

WEEKLY MEMOS

September 25, 2017



Superintendent King Meets Former Second Lady Jill Biden

At the Better Health, Better Learning national conference, Superintendent Marlon King had the distinct pleasure of serving as a panelist while former Second Lady, Jill Biden served as the keynote. Their discussion centered around the connections between academics and healthy choices. Because there is a direct correlation between healthy bodies and stronger academics, Fayette County Public Schools has embedded a priority in its IMAGINE 21 5-Year Strategic Plan to improve student health.



Chief Academic Officer Trains Teachers in Literacy

One of the district's three broad academic goals in our IMAGINE 21 5-Year Strategic Plan is to improve reading proficiency. With that in mind, the Kindergarten through second grade teachers received some intense literacy training on the Core Knowledge Language Arts curriculum. Chief Academic Officer, Eddie Keel, trained and supported teachers, providing resources for their toolkits.





Buckley-Carpenter Kindergarteners Join the 100 Club

Counting to 100 is a skill that is not expected to be mastered until the fourth nine weeks in kindergarten, but in Mandy Collins' kindergarten class at Buckley-Carpenter, the bar is set high. Counting to one hundred is done on a regular basis to help students master this skill, and two shining stars have reached this goal early! Caleb Marshall and Chloe Dunn were the first two members of The 100 Club. Setting high expectations for numeracy skills will stretch our students, which will address our numeracy goal in our IMAGINE 21 5-Year Strategic Plan!



Fayette-Ware Ag Class Taking Horticulture Class to New Levels

One of the three goals in our IMAGINE 21 5-Year Strategic Plan is to provide 21 highly quality "industry" certification programs. Under the direction of classroom teacher Mr. Taylor, horticulture students got busy as they ventured onto the grounds of the campus and took action! Digging up unwanted plants and shrubbery, the class readied the yard for a new look. What better way to get experience than to grab some yard tools and get going!





Southwest Elementary Students Benefit from Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant

There is a strong connection between healthy bodies and healthy minds. When our students eat healthier, our academics will become stronger. Students at Southwest Elementary are loving the fresh snacks provided through the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant. Let's encourage all students to eat better so we will become stronger, both physically and academically! Again, this is another effort to ensure that the health and well-being of our students are a priority as noted in our IMAGINE 21 5-Year Strategic Plan.



LaGrange-Moscow Teacher Recognized for Student 4-H Participation

Recently, 4-H and the UT Agricultural Extension Office held its annual Farm Fest Poster/T-Shirt Design Contest. This year, close to 200 talented Fayette County 5th graders from across the district entered their artwork in the contest. Mrs. Angel Halstead, teacher from LaGrange-Moscow, was recognized as having the highest amount of contest entries and received a \$25 gift card from Walmart.



Oakland's Principal Covered with Slime

Oakland Elementary partnered with Boosterthon to inspire students through a school-wide fitness and character program. The two week program ended with a Fun Run that raised funds that go directly back to the classroom. Students were encouraged to get pledges for their laps and when students met their goal, Chief Currie had to get SLIMED!





Fayette-Ware Falls to Lewisburg (MS) 35-7

The Fayette-Ware Wildcats took a road trip to Olive Branch, MS to battle Mississippi Class 5A powerhouse, Lewisburg HS on a muggy Friday night. After a closely fought first half, the Patriots were able to outlast the Wildcats, 35-7 in front of their large homecoming crowd.

The Patriots took the opening kickoff and using a mix of short passes and runs, found the end zone for the early 7-0 lead. The Wildcat offense took the field and forced to punt. Steven Whittemore unleashed a 45yd punt to switch the field position for the Wildcats' defense. Lewisburg's QB was once again able to find the end zone, finding an open Patriot receiver for a 14-0 lead. The Fayette-Ware offense was able to find some running room on its next drive, as senior Tabarius White ripped off a nice 18yd run but the Patriot defense held again and forced a Wildcat punt. This time it was the Wildcats' defense's turn to stiffen up and force the Patriots to punt. After an exchange of field possession, the Patriots drove deep in Wildcat territory only to be turned away with only a field goal by the tough Fayette-Ware defense. The Patriots took the 17-0 lead into halftime. The 2nd half got started with a bang when Tabarius White took the opening kickoff back 93 yards for the touchdown and the lead was cut to 17-7. That was as close as the Wildcats could get. The Patriots offense wasn't able to run on the stout Fayette-Ware defense so they spread the Wildcats defense out with 4 and 5 receivers, enabling them to throw the football downfield. Two touchdown passes and two field goals in the 2nd half gave the Patriots the final margin of victory, 35-7. Tabarius White finished with over 150 yards of total offense for the Wildcats.

The defense was again led by its seniors as Tyiee Watkins had 8 tackles, Devin Burns had 6 tackles and 2 sacks while DE Tyler



Swearngen recovered a fumble. The Wildcats are on the road Friday, Sept 29th at Millington Central. Photos by Lisa Plunk



Fayette-Ware Cross Country Captures 1st & 3rd Places in the Rain

Despite the myth that cats don't like water, the Fayette-Ware Wildcat cross country teams proved otherwise last week in the pouring rain as the girls won 1st place and the boys finished 3rd. Freshman Cici Hunter paced the girls division as she finished first in the girls division, with fellow Wildcats Madison Alberding and Katie Ayala sweeping the podium, finishing 2nd and 3rd. For the boys, the Munford Cougars took the boys title, and Fayette Academy's Walt Bullwinkle took home individual 1st place honors. The Fayette-Ware Wildcats won 3rd place, while Denzel Roberson finished in 5th place.





Lady Wildcats Soccer Shuts Out Milan 6-0

The Lady Wildcats soccer team continues to build momentum for the playoffs as they shutout Milan 6-0 at home last week. Freshman Cici Hunter opened the scoring as she found the back of the net in the 6th minute. Fellow freshman Sarah Sudduth followed with the next two goals and the Wildcats led 3-0 only twenty minutes into the game. The Wildcat midfield again controlled the pace of the game and possession of the ball. Cici Hunter beat the Milan goalie again, this time with an assist from Madie Halvorson, and the lead was 4-0. Jada Lurry made it 5-0 when she scored and Madie Halvorson closed out the goal scoring for the final margin of victory. The Fayette Ware defense held Milan without a shot to give freshman goalie Tatum Carson another shutout. The Wildcats will host Harding Academy on September 28th at 5:00 PM.



Medical Insurance Open Enrollment

Audience: All Employees

Open enrollment for medical insurance is October 2 - October 27, 2017. The deadline for open enrollment is 4:30 pm on October 27, 2017.



Technology Inventory Reports

Audience: Chiefs, Chancellor

Technology Inventory Reports are due September 29, 2017. Send to Dana Kemper (dana.kemper@fcsk12.net).



Staff Rosters Due

Audience: Chiefs, Chancellor

Please complete the staff rosters [found on our website](#) here and return to Dana Kemper (dana.kemper@fcsk12.net) on or before October 5, 2017.