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SPECIAL EDITION: PRINCIPAL & ASST. PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION DAY

PrinciPALEntine Day A Success

This year's Principal & Asst. Principal Appreciation Day was full of entertainment. From chorus lines to songs of the 60's, and even a little rap, the day drummed up a beat for administrators all across the state.

The big day was also full of themes. Some schools turned into a royal palace, one school turned into a hunting ground, and one turned pink for a good cause. Whatever the theme, the overall message was thanking principals and assistant principals for their work in making the education environment a more positive place to learn.



Emotions Run High in Jackson Co.

A hard-cover scrapbook full of memories, pictures and notes from students brought tears to the eyes of Gainsboro Elementary Principal Charles Breidert. "I was surprised by the recognition I received on Principal Appreciation Day. I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who contributed to making my day a special one."

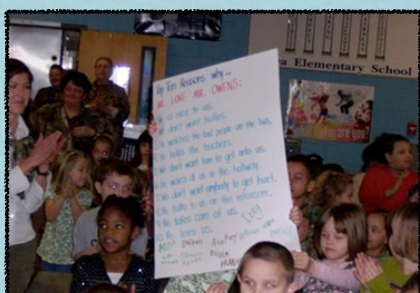
Jackson County schools came up with lots of inventive ways to honor principals.

Students at one school put on a skit portraying their administrators. Superintendent Joe Barlow said "Principal Appreciation Day gave me a chance to show the principals that we know how dedicated they are to our schools and students."

More excitement came to Jackson County High this week when the school was featured on a Nashville news station's "Cool Schools" program.



WILSON COUNTY: Students at Stoner Creek Elementary "Chalk Up a Big Thank You" to honor their Principal. Students hung the banner near the school entrance.



PARIS SPECIAL DIST. The top ten reasons why students at V.G. Rhea Elementary love their principal were listed on a poster-board. The #1 reason, is because "he's nice".



JACKSON COUNTY: Clinch School aides brought a little humor and enthusiasm to Principal Appreciation Day by putting on a fun cheer!

The colors were camouflage, but the day shined bright in Paris

Principal Scott Owens loves his school, W.G. Elementary. He also has a soft spot for the military. Like Mr. Owens, Assistant Principal Gerald Howard also loves his school, and both men like to hunt.

So faculty, staff and students came up with a truly unique way to honor both men on Principal/Asst. Principal Appreciation Day...they all wore camouflage.

Music teacher Angela Hawkins said "classrooms made original artwork and thank you cards for each principal." The entire Kindergarten assembled in the cafeteria to give them a round of

Students and faculty at W.G. Rhea Elementary in the Paris Special district dressed in camouflage for Mr. Owens & Mr. Howard, who both like the military and to hunt.

applause. The staff pitched in to provide goody baskets for each principal catered lunch for both men and their wives. The school

also designed their webpage with a camouflage background and filled it with pictures from the big day.

TRUE COLORS



A THANKFUL TUNE IN JOHNSON COUNTY

The Johnson County H.S. Chorus put a song of thanks into the hearts of principal Lisa Arnold, and assistant principal Danny Wilson. The group composed the song, which has a little fun with the administrators, then performed it twice during the day; once over the P.A. System, and the other during an assembly.

The beat continued with a cheerleaders performance. Footballs & basketballs signed by the teams were also given as gifts. Ms. Lisa Arnold said that "The Utrust Appreciation Program is wonderful. It is great for morale. Everyone likes to be told that they are doing a good job."

One line of the song says "Come and go with me to The Hill, come and go where our principals are the best", which sums up the celebration in pure harmony.



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"Yesterday was so wonderful...I'm sure he was tired of smiling"

-Secretary Jo Ferguson on the celebration for Assistant Principal Greg Stugill

"I think that it went really well, she seemed to really enjoy the day"

-Secretary Brandy Calton on celebration for Principal Sandra Williams

Principal Appreciation Day Fit for a King in Hawkins County



A lot of stories surfaced out of Hawkins County following Principal & Assistant Principal Appreciation Day. Two schools there turned its buildings into castles, and made the administrators Kings for the Day. Fine china was used during the lunch, crowns were made, and even a throne was provided. "It was a lot of fun, everyone got involved", said secretary Jo Ferguson.

Other schools put on assemblies, made giant thank you cards, and even created music. "Our music teacher had composed a special rap for Mr. Floyd which was performed by a few faculty members. It was called the "Ode to Mr. Floyd" said teacher Kristi Vigil at St. Clair Elementary. At Church Hill Middle, the chorus sang songs from the 60's, and the band gave a special performance.

A couple of principals were honored during their absence. Church Hill Middle School Principal William Christian suffered a heart attack just days before the celebration. While the assistant principal was honored anyway, faculty and staff have planned more special events following Mr. Christian's return.

The principal at Sugoinville Elementary, Susan Trent recently underwent a double mastectomy. To honor her, teachers and staff wore pink for breast cancer awareness. Ms. Trent is still recovering so her school sent the pictures to her along with all the cards and gifts.

These are just a few of the many ways Hawkins County showed appreciation for its principals. It was a day full of fun, full of ideas, and full of heart.

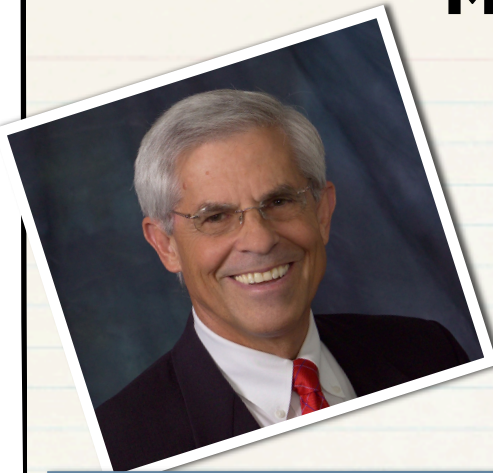


Staff & faculty at Sugoinville Elementary wear pink to honor principal Susan Trent, who was affected by breast cancer.



Church Hill Middle School Principal William Christian was honored as he recovered from a heart attack he had just days before the celebration.

Make A Difference!



FROM THE FOUNDER

We are pleased with your response to Principal Appreciation Day. All over the state, boards adopted the resolution, sent personalized letters and took steps to honor their school principals.

We can not over state the importance of excellent principals and assistant principals. Good principals make good schools. Occasionally we find a good school in spite of the principal but we never find an excellent principal leading a bad school.

No one deserves our appreciation more.

Generations of Making A Difference in Education

"My father shaped me, he made a difference to me and to the children he taught." Like Teddy Roosevelt, the greatest man Joel Hastings ever met was his father.

Hastings followed in his father's footsteps to become a teacher and principal, and has been a principal at Ralph Askins Elementary in Fayetteville City for 14 years.

The Hastings commitment to education spans four generations and two centuries...and reaches across the bonds of marriage.

Hastings' grandfather taught in Lincoln County at the turn of the last century; his father was a teacher, an assistant principal and Lincoln County School Superintendent. His son teaches at Fayetteville Junior High today. His daughter, a speech pathologist, "works with children in the Nashville area." and his wife - whose father was also a teacher and coach -- teaches kindergarten at Highland Rim.

Now the Hastings family takes the role of making a difference in the lives of children. Hastings says he can't "presume" to know how he may have made a difference in the lives of the children he's guided over the years. "I hope that I have, but it is for them to decide what my footsteps have been".

Billy Joe Evans, Fayetteville City Schools Superintendent knows exactly what kind of footsteps Hastings is leaving. They match those of the man he has followed. Not only his father, but a teacher, a guide, a shaper of lives.

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