread man cookie to eat for snack, but when they went to get it from the oven he was gone! The gingerbread man ran all over school visiting many staff members until he finally found his way back to their room on Friday! The students enjoyed meeting everyone in the school. They were happy to finally eat their gingerbread man cookie and his friends that he brought with him!

KINDERGARTEN

MRS. SCHNITKER 123 45



Mrs. Schnitker's kindergarten class has done a terrific job learning their letters and numbers. The students have explored how letters look, sound, and how to write them. They have also learned how to count out sets of objects, how to write the number, and number recognition. The students have reviewed their skills of letters and numbers in literacy and math centers. The students are playing math games, creating sets, matching the letters in the alphabet, writing, and playing iPad games.

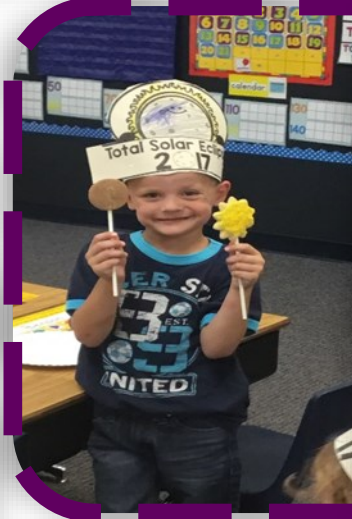
Kindergrarten

Mrs. Hill

The 1st Quarter has flown by in KAH!

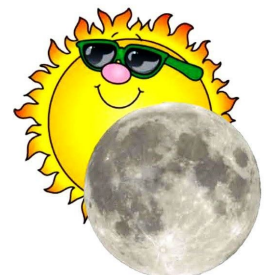


We had a show and share day with our favorite stuffed animals from home to wrap up one of our stories, Plaidypus Lost.



We observed the Solar Eclipse from the inside of our classroom. We made hats and acted out the eclipse with sun and moon cookies!

We started the year with the Gingerbread Man!. We chased him all over the school before he finally found us!



1st Grade

Mrs. Suedmeyer



On September 22nd, Mrs. Suedmeyer's 1st grade class celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday. In honor of Johnny Appleseed, the class made applesauce. The students peeled the apples and added the ingredients while it cooked in the classroom. Our room smelled so good all day! We were able to eat the applesauce at the end of the day. We gave the applesauce a thumbs up. We loved it!

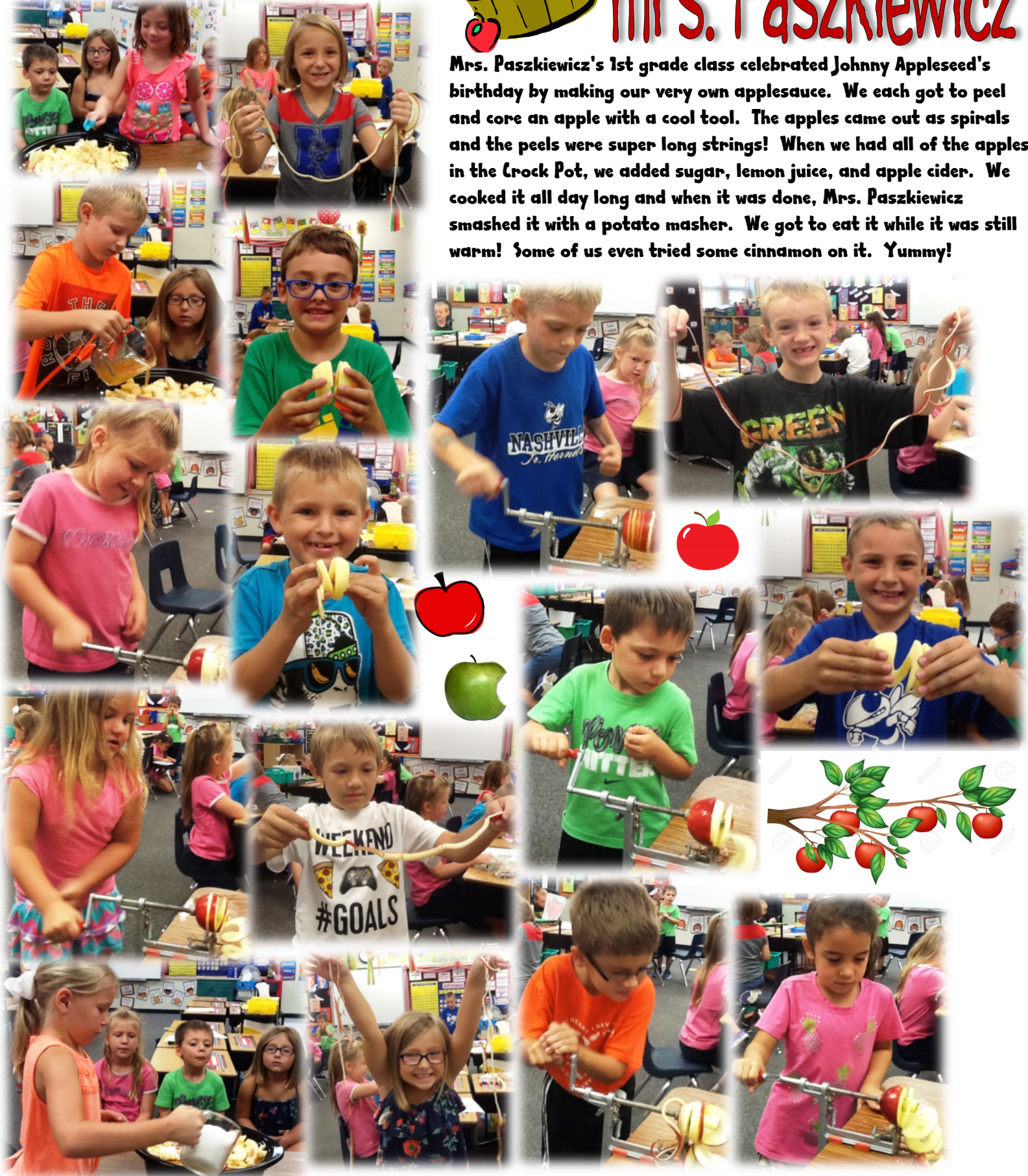


1st Grade



Mrs. Paszkiewicz

Mrs. Paszkiewicz's 1st grade class celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday by making our very own applesauce. We each got to peel and core an apple with a cool tool. The apples came out as spirals and the peels were super long strings! When we had all of the apples in the Crock Pot, we added sugar, lemon juice, and apple cider. We cooked it all day long and when it was done, Mrs. Paszkiewicz smashed it with a potato masher. We got to eat it while it was still warm! Some of us even tried some cinnamon on it. Yummy!



2nd Grade

MRS. MEADE



Second graders use the skills of a “Super Sleuth” to find clues to learning.





2nd Grade Mrs. Mills

Second Grade enjoyed a beautiful day at the St. Louis zoo. We really enjoyed the new Grizzly Bear exhibit!

Our students learned many new facts about their favorite animal.

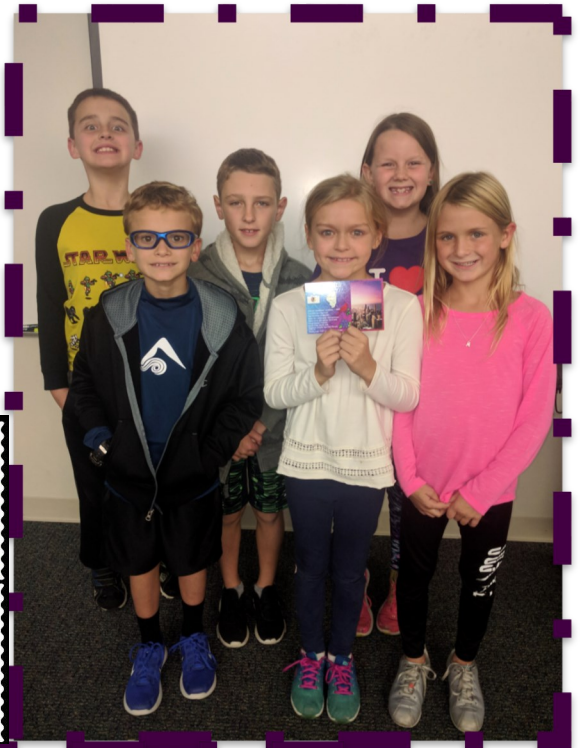


3rd Grade

ILLAS, TEXAS
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PRE-PAID

Mrs. Toennies



Mrs. Toennies' 3rd grade homeroom is participating in a post card exchange. We sent our Illinois post cards to 60 other classrooms in 34 states. We have received just a few post cards so far, the farthest being from Pennsylvania! We wrote a note about ourselves on our Illinois post card and helped fill in the addresses. We cannot wait to hear back from all the other classes. We will practice writing letters in more fun ways throughout the year, and would like to try to be pen pals with some of our new friends.

We're Off to a
Great Start in
Ms. Williamson's
3rd Grade Class!



Back: Kamden, Carter, Rachael, Audrey, Claire & Riley. Middle: Jake, Reegan, Victoria, Ayl, Carson & Chloe. Front: Khloe, Tyler, Jason, Chase & Mathew.



4th Grade Miss Sabo



Aubrey, Anessa, Isabelle, and Megan as detectives! We almost didn't recognize them!



Jadyn and Jessica went the Nancy Drew route with their detective looks and look fabulous!



Reese, Austi, Meadow, Wyattte, and Tyler show off their detective gear!

4th grade math classes recently had a detective day! They were solving word problems that contained clues to help get to the answer. The students were allowed to dress up to really get in the spirit of being a detective!

4th Grade

Mrs. Mitchell



Above) Picture 1: Maddox, Ashlynn, Caleb, and Anna are trying to solve the clues with their maps so they can open their locks.

Picture 2: Isabelle, Meadow, Tyse, and Tyler are working to try

Right) Picture 1: Wyatt, Maliah, and Jessica are trying to build the tallest free-standing marshmallow tower.

Picture 2: Isabelle, Meadow, and Tyse are working on constructing their marshmallow tower. The students were given 20 pieces of dried spaghetti, 1 yard of tape, 1 yard of yarn, and a marshmallow. They had 20 minutes to try and build the tallest self-standing structure in their class.



Above: Peyton, Sean, and Hanley are working on their Oreo moon phases. While learning about the phases of the moon, the students used Oreo cookies to show the different phases. If they had them in the correct order, they got to eat their Oreos.



Physical Education with Mrs. Cruiser

Kindergarten & First Grade

What a great start to the school year! During this quarter the students have been practicing the following concepts and skills: keeping safe in general and personal space, catching, underhand/overhand throwing, aiming, the eight loco motor skills, and how to perform a relay race. The students have impressed me on how well they follow directions and how hard they work during our activities. I am looking forward to seeing everything we accomplish this school year!

Second – Seventh Grade

Our Mileage Club Program has been introduced for the school year. I have been impressed on how motivated the students are on accomplishing their individual goals on our running days. They will receive individual running reports to share their accomplishments with their families for the first quarter. To get weekly group information, please go to my page on the school's website. The skills we focused on for the first quarter have been: throwing/aiming, catching, kicking and soccer skills. We will continue working on skills, while concentrating on reaching individual based goals for the second quarter.



Physical Education with Coach Finke

Friday Physical Education Run

4th, 6th & 8th Grade Physical Education

The 4th, 6th and 8th grade Physical Education classes have been running every two Fridays out of three, since the beginning of school. Students run for a period of 9 minutes and try to accumulate as many laps as possible during that time. Students receive a token for every 5 miles they complete individually. The students have been doing a great job each week. Below is the total number of laps and miles each of these classes have accomplished for the year.

4th – 4,079 Laps / 214.7 Miles

6th – 5,481 Laps / 288.5 Miles

8th – 5,368 Laps / 282.5 Miles

Great Job Students!

Top Friday Runners

4th Grade

Tyse R-132
Maliah R-119
Brayden D-118
Caden H-116
Gavin B-115
Kolby S-115
Belle S-112
Adi W-109
Maddox R-102
Rylan S-97

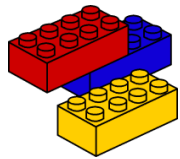
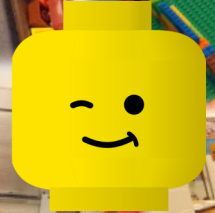
6th Grade:

Noah S-131
Blaine E-131
Marcus H-131
J.T. M-128
Shelby T-127
Lucy W-127
Silas H-123
Braxton B-122
Will P-116
Brady S-115

8th Grade

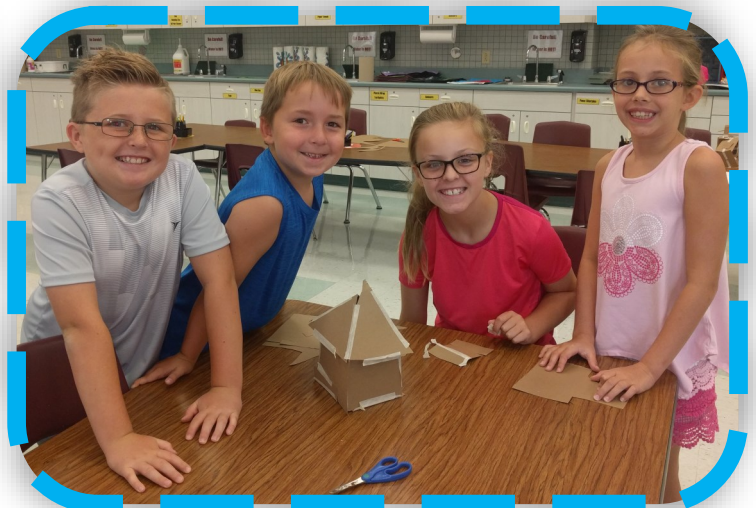
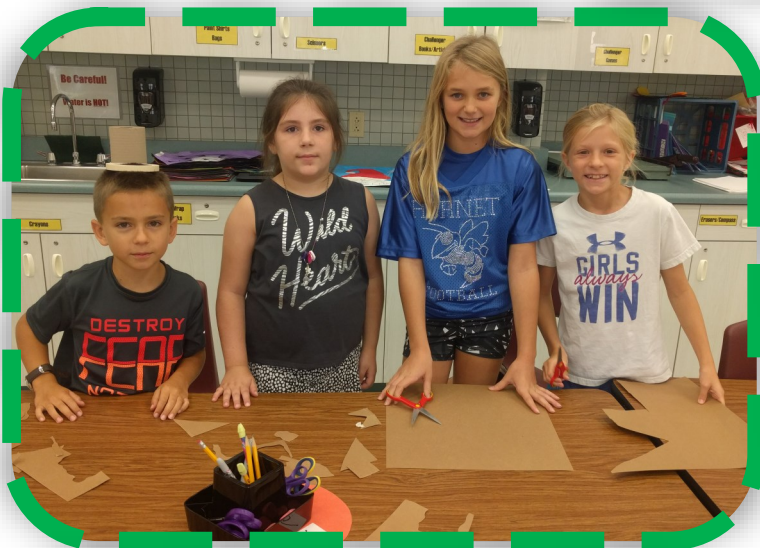
Raymond H-132
Ostin H-125
Michael C-113
Alyssa C-112
Jordan D-112
Evan K-112
Ian B-110
Ben R-109
Saxton H-108
Kolten G-108

**KEEP
CALM
AND
JUST RUN**





Creativity is
contagious,
pass it on
Albert Einstein



The 1st-4th grade Challengers began the year learning how to build a box. After that was accomplished, they used their knowledge of box building to build a house and then a lunch box. They were able to design their own roofing system and house details. Some even added garages to their homes. When it came time, because the lunch box was made to hold several pounds, the strap had to encircle the whole thing instead of just being attached at the top. They did a great job!