

THE ANDERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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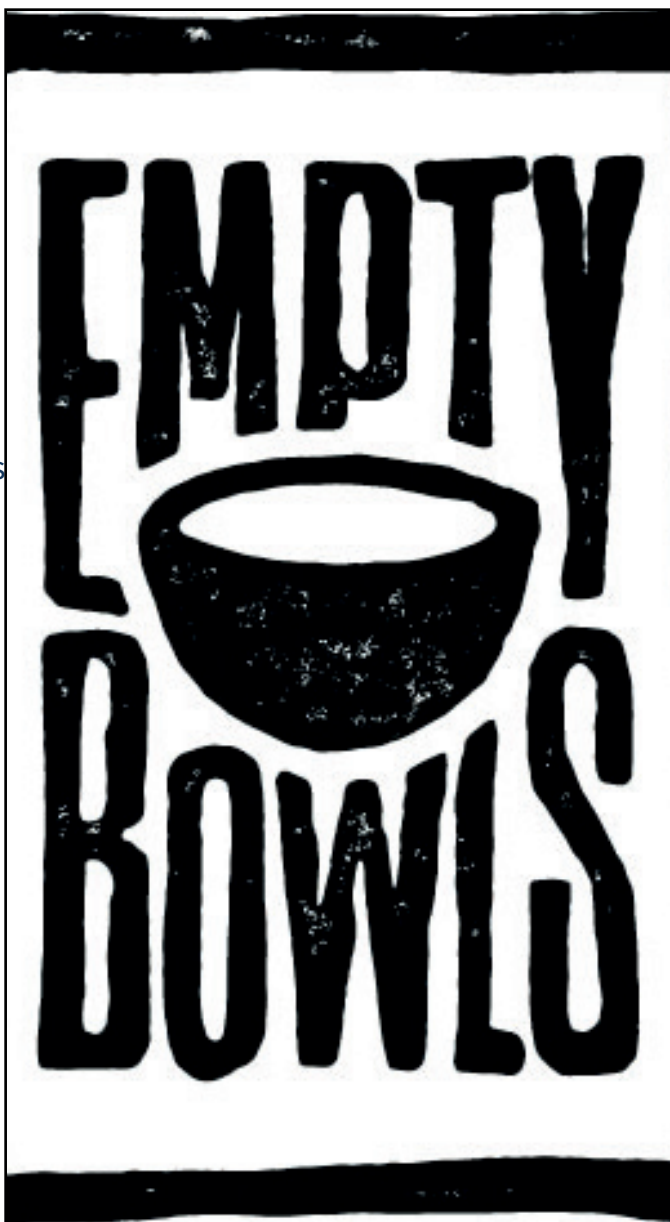
Anderson County Schools
Every Student, Every Day

ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

LCES Hosts Annual Empty Bowls Art Show and Stone Soup Supper Event

On Thursday, February 28, 2019, Lake City Elementary School hosted their annual Empty Bowls event. Empty Bowls is a community service project to raise both money and awareness in the fight to end hunger. Empty Bowls uses art and creativity to teach students about issues of hunger and to allow students to participate in giving back to our community. All proceeds from our event went to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Students in preschool through fifth grade created a ceramic bowl in art. Each student donated their work of art to the school to be sold during the Empty Bowls Event; this was the students' personal contribution and was their way of helping. Parents had the first opportunity to purchase their child's bowl and could do so before the event to guarantee it would not be sold during the event. All bowls were displayed in the student art show to celebrate our students' talent and effort.



The teachers at LCES also made a ceramic bowl. These bowls were sold by silent auction. The teacher bowls sold from \$5.00 up to \$85.00 each.

Empty Bowls focuses on the whole community coming together and giving. "Not only did we want to raise money for Second Harvest, but we wanted to provide the Rocky Top community with a hearty meal at a very low cost" said LCES Art Teacher Michelle Guerrieri. To do this, students helped by bringing in assigned items for our Stone Soup Supper. These efforts allowed us to provide over 300 people with a bowl of vegetable beef soup, bread, dessert, and a drink for only \$1 per person.

The Lake City Elementary School Music Makers performed during our Stone Soup supper. They chose to perform a medley which included meaningful songs such as We Are the World, Heal the World, and Man in the Mirror.

This year the Lake City Elementary School Empty Bowls event raised over \$2,200 for Second Harvest Food bank. This event was for our entire community. It was a time to come together, listen to wonderful music, and look at amazing art, all for a great cause. Our purpose was to help spread the word to support our effort in fighting hunger. This event is based on the book Stone Soup, written by Marcia Brown in 1947.

Hawks Help the Homeless

Clinton Middle School Hawks Helping Others collected donations for the homeless with Wings of Hope. The students collected donations in the morning car rider line. Donations to the Wings of Hope included canned foods, hygiene products and clothing.



Hosa Attends Regional

CCTC HOSA attends Regional competition at CNC. Congratulations to Paige for placing 3rd in Medical Terminology, Jackson for placing 4th in Pharmacy Science and Ally for placing 5th in Pharmacology.



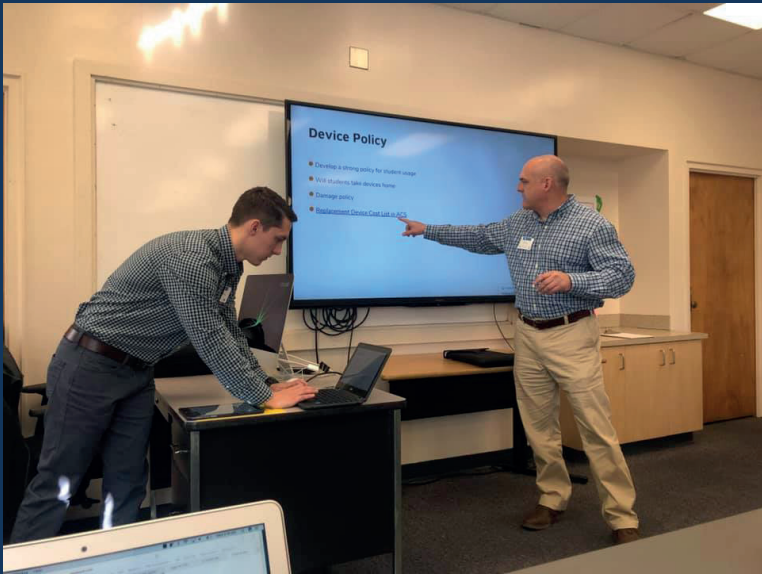
TN Commissioner of Education Visits Norwood

The student council at Norwood Elementary School greeted Dr. Penny Schwinn, Tennessee's new Commissioner of Education, into their school. Dr. Schwinn took a tour of the school and met with staff members to discuss all of the amazing things happening at Norwood.



Administrators Technology Academy

Several school administrators from our district, attended and presented at ATA (Administrators Technology Academy). Attendees learned about the newest advances in educational technology while collaborating technology uses and ideas with other education leaders in East Tennessee.



Social Media Snap Shots

Claxton Elementary School's head start and pre-k classes had some special guests from Roane State Community College. The RSCC students spoke to the kids about the importance of happy teeth and good oral hygiene. The kids loved it!



Kirby Logan, a student from Anderson County High School "Home of the Mavs", was featured as one of WBIR's 10 Rising Hearts. 10 Rising Hearts showcases students making a difference in our community.



The Anderson County School Board unanimously passed a resolution opposing school vouchers. The resolution will be delivered to our legislators in Nashville.



Claxton Elementary School's Cafeteria staff (Wanda Huzarski, Robin Moore, Cynthia Easter, Amber Sharp, Chelsea Cooper, Kalei Lindsay, & Kathleen McCloud) for being selected as the Anderson County School's Above and Beyond employees of the month.



Students, parents and teachers got a chance to test their 'Ninja Skills' at the years ACS Family Fitness Night. Other activities were available to participate in were spikeball, badminton, volleyball, cornhole, disc golf and many more activities!!



Facial Hair for ROCT?

Sheriff Barker, of the Anderson County Sheriffs Office, delivered 2 checks at the February School Board Meeting to both Clinton High School and Anderson County High School “Home of the Mavs” ROTC programs. The Sheriff’s Department raised money in November and December by allowing deputies and officers to grow facial hair if they donated money for the ROTC programs.



Street Hope TN

Norris Middle School partnered with Street Hope TN to offer a seminar to students, parents, & grandparents to help them with “Navigating the Digital World.” The seminar included training on internet safety, covering topics such as: hidden apps, chatrooms, sexting, permanence of the what is placed on the internet and the effects it might bring in the future, and many other topics. The training will also help to equip parents and teachers with the skills to help identify the signs of children and youth participating in risky behaviors online.



Altrusa and Oak Ridge Rotary

This month these librarians, teachers, and academic coaches from Lake City Middle School, Norwood Middle School, Anderson County Schools, Briceville Elementary and Clinton Middle School, represented ACS at the Oak Ridge Rotary Club and Altrusa Literacy Grant Ceremony. Combined they brought back \$2000 that will go towards author visits, giving books to kids, and adding specific books to school libraries. Amazing work!

