



The Principal's Post



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Communication...

As I reflect back on 2020, my mind begins to become foggy. We have had so much thrown at us as a school community. Parents had to become teachers, our kids had to understand the process of a quarantine, toilet paper was a rare commodity and political issues united some and created a gap between others.

However, through all of these events I am again reminded of the high level of dedication and effort that our staff and parents put forth to make Lynchburg-Clay Middle School one of the best schools in the area. We have overcome several obstacles this year. We persevered and worked together as a community to do what is right for our children- to provide them the best education possible.

As we look ahead to 2021 I ask that we continue to work together to support our students. I encourage you to have frequent conversations with your child regarding his or her academic achievement in school. It is important to keep your child focused on academics for the entire year. Working together, all of our students will be successful this year!

Dates to Remember

January 15:
Incentive Reward

January 18:
MLK Day/ No School

January 28:
Parent Teacher Conferences

February 15:
President's Day/ No School

March 9:
Spring Pictures

March 11:
Pi Day Celebration/
Spring Dance

March 12:
End of 3rd Quarter/
No School

Contest Winners...

This fall our 6th grade students competed in a poster contest sponsored by the Lynchburg Lion's Club. This year's poster theme was "Peace Through Service." Caraline West was also the district winner which consists of 15 counties. She will go on to compete in the regional contest in the spring.



Lions Club Winners (L to R) Na'Kaia Kinney, Taylor Minton, Caraline West, Baylee McClain and Bridgett Purdy- Wylie.

Seventh-grader Mattie Magee wins the Red Ribbon Week Essay contest with her essay, "The Dangers of Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco." Mattie was also recognized for having the best essay in all of Highland County. Congratulations Mattie!



In Honor of Our Veterans...

On November 05, 2020 Lynchburg-Clay Middle School hosted a Veterans Day assembly for all students, faculty, and the Lynchburg-Clay community. Over 30 veterans attended to celebrate with us from all branches and decades of service. The program showed respect and recognition for those who have served and those who are currently serving our country. Our students assisted in the program. Raegan Yates sang the *Star Spangled Banner*, Wyatt Osborn led the Pledge of Allegiance, Landen Campbell said a prayer, Kira Stratton and Caitlyn Collins read a poem they created, Miranda Smith and Gage Thompson spoke about “What Veterans Day Means to Me” and Will McConnaughey recognized the veterans individually.

The middle school band performed the patriotic song *American Medley*. The Hillsboro VFW presented the colors and explained what the different folds of the flag symbolize.

A huge thank you goes out to the VFW for their participation in our program. Lynchburg-Clay Middle School would like to thank all veterans for their continued sacrifice and dedication to our country.



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