

## Weekly Memos – October 15, 2018

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Dr. Marlon King  
Superintendent

### Public Schools Achieving High Marks in Fayette County

The Tennessee Department of Education recently released district and school accountability ratings. Districts can earn one of five designations: Exemplary (the highest rating); Advancing; Satisfactory; Marginal; and In need of improvement (the lowest rating).

As a district, Fayette County Public Schools earned the **second highest** designation: **Advancing**. What district in Southwest Tennessee earned the top designation? Henderson County. What districts in Southwest Tennessee earned the **second highest** Advancing rating? Arlington, Bartlett, Chester County, Collierville, Decatur County, Germantown, Lakeland, Lexington, Shelby County, and **your own Fayette County Public Schools**.

This remarkable accomplishment is proof that the hard work performed by FCPS teachers and leaders every day is paying off. The timeline below shows the district designations for FCPS and how our district has been making steady gains since 2013 to improve the educational outcomes for all students in Fayette County.

- 2018: Advancing (the 2nd highest rating)
- 2017: Progressing
- 2016: No Tennessee District received a rating due to TNReady issues.
- 2015: In Needs of Subgroup Improvement
- 2014: In Needs of Improvement (the lowest rating)
- 2013: In Needs of Subgroup Improvement

Reward status is the top distinction a school can earn in Tennessee. Reward schools are those that are improving overall student academic achievement and student growth for both all students and for student groups, and they are identified annually. One FCPS school earned this top distinction and two others almost earned this status.

Fayette County Public Schools is proud to announce that **Oakland Elementary School** has earned **Reward School** status for the 2017-2018 school year. Dr. Josie Currie and her entire team at OES worked diligently to earn this status. This is a testament to the hard work and changes she and her team have made over the past few years.

**LaGrange-Moscow Elementary School** earned the **same overall score** as Oakland Elementary School on the school accountability rubric for 2017-2018, but was not awarded Reward School status due to a one-year dip in scores during the 2016-2017 school year.

LaGrange-Moscow Elementary saw great strides of improvement during the 2017-2018 school year. Though Lagrange-Moscow Elementary School earned the **highest score for growth (Level 5)** and earned a score high enough to be awarded **Reward School** status, the Tennessee Department of Education used one year of data from 2016-2017 to place LMES on the Priority School list. This excluded LMES from the Reward School list.

Priority schools are identified at least every three years. Normally, three years of state testing data is used to identify priority school. However, a large variety of TNReady testing issues over the past three years prevented this from happening. Following legislation passed this spring, 2017-18 TNReady data was not used to identify Priority schools. In addition, all elementary and middle schools did not have 2015-2016 TNReady data due to the cancellation of state testing by Commissioner Candice McQueen.

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Though we are proud of the Level 5 Growth score and overall accountability score for LMES during the past school year, there is more hard work to do at LaGrange-Moscow Elementary. We will wisely use the extra funds that will be given to LMES from the State to invest in the successful programs already in place and add new programs at LMES to improve student outcomes.

**Southwest Elementary School** was less than 0.1 points away from earning Reward School status.

Fayette County has much to be proud of as an **Advancing** district, but there is more hard work to do. We are not satisfied to having only one Reward School. Though few districts in our region have over half of their schools earn a level 5 status and many districts in our region scored below the **Advancing** rating, our promise to Fayette County residents is that our leaders and teachers will analyze the growth and achievement data at all schools to form our next steps to help all of our students and schools grow in all subject areas.



## Data Clerk Meeting

*Audience: Data Clerks*

There will be a data clerk meeting at CAB beginning at 9:00 AM in the Presentation Room on Thursday, October 18, 2018. The meeting will last until 11:30 AM. Please bring a laptop computer to the meeting.



## Junior Rotarians for the Month of October

During the school year, the Rotary Club of Somerville honors students who attend the club's weekly meetings to learn about the Rotary program and how it helps both the local international communities. The Junior Rotarians for the month of October are Willow Wilson and Roddarius Johnson.

Willow is a junior at Fayette-Ware Comprehensive High School. She is the daughter of Adam and Sarah Wilson. Willow is a member of the Beta Club, the National Honors society, and the Wildcat Crazies Pep Club. She loves to dance and volunteers at The Dance Academy of Bartlett. Willow currently holds a 3.8 GPA while taking honors U.S. History, English, Chemistry, and Geometry as well as dual enrollment Intro to Psychology through the UT Martin Center in Somerville. Her plans for the future include attending East Tennessee State University and majoring in psychology.

Roddarius is also a junior at Fayette-Ware and is the son of Rodney and Chaka Johnson. He is a member of the Beta Club, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), and Skills USA. He plays lead guitar at his church, New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Roddarius is enrolled in honors chemistry, geometry, and English classes along with dual enrollment U.S. History at the UT Martin Center in Somerville and maintains a 3.6 GPA. He is still undecided on his college of choice but plans to major in criminal justice and musical performance.





## Tennessee School Health Screening

Audience: Parents/Guardians

Free student health screenings will be conducted at your child's school throughout the 2018-19 school year. Screenings include vision, hearing, blood pressure, height, and weight. [Click here for more details.](#)

Fayette County Public Schools

Tennessee School Health Screening  
Yearly Notification  
ATTENTION: PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Free student health screenings will be conducted at your child's school throughout the 2018-2019 school year.

Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT), Tennessee Department of Health and various other trained volunteers will be assisting with screening. Data does not include any identifying information.

All information is private and confidential. We will be screening to determine if your child has a health risk that:

- Needs medical attention, and/or
- Might affect his/her classroom work.

The screenings that will be conducted are as follows:

Vision - Grades Pre K, K, 2, 4, 6, and 8.  
Hearing - Grades Pre K, K, 2, 4, 6 and 8.  
Blood Pressure - Grades K, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9th  
Height and Weight - Grades K, 2, 4, 6, 8, and 9th

After a review by the school nurse, a copy of the child's screening results will be sent home with your child.

If there is a need for further evaluation by a physician, a referral will be indicated. These screenings do not qualify as an examination and parents are encouraged to make sure your child has annual medical check-ups and bi-annual dental check-ups.

For additional information, please contact Fayette County Public Schools office of Coordinated School Health, 901-465-5260.



**FW FAYETTE-WARE WILDCATS**  
STUDENT ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT  
**KATIE AYALA**

**Class:** Senior  
**Sports:** Soccer, Track, & Cross Country

**Achievements:** 4.0 GPA, Dual Enrollment English, Honors English & Physics, Interact Club, & National Honor Society



## National School Lunch Week

National School Lunch Week is October 15-19, 2018. This long celebration will enhance the importance of a healthy lunch in a child's life and emphasize the impact it has inside outside of the classroom. On Wednesday, October 17, we like to invite parents to enjoy school lunch with their child by hosting National Take Your Parents to Lunch Day. If you are to attend this day, please come enjoy lunch (\$3.85) with your any day during National School Lunch Week. School lunch includes fruit, vegetables, whole grains, lean protein, and ice milk.

**National School Lunch Week**  
OCTOBER 15-19, 2018

Today's school lunches meet strict nutrition standards, including limits on calories, sodium and unhealthy fats.

**30 million** students enjoy healthy lunches every school day.

- 1/8 cup of vegetables with every lunch
- 1 cup of 1% or fat free milk
- 1/8 cup serving of fruit daily
- Meatless lunch includes whole grains & lean protein

Read School Meal Success Stories here: <https://traytalk.org>

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## FW Student Engages Congressman Kustoff

Fayette-Ware student Zacharie Watkins explored his career options at Representative Kustoff Academy Day for Students at UT Martin, where he learned about military opportunities and The Five Service Academies, including Westpoint and the Naval Academy. Students should research all of their post-secondary options and never place limits on what they can do!





## Drama Time, Town of Somerville Sponsors Christmas Play

As the drama department at Fayette-Ware High School prepares to put on “A Christmas Carol” during the upcoming holiday season, the Town of Somerville has stepped up to become the first sponsor of the event. We appreciate the partnership and continued support the Town of Somerville has shown Fayette County Public Schools.



## “Fun”raising for Fayette Cares

Schools across the district are uniting to raise funds for Fayette Cares by coming up with fun and unique ways to involve students in the fundraising effort. What kid would not want to come to school in pajamas, tape their principal to the wall, or dunk a teacher? By keeping fundraising dollars local, Fayette County Public Schools can impact more families within our communities.





## FCPS Cares Fundraiser

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## FCPS Student and Family Needs at Forefront of Community Meeting

Coordinated School Health Director Jackie Shields chaired the 2018 Community Advisory Board informational meeting to engage community resources, expertise, and services to respond effectively to the health-related needs of students and families.



### STUDENT SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



## HALEY COOP

**Class:** Senior  
**GPA:** 4.0  
**Clubs:** Art Club, Beta Club, Interact Club, & Head of Yearbook Staff

**Academics:** Dual Enrollment English  
**Awards:** Annual FWCHS Art Department Award (2017-2018)  
**Volunteer Work:** Fayette Cares





## FCPS Represents at Oakland in October

Once again, Oakland in October was held on the grounds of West Junior High and the community showed up to enjoy the festivities. With a variety of booths and wares on display, Fayette County Public Schools took the opportunity to represent with a display of logo items for sale. Thanks to all the student volunteers and employees who came out to support!



## Main St. Eatery Gold Level Athletic Sponsor

Main St. Eatery is a proud supporter of Fayette-Ware athletics. We appreciate their gold level sponsorship and the partnership they provide.



## Memphis East Falls to Fayette-Ware

The Wildcats won big in a conference game on October 5th taking down Memphis East by a score of 31-0 on the road.

