

GOOD NEWS FRIDAY

May 1, 2009

Pitt County Schools is pleased to share the following good news in our district!

- **A.G. Cox Middle School** held a diabetes walk and coin drive for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Student walkers donated a dollar to walk the field. The school also held education sessions prior to the walk to discuss myths and facts about Type 1 Diabetes. Students contributed \$1,755.00.
- Thirty-one **Ayden-Grifton High School** HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) students attended the State Leadership Conference in Greensboro April 2 - 4. The members won four State Chapter Awards and seven Individual State Awards.

The Chapter Awards included:

- National Service Project Award
- National HOSA Week Award
- Gold Star Chapter
- American Red Cross Blood Services Award

The Individual State Winners included:

- Chelsea Curry – 2nd place in Pharmacology, qualified for National Competition in June
- Chase Stocks - Top 10 in Clinical Specialty - Radiation Technology - qualified for National Competition in June
- Terrance Hooks - 8th place in Prepared Speaking
- Jeffrey Wilson – 6th place in Extemporaneous Speaking
- Jeffrey Wilson - 10th place in Kaiser Permanente Health Care Issues Exam
- Anna Blair Nelson – 6th place in Physical Therapy
- Dasha Lewis - Barbara James Service Award for over 100 volunteer hours in one year

- On Friday April 10th, **Ayden-Grifton High School's** Medical Sciences II Class, HOSA, and the American Red Cross Sponsored a Blood Drive at the School. They collected 75 Pints of blood to help in saving over 225 lives with the majority of these donors being students.
- AaKash Gandhi, ninth grade student at **D. H. Conley High School**, won First Place in the High School Division at the North Carolina Teachers of Mathematics State Mathematics Fair.
- Congratulations to the following **Farmville Central High School** FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) members who took top honors at the FBLA State Leadership Conference held in Raleigh on April 16-18, 2009.
 - Corey Vines, Alana Joyner, and Kelley May – 3rd Place, Emerging Business Issues Debate
 - April Carr – Top 10 Finalist, Impromptu Speaking
 - Jasmin Edmondson – Top 10 Finalist, Job Interview
 - Stephanie Evans – Top 10 Finalist, Word Processing II
- The libraries at **Farmville Middle School** and **North Pitt High School** have been selected by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association to receive free hardcover editions of 17 classic non-fiction and fiction books as part of the We the People Bookshelf national grant project. The theme of this year's Bookshelf is "Picturing America." They are among 4,000 libraries across the country selected to receive this grant.
- The Health Occupations students at **J. H. Rose High School** participated in a service project to raise money for the Greenville Ronald McDonald House. The students raised \$800 by selling t-shirts for their "Sport a Shirt Share a Night" campaign.
- The chorus from **Pactolus School** recently participated in the Music Showcase Festival in Williamsburg, VA and received first place in their division. Rebecca Ezzell, a sixth grade student received an award for outstanding soloist.
- Angela Greene, kindergarten teacher at **Ridgewood Elementary School**, was recently recognized by the Winterville Chamber of Commerce with the Outstanding Educator Award.

- Bonnie Harrell, a senior at ***South Central High School***, was recently recognized by the Winterville Chamber of Commerce with the Outstanding Youth Award. This award was based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service.
- The following ***South Central High School*** students were named finalists for the Summer Ventures in Science & Mathematics (SVSM). "Finalist" refers to a student's selection to participate in the SVSM program. These students are:
 - Kathleen V. Daniels
 - Shayna Nitin Mooney
 - Payal Devang Patel
 - Axita Chetan Patel
 - Ahmad M. Salameh
 - Anika Olivia Whitener
- Eight ***South Central High School*** students tested for the National ServSafe Exam on April 3. All 8 students passed and are now nationally recognized at safe food handlers:
 - Kimberly Boltinhouse
 - Lauren Colombo
 - Brittany Cox
 - Stephanie Poggi
 - Katelyn Putnam
 - Cassandra Spencer
 - Damien Turnage
 - Jennifer Vanbuuren

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