

Florence County School District Three

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A Newsletter from the Superintendent

December 6, 2019

Olanta Magnet School Selected for \$2000 Library Grant in SDE Reading Contest

Olanta Creative Arts and Science Magnet School was selected as one of only two schools in the state to receive a library grant from the 2019 Read Your Way to the Big Game Contest sponsored by the South Carolina Department of Education.

The annual Read Your Way to the Big Game Contest is a reading competition that promotes literacy in schools through the University of South Carolina Gamecocks and Clemson University Tigers athletic programs.

In addition to the students - teachers, media specialists and schools that participated were eligible for monetary prizes ranging from \$500 to \$2000. Schools with at least 70% student participation were entered to win one of two \$2,000 school library grants.

The start of college football season marked the beginning of the contest. All prekindergarten through eighth

grade students who read six books qualified to win four tickets and sideline passes to the Clemson vs. South Carolina game at Williams-Brice Stadium on November 30th. Two student winners, one reading for Clemson and one for South Carolina, were selected at random.



Panther Academy Hosts Appreciation Breakfast for Parents and Guardians

A well-known proverb states, “It takes a village to raise a child.” Panther Academy’s teachers and staff work hard to prepare our students for bright futures, but they don’t do it alone. They understand the importance of the village and the team effort it takes to ensure the success of each student.

To, in honor of one of the most significant members of the village – the parents and guardians - Panther Academy held an appreciation breakfast sponsored by Paula’s Kitchen.

The turnout was a definite success for the district’s alternative program. More than 20 parents attended this breakfast. Ned Blake, director of alternative education, gave an overview of his vision for the academy, which involves academics, discipline and attendance.

Jerry State, transition support specialist and organizer of the event, shared how his role is pivotal in helping students make good decisions that lead to daily positive outcomes. He also explained that he will follow-up with students even after they transition back to their home schools in an effort to keep them on a positive track.

Paula Morris, FSD3 school board member and owner

of Paula’s Kitchen, gave final remarks reminding parents and students that as educators, we are aware of life’s challenges and sometimes unavoidable situations, but no matter what occurs, FSD3, specifically Panther Academy, is here to support them.

The attendees were attentive throughout the breakfast, and they shared words of thanks and appreciation. Panther Academy will continue to strive to unite students, parents, and our community for the sake of our students’ success.



SESA Food Drive for Harvest Hope

Scranton Elementary STEAM Academy joined the Harvest Hope Food Drive during the month of November.

Led by the student council, SESA put up boxes throughout the school and had a grade-level competition to see how many cans could be collected for Harvest Hope.

Harvest Hope is a local nonprofit that helps provide people with food especially during the holiday season.

The first graders won bringing in more than 700 cans. The school as a whole brought in over 1,700 cans for Harvest Hope.

Great job, SESA and student council, for helping the community.



SESA Student Wins Card Contest

Rob Ardis, the CEO of Santee Electric Cooperative, visited Scranton Elementary STEAM Academy on Thursday, November 21, to present Joseph James, a fifth grade student, prizes for winning the annual Christmas card contest.

All fifth grade students were given the opportunity to create a Christmas card for Santee Electric Cooperative to use as their company card for this year.

Thank you to Santee Electric Cooperative for allowing SESA students to be a part of this great project.



LCHS Hosts Heroes Day Dinner

The Career Technology Education (CTE) Department at Lake City High School sponsored the second annual Heroes Day Dinner on November 13.

This year the dinner was held in conjunction with the fall CTE Advisory Council Meeting. A special thanks to the local heroes (veterans, police officers, firemen, EMS and other first responders) who attended.

During the dinner, the small courtyard was dedicated to the memory of Johnnie Yvonne Scott, which is decorated with flowers donated by Moore's Botanical Gardens. Moore's Botanical Garden also assisted the students with planting and nurturing the flowers. Flower pots were made and donated by the masonry class and instructor Anthony Wilson. Michael Clark and members of the LCHS Marching Blue Guard performed a musical tribute.

The meal for the occasion was prepared by our culinary arts students and instructor Coco Floyd.

Lenora Caldwell, district community liaison, issued tokens of appreciation to each veteran in attendance.

Among the attendees were 11 Armed Forces Veterans at LCHS: Colonel Houston Smith (U.S. Army), Colonel Alvin Brown (U.S. Army), Sergeant Michael Manning (U.S. Army), Ricky Nettles (U.S. Army), Dr. Fed Moore (U.S. Army), Ed Brogdon (U.S. Marine Corps), Joshua Lawson (U.S. Marine Corps), Anthony Beauford (US Marine Corps), Clyde Robinson (U.S. Air Force), Celissa Roberts (U.S. Navy) and Tonia Wilson (U.S. Navy Reserves).



FSD3 Students Celebrate Arbor Day with Literacy and Art Contests, Awards

Florence County School District Three's annual observance of Arbor Day culminated Friday with an awards ceremony at Main Street Elementary gym for winners of the literacy and art contests.

Winners received certificates and prizes for their entries.

District-level winners of the grade-level literacy contest were:

- 4K-5K Class: Debbie McAllister's class (first place), Yvonne McFadden's class (second place) and Blake Brookens' class (third place).
- 1st-2nd grades: KaNuary Smith (first place), Trey Canty (second place) and Brooks Kearns (third place).
- 3rd-4th grades: Alison Lintvedt (first place), Wynter Bryant (second place) and Yvonne McCrea (third place).
- 5th-6th grades: Jada Robinson (first place), Jhournae Parker (second place) and Kimberly Brown (third place).
- 7th - 8th grades: Jada Montgomery (first place), Jalayah Speights and Keshawn Wallace (second place).
- 9th - 12th grades: Trey Milligan and Camryn Nero (first place), My'kel Croker, Secret McFadden and Shi'Daisa Graham (second place) and Alexandria Gibbs, Lanirya Leggette, Madison Strickland and Jemari Carson (third place).
- District-level winners of the art contest were:
- 5K- 2nd Grade: Gage Strickland (first place), Tacari Addison (second place) and Madyson Eaddy (third place).
- 3rd-4th grades: Taylor McCutcheon (first place), Sierra Williams (second place) and Jennifer Cameron (third place).
- 5th-6th grades: Ervin Rodriguez (first place), Ana Kirven (second place) and Kelsie Smith (third place).

- 7th-8th grades: Aiden Bright (first place), Princess Singletary (second place) and Sanai Howard (third place).
- 9th-12th grades: Jordan Barnett (first place), Sydney Morris (second place) and Destinee Alexander (third place).

The awards program also included an Arbor Day proclamation from Lovith Anderson, mayor of Lake City, as well as musical performances by the chorus from Lake City Early Childhood Center and Lake City High School Ensemble and the News Beginnings Praise Dance Team. Eden Durden, a student at Main Street Elementary School, also recited *Trees*, a poem by Joyce Kilmer.

Daniel Frederick, a naturalist in the Environmental Discovery Center at Lynches River County Park, was the guest speaker. Mr. Frederick talked about trees providing shelter, food and camouflage for animals. He had with him several animals that can be found at the park, including a snake and a box turtle.

Moore Farms Botanical Garden, in partnership with FSD3, is scheduled to plant magnolia trees at Olanta Creative Arts and Science Magnet School and J. Paul Truluck Creative Arts and Science Magnet School. This planting partnership has been a tradition for more than seven years.



MSE Girls' Circle Make Unique Tie-Dye Shirts to Explore Creative Talents

The Main Street Elementary School Girls' Circle has been exploring and expressing their creative talents. They recently went to Schroeder's Wears & Wares on Main Street in Lake City to create tie-dye shirts.

John and Nicole Schroeder worked with each girl as she chose her design and color patterns. Girls were able to identify their own creativity as they designed their shirt.

The results were beautiful handcrafted creations.



Newsletter article | Blue CareOnDemandSM

Headline: The doctor is in, even during the holidays.

Blue CareOnDemandSM is a great way for State Health Plan primary members to see a doctor, even if you're traveling during the holidays. Simply connect on your laptop or use the mobile app on your phone or tablet. Blue CareOnDemand is available in all 50 states.

Make registration part of your holiday planning

Add registering for Blue CareOnDemand to your holiday planning to-do list. Then, the doctor is only a few clicks away when you need care. The doctor can diagnose your symptoms and, if appropriate, call in a prescription to a nearby pharmacy.

Don't wait until you're sick! Register now:

- Visit www.BlueCareOnDemandSC.com; or
- Download the **Blue CareOnDemand** mobile app for your Apple or Android device.

Use Blue CareOnDemand for nonemergency health issues like:

- Cold and flu symptoms, including fever, coughing, sore throat and mild nausea.
- Sinus or respiratory infections.
- Urinary tract infections.
- Seasonal allergies.
- Migraines.

You can also video chat with a licensed counselor, therapist, psychologist or psychiatrist about behavioral health concerns such as stress and anxiety.

A behavioral health visit from Blue CareOnDemand is available to State Health Plan primary members.

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