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APPRECIATING, DEVELOPING, AND SUPPORTING SCHOOL STAFF

Salute to Superintendents!

By: Dameron Johnson

Superintendent Appreciation Day was a huge success throughout our great state. A shout out goes to all the participating counties, especially the ones that shared with us photos, videos and summaries of their festivities.

The patriotic theme spread like fireworks across Tennessee. The colors red, white and blue were used everywhere to decorate posters, goodie baskets, smileboxes, and videos.

Jackson County's superintendent was blessed with a video that included

the high school choir performing songs with rewritten lyrics about him and a poem by one of his teachers.

Hawkins County Director of Schools, Charlotte Britton, asked whatever was done in her honor be for the benefit of others....either the school, the Family Resource Center or a charity of some type. The amount of good works done is astounding. Food banks were given enormous amounts of food; over 400 books were donated to the libraries and classrooms; care packages were sent to troops overseas. The list

goes on and on. Hawkins County is a great example of the ripple effect of appreciation and gratitude.

Many counties like Trousdale used their A-Teams to lead their fellow students in appreciation. An A-Team member in Hawkins County stated, "it doesn't just help me, it helps this whole school, and I hope that we are showing the younger students what respect is all about." Continue using your A-Team (and now the new G-Force!) to boldly lead others in appreciation.



Superintendent Appreciation Day

Benefits Others

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Charlotte Britton, the Superintendent of Hawkins County Schools, is fully aware of the outstanding and thoughtful acts of her staff and students displayed during the appreciation days for every group of her employees.

From last year's celebration of Superintendent Appreciation Day, she has experienced first-hand the overwhelming generosity of her county's students, parents and staff.

This year for Superintendent Appreciation Day, she asked that whatever done in her honor be for the benefit of others--a charity, schools, the military, or others who need help.

Wow! What a response! Every school did something impressive just as she had requested. Because of her selfless wish, hundreds of people were blessed with food, books, care packages, etc.

Church Hill Middle School sent a shoebox for a young girl to the Good Samaritan Group and made Christmas Cards to send to the troops overseas.

Carter's Valley Elementary collected supplies for the veterans.

Church Hill Intermediate purchased library books that current and future students would appreciate.

Cherokee High School's A-team had a bake sale and used the proceeds to buy supplies to send care packages to local troops who are stationed in Afghanistan. The A-Team included pictures and thank you letters.

Keplar School had a can food drive for the Family Resource Center. This will help other families through the holiday season.

McPheeter's Bend Elementary students collected and donated 332 canned goods to the Family Resource Center.

St. Clair Elementary took up quarters and bought a flock of chickens and donated them to the Heifer Project, an organization that supports charity ways to overcome hunger and need.

Joseph Rogers Primary collected canned goods to be donated to the Family Resource Center.

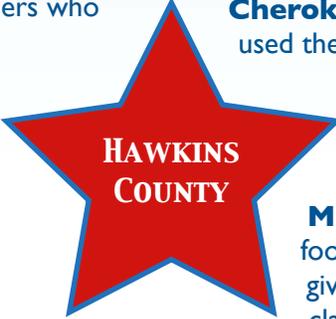
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Mooresburg Elementary A-Team organized a food drive and set a goal to collect 350 items to be given to the Community Center. They encouraged classmates and the community to bring cans. They collected 1397 non-perishable items. The items donated will be used to help feed families in need.

Surgoinsville Elementary students donated gently used or new books for the schools classrooms and library. A sticker was placed inside of each book stating *This Book Was Donated By: _____ in Honor of Mrs. Charlotte Britton, Director of Schools 2011-2012.* A goal of 100 books was set but students exceeded the goal and donated 487 books. The school's PTSO also donated \$50 for books.

Volunteer High School's A-Team adopted local senior citizens from the "Be a Santa to a Senior" program.

Church Hill Elementary adopted an angel from the angel tree and provided gifts in honor of Mrs. Britton.



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Jackson Co Creative in Use of Patriotic Theme

Jackson County School Board presented Superintendent Joe Barlow with a framed resolution and thank you letter (left) in a beautiful patriotic theme. Among the other ways Superintendent Barlow was honored, the students at Dodson Branch Elementary School made a human flag (left) to thank him for the gymnasium and additional classrooms added to their school.

Click [here](#) to hear the chorus singing Battle Hymn of our Superintendent <http://vimeo.com/33031407>

By: Dan Tollett



BEECH ELEMENTARY USES PATRIOTIC SMILEBOX

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The A-Team at Beech Elementary School created a Smilebox to honor its Superintendent. Members of the A-Team conducted interviews of fellow students. They enlisted a 3rd grade class to sing Yankee Doodle Superintendent while they captured the song on video to include it in the Smilebox. The class is pictured on the right singing the song.

Click [here](#) to view the Smilebox on video.



CARTER COUNTY. Dr. Ellis' recognition @ Hampton High School included the presentation of a personalized scrapbook and roses w/ the entire student body present. The scrapbook was created by art and business students.

Central Elementary presented Dr. Ellis with a poster with handwritten thank you notes and a picture of a child holding flags.

HENRY COUNTY High School students presented a video to the Henry County School Board, asking "What does a Director of Schools do?" included was the high school's broadcasting team's rendition of the Utrust song, "God Bless our Superintendent." Students interacted with our Director, the school board, and the community.

TROUSDALE COUNTY used decorations of flags, and other decor; cake that looked like a sheet paper graded with a pencil and a A+ on it; catered lunch for him; and the A- Team met and told him Thank You for his hard work to help our schools be better.

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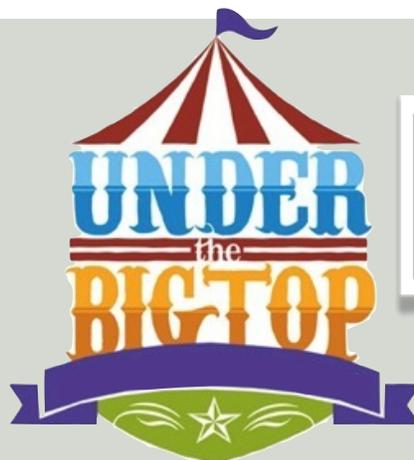
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We are going under the big top to celebrate food service workers with a carnival theme on January 12. So, be sure to go on-line and check out all of the fun ideas we have suggested as part of your celebrations for the big day.



New in this packet is the "Brightest Star" opportunity. You will

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GREATEST FOOD SERVICE
APPRECIATION DAY ON EARTH!**

see a smiling star designating one idea that can win you a prize. Your school has the chance to win \$100 for the A-Team to use for future appreciation days by implementing this idea in the most creative way.

Send us information about how you used the idea along with photos and/or videos and your A-Team could win. For more opportunities to win, be on the lookout for the smiling star in future packets as well.

By: Kristi Coleman

