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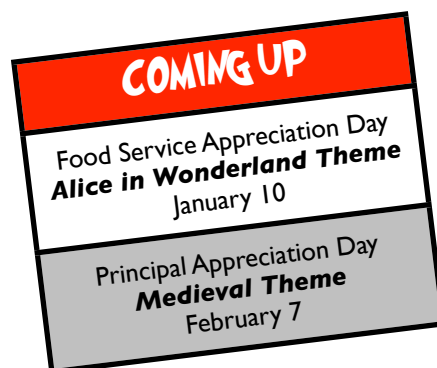
## *Hats off to our Food Service Workers!*

Hurry, Hurry don't be late-- in getting ready for Food Service Worker Appreciation Day! We will be celebrating these valuable employees on January 10th using an Alice in Wonderland theme and it promises to be super cool.

Tap into your inner White Rabbit and Queen of Hearts as you make plans for saying thank you to the people who keep our students fueled up and ready to learn. Everyone in the school will enjoy the fun decorations and activities suggested in the packets and January is the perfect time

for some bright colors and cheerful words.

We look forward to seeing reports of your celebrations and don't forget to check out the weekly Thursday Tips for more info and details on certain activities.



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## SUPERINTENDENTS CELEBRATED AS OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS

It has been said the Olympic flame represents purity and the endeavor for perfection. The A-Teams and students showing honor and respect to their superintendents by participating in charitable drives across the State for Superintendent Appreciation Day are our Olympic flames.

The use of the Olympic theme was in full force in Benton County. **Big Sandy School** collected \$136 to give to St. Jude Children's Hospital for children and families in need. As a keepsake for Mr. Randall Robertson of his special day, they even created his very own Wheaties cereal box.

Over 2000 food items were collected for the community at **Briarwood School** in honor of him. The

students also made posters; divided the grades into teams to compete for the "gold"; kept everyone up to date by daily announcements and had an excellent bulletin board.

**Camden Elementary's** "Running for the Gold" video was outstanding including an opening segment with thoughtful short poems, lighting of the "torch"; posters and Olympic rings. They collected gently used or new shoes and donated them in Mr. Robertson's honor to Soles 4 Souls. The students at **Camden Junior High** created a thank you poster for the superintendent.

At **Career & Technical CHS**, a "Giving Tree" was created in honor of Mr. Robertson with lists of grocery items

to help needy families in the community. After the students picked a leaf off the tree, they went shopping and brought in the items to the school. They were placed in bags and given out to the families during the Thanksgiving holiday.

The students at **Holladay School** conducted two (2) charity drives. One collected food for the local community to "CAN" hunger in Benton County and the other collected soda can tabs to cash in to benefit the sick children and their families at the Ronald McDonald House.

Benton County was truly blessed by all the great things done in Mr. Randall Robertson's honor.

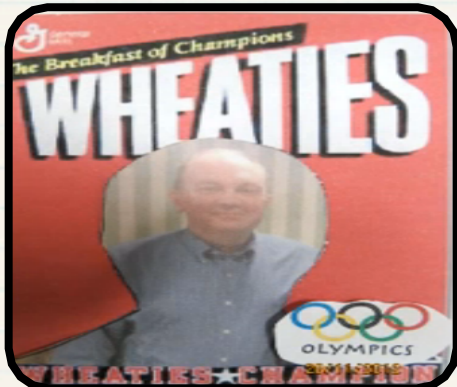
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## HAWKINS COUNTY SHOWS OLYMPIC SPIRIT WITH FOOD AND TOY DRIVES

The Olympic Creed states "The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part..."

The students in Hawkins County not only took part in the charity drives happening at their schools but deserve medals for their hard work. To honor Charlotte Britton, Director of Schools, the A-Team at **Carter's Valley Elementary** chose to participate in a toy drive and make Christmas cards for soldiers. They collected several toys to give to the Carter's Valley Fire Department to use when needed and 147 Christmas cards to send to soldiers who are fighting for our country.

**Church Hill Elementary** planted a Burgundy Crape Myrtle Tree in the director's honor. The students decorated the tree with medals to show their Olympic American Pride. Gifts were also

collected and given to a special child in the community.

The staff and students of **Church Hill Middle School and Church Hill Intermediate** sponsored food drives to celebrate Superintendent Appreciation Day and the A-Team and other students made thoughtful thank you cards and wrote letters for Ms. Britton.

At **Clinch School** a senior student, Samuel Long, wrote a song to the tune of "Mary Did You Know" about Ms. Britton's daughter that teaches at the school. A video and pictures were given to her on a keepsake DVD along with a night's stay at a local Inn.

**Joseph Rogers Primary** held a food drive and collected 332 food items to benefit the Hawkins County Family Resource Center and submitted an article with pictures to the Rogersville Review newspaper.

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## GOLDEN EFFORT FOR BRITTON

**Keplar Elementary** made an adorable “Go for the Gold” video to honor Ms. Britton including interviews and pictures of items collected for the food drive.

**McPheeter’s Bend** also conducted a food drive for Second Harvest Food Bank and made posters promoting the drive throughout the school.

The A-Team and students at **Mount Carmel Elementary** went above and beyond showing honor to their superintendent. They conducted a successful food drive, made thank you banners for Mrs. Britton and gave her a “toolbox” to help her get through her tough days.

**Pathways Alternative** hosted a special luncheon for Mrs. Britton and presented the results of a successful charity drive benefiting the local Humane Society. They enjoyed each

other’s company and an Olympic-themed cake.

**Rogersville Middle School** held a special presentation for the Director of Schools and presented a student-made giant check to the Hawkins County Resource Center in honor of her.

**Surgoinsville Elementary** held a Race to Feed fundraiser and homerooms competed to bring in the most bags of food. One homeroom brought in 23 bags. The total collection was 124 bags of food collected.

The students at **Volunteer High School** collected supplies for the Hawkins Humane Society and helped deliver them to the shelter. They also gave Ms. Britton a “gold medal” and “torch” for all the excellent work she does to make the schools in Hawkins County outstanding.

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## HEROES AND CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN

At **Union Heights** in Hamblen County, the students donated books to the library in Dr. Lynch's honor. They also presented him with an Olympic style gold medal for being a Champion for Children.

Students and the music teacher at **Gainesboro Elementary School** in Jackson County helped make a video honoring Mr. Joe Barlow featuring a song that said, "You're our hero and the type of man we want to be". The Central office also participated in the festive day by having a pizza party to honor him with his very own gold medal and magazine cover.

The A-Team in **Trousdale County** celebrated Superintendent Appreciation Day by videoing short quotes of

gratitude to Mr. Clint Satterfield. They presented him with 2 dinner certificates to a favorite local restaurant and an adorable gold medal cake to go along with our Olympic Theme.

The Olympic theme is striving for excellence. We think the A-Teams in all the participating schools are making huge strides in showing appreciation to their school employees. Because of that, you deserve a standing ovation and gold medals.

We look forward to watching you fall into the wacky world of Alice in Wonderland for Food Service Appreciation Day. We can't wait to see what you do with that theme. Enjoy it and have fun with all the bright, bold colors and characters.

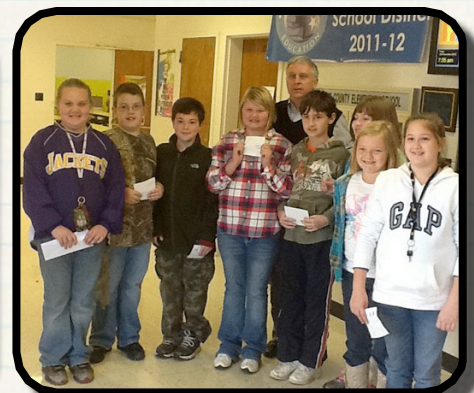
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goes to.....

**Gainesboro  
Elementary School** in  
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Hero video honoring  
Superintendent Joe Barlow  
featuring all the students  
singing a song led by their  
talented music teacher.

A HUGE shout out goes to  
**Cherokee High School**  
in Hawkins County for all  
the time, energy, planning,  
writing, organizing and  
editing involved in making  
the video to honor  
Superintendent Charlotte  
Britton. We are amazed at  
the level of talent and  
creativity involved in this  
video. Click [here](#) to view it.

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*May the peace and hope  
of Christ's birth be  
with you now and in  
the days ahead!*

*From the Utrust Staff  
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## SUPERINTENDENT APPRECIATION DAY BRIGHTEST STAR WINNERS

The Brightest Star winner in the Elementary division is **Camden Elementary** in Benton County for their fabulous "Running for the Gold" video honoring their superintendent. The video featured an opening ceremony, lighting of the "torch"; student-made posters; Olympic rings used for decorations; and Olympic color-coded collection bins placed throughout the school. The students of CES participated in a charity drive to collect gently used or new shoes to donate to Soles4Souls in honor of Superintendent Randall Robertson.



**Mt. Carmel Elementary** showered Ms. Charlotte Britton, Director of Schools of Hawkins County, with honor and praise by creating and displaying student-made posters in different languages; conducting a successful food drive in her name and a giving her a "tool kit" to hammer out the problems of the day. Two thank you videos were made and presented to her and a special assembly at the school with the student body was held for her that included the local Color Guard. The day's festivities were documented in a comprehensive article in the local paper featuring all the things done to honor their Director of Schools.



Middle/High School division winner is **Holladay School** in Benton County for the outstanding "Bushel of Blessings" video presented to the superintendent featuring the very best interviews we at Utrust have seen so far. The interviewer was poised and natural on camera and prepared his "guests" with the questions so they would know what they wanted to say on camera. In addition to the interviews, the students participated in a food drive and collection for the Ronald McDonald house. They also created messages of thanks and short poems for the superintendent.

