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"Sponsored by The New Lexington 21st Century After School Programs."

Three New Lexington High School students, Ashley Nutter, Emily Hinkle and Rainbow Ratliff have scored 30 and above on their ACT College Entrance Exam so far this year



The ACT, originally an abbreviation of American College Testing, is the leading U.S. college admissions test, a standardized test measuring what students learn in high school to determine academic readiness for college. The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science, each scored on a scale of 1-36. A student's composite score is the average of the four test scores. Some students also take the optional ACT writing test, but the score for that test is reported separately and is not included within the ACT composite score. Is a 30 on the ACT a good score? Yes, it's very good. It places you in approximately the 95th percentile nationally for all students who took the ACT.

Ashley Nutter is a senior at New Lexington High School and achieved a composite score of 30 on the ACT. Ashley's parents are Melissa and Tracy Nutter. Ashley has a sister Megan who also attends New Lexington High School. Ashley attributes her success on the ACT to taking a lot of AP courses and participating in the Upward Bound Program. Ashley said, "Upward Bound paid for me to take the ACT two times and they held ACT prep sessions where we took practice tests and prepared for the ACT". Ashley is considering Otterbein University and Ohio Northern University as her college choice. She intends on majoring in Forensic Chemistry to become a Crime Scene Analyst.

Emily Hinkle is a senior at New Lexington High School and had achieved a composite score of 30 on the ACT. Emily's parents are Kathy and Steven Hinkle. Emily also has a brother Steven who attended New Lexington High School. Emily attributes her success on the ACT to having good time management skills. Emily said, "I took the entire time allotted for each test and did not rush through any part of the test". Emily plans on attending Kenyon College and majoring in English with a focus on creative writing.

Rainbow Ratliff is also a senior at New Lexington High School and achieved a composite score of 32 on the ACT. Rainbows' parents are Angela and Tim Ratliff. Rainbow attributes her success on the ACT to taking all AP classes and AP exams. Rainbow said, "AP exams have similar time constraints and mirror the ACT exam and I believe that helped me". Rainbow is considering Kenyon College or Denison University and majoring in English/Journalism. All three students agreed that knowing every answer is not how they were able to score so high on the ACT. The big secret is, knowing how to take high stakes tests, and being able to eliminate answers that do not make sense.



FFA @ NLHS

New Lexington FFA members, JD Garey and Jordan Middaugh competed in the District 10 Ag Power Diagnostics CDE at Tri County CC in Nelsonville. The boys placed a close second. They will move on to the state contest on May 3rd, in Lima, Ohio based outstanding scores on the general knowledge test.



JD Garey runs diagnostics in order to repair the issue.

The formerly known Tractor Trouble Shooting contest involves 5 different pieces of heavy equipment. The equipment has been "bugged" several times, creating realistic problematic situations that technicians and mechanics must solve. Scoring is derived from correct diagnostics, safety techniques and problem solving during the 20 allotted minutes at each station.

The online general knowledge test proved that New Lexington FFA had the highest team score in the state. JD Garey placed 1st in the general knowledge section!



COSI BRINGS THE SHOW ON THE ROAD TO JUNCTION ELEMENTARY

On February 9th, JCE PTO hosted *COSI on Wheels!* New Lex High School science students volunteered during the event to help the students learn about ecology and the environment around them.

HOW OLD IS THAT TREE????



3rd grade students learn how to determine the age of a tree with Senior Stazy Mazo and Junior Riley Young.



Senior Nathan Gordon shows kindergarten students how seeds are spread in their environment.



Mr. Wamer's Class is Out of this World

The fifth grade students at New Lexington Elementary have spent the past few weeks working on a collaborative research project of our solar system. Students in this picture are posing with their scaled replica of Jupiter. As part of their research, the students discovered that Jupiter is the fourth brightest object in our solar system.



Helena Valentine, Abbie Bobb, Brandon Stevenson, Hailey Smith, Clayton Lacey, Dalton Hazelton, Isaiah Valenzuela and Caleb Russell.

NLMS Celebrates FCCLA WEEK

The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a fellowship, teamwork, and non profit national school organization for young men and women. Any student who is in a Family and Consumer Sciences class is eligible to be in our family! Our New Lexington FCCLA group participates in many activities like, packing backpacks for the elementary school's BIB program, cooking for our middle school staff at Thanksgiving, cooking breakfast for the Veterans, giving Christmas cards to our staff, State leadership training, helping out at our school's food pantry, doing operation gratitude project and Region 3 Leadership conference.

Fundraisers are an important part of our success. FCCLA needs funding for our projects. Some projects that students like are: selling milkshakes, water bottles, and Rada cutlery.

This year our middle and high school membership increased from 6 student members to 34.

We have more events coming this year! Students should come and check us out in Mrs. Karen Curry's class. They may just want to join in the fun!

FCCLA WEEK PROCLAMATION "Unlimited Possibilities"

WHEREAS,

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, the national nonprofit family-focused student organization for Family and Consumer Sciences students 7 through 12 grades, helps youth assume their roles in society through Family and Consumer Sciences education in areas of personal growth, family life, vocational preparation, college readiness, leadership, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS,

The organization extends classroom learning through chapter projects that develop leadership and initiative and helps young men and women learn how to plan, make decisions, and carry out and evaluate programs of action as they work with other youth and adults in their school and community; and

WHEREAS,

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America offers members an opportunity to work together for common purposes for the improvement of themselves, their families, and their communities; and

WHEREAS,

The week of February 12 through 18, 2017, has been designated NATIONAL FCCLA WEEK with the theme "UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES"



Life Is Cool After School

This year, the Project Y.O.U. elementary and high school programs are partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Licking and Perry Counties to offer "Afterschool Buddies". High school afterschool students (Bigs) are interviewed by BBBS staff and paired with elementary afterschool students (Littles). The Afterschool Buddies program currently has 14 matches.

Every Thursday after school, the Bigs meet for an hour with Kadi Forth, BBBS Coordinator, to do team building and character building activities. The Bigs then head to the elementary and spend an hour with their Littles helping them with homework, listening to them read, playing games together and even working with them on setting goals.

The matches have fun getting to know each other and have participated in group games such as Zombie Knee Tag, Blob Tag and One Minute Mysteries.

In December, Sgt. Newlon, from the Perry County Sheriff's Office visited the Afterschool Buddies program. He set up a fake crime scene and walked the kids through how he might solve it. This involved searching for and identifying footprints, lifting fingerprints and using detective skills. The students appreciated Sgt. Newlon taking the time to share this activity with them.

Once a month, the Afterschool Buddies travel to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church where members of the church provide a hot meal for the matches. The students truly enjoy spending time with each other in this setting and are very grateful to the church for their generosity and hospitality!

The Afterschool Buddies program helps develop positive relationships that will have a direct and lasting effect on their lives. It also nurtures students and strengthens community partnerships.



NEW LEXINGTON ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ARE ATTENTIVE AND FOCUSED AS THEY MASTER THE SKILLS NECESSARY BEFORE STATE TESTING

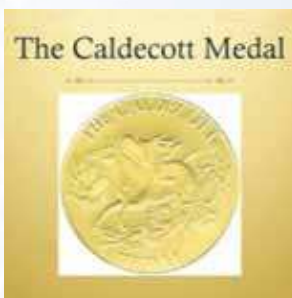
Third grade students at New Lexington Elementary focus their attention on fractions, opinion writing, and finding context clues in their reading assignments.



Jonny Robinson and Deonna Llewellyn from Mrs. Bush's class work to develop their writing skills on this opinion-writing task.



THIS IS CALDECOTT SEASON!



The newest Caldecott award winning books will be unveiled soon. Students around the United States are learning about how picture books earn awards for the incredible illustrations within the covers of the book. Illustrations are so important to the reader! With that in mind, students at NLE learn about the Caldecott Award during a recent Community Night.

A recent community night at New Lexington Elementary featured literature and art. Mr. Grant introduced the evening by sharing several

books with incredible illustrations. He discussed the Caldecott and Caldecott Honor award. The award is given based on illustrations. Several parents and students joined the 5th grade teachers and Mr. Boyer for an evening of opportunities and learned a few drawing techniques in the process. As the evening drew to a close, parents and students were invited to walk the halls at New Lexington Elementary to view displayed artwork.



Eliley Fink, Carl and Colton Finck learn how to draw Pilgrims with Mr. Boyer