

# SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

*MISSION: The mission of the Lee County School District is to foster trust, growth, and accountability in partnership with students, staff, parents, and the community.*

## LEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RECEIVES FY13 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT DURING DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

Mr. Rupert White of White and Associates presented the Lee County School District 2013 Financial Audit Report at the December 3rd, 2013 meeting of the Lee County Board of Education. White commended district and school staff for their hard work and conscientious attention to detail. He informed board members that Lee County Schools have an excellent staff stating, "No one is perfect, but I would be very comfortable should any outside organization come in to review the district's financial records". Mr. White also discussed agenda items included in the work training sessions he has conducted at districts around the state during the past few weeks. Current trends indicate that school boards are reactive; according to White, boards will need to become more proactive and visionary in order to attain long term goals while operating on less funding. Plans are underway to schedule a financial training/work session with Mr. White for Lee County School Board Members and district administrators in January of 2014.

During his communication report, Superintendent Evans updated board members on the status of the TELL Follow-up Survey. Positive staff responses indicate that differentiated professional development (PD) is heading in the right direction; and communication with staff and the community through postings on the web, district newsletter articles, and School Messenger calls is beneficial. A continued focus should be placed on discipline, community involvement, and the inclusion of classified staff in future surveys. Mr. Evans also informed the board that the next Superintendent/Parent Breakfast will be held at the Lee County Board of Education on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Board members are welcome to attend.

Mrs. Maureen Patrick, Beattyville Elementary Principal, provided Beattyville Elementary School's Site Based Decision Making (SBDM) Council presentation. Included was information contained in the School Report Card. Beattyville Elementary moved from a category of Needs Improvement the previous year, to the Proficient Progressing School category this year. Superintendent Evans commended Mrs. Patrick and Beattyville Elementary staff for their continuous academic improvement.

In Great News, Beattyville Elementary School's Academic Team members were recognized for their success during the Annual Holiday Bowl. The Quick Recall Team, who remained undefeated

throughout the season, placed first and the Future Problem Solving team placed second. Several students also placed in individual written assessment competition. Beattyville Elementary placed second overall out of a total of five (5) competing school districts. Also in Great News, Jay Dailey, Beattyville Elementary social studies teacher, was recognized for completing the five day training necessary to become a Certified Safe Crisis Management Instructor. Mrs. Glenna Cummins, Special Programs Coordinator, reported that she had sent an email to all certified staff informing them that Lee County would have the opportunity to receive the training for a nominal fee. Mr. Dailey was the only staff member who indicated an interest. He is now a Certified Safe Crisis Management Instructor who can train staff at any district in the Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative (KVEC) region. Mrs. Cummins thanked Jay for his commitment that will provide a cost savings for our district. Lee County has previously contracted with instructors outside of the district to provide this service to our staff.

In other agenda items, the board approved bus and building applications, fund raiser requests, an Out of District/Area Agreement, acceptance of an SFCC KETS Offer of Assistance, and authorized participation in Operation Preparation. In final action, the board approved payments of bills and claims in order at this time, and upon motion adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Lee County Board of Education will be held January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lee County Board of Education Board Room at 242 Lee Avenue. A special meeting to hear architect presentations regarding the Southside Elementary Addition/Renovation Project will be held at the Lee County Board of Education on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

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## **TEACHER FEATURE**

### **Spotlights Mrs. Julia Bishop**



Lee County Middle School Instructor of Exceptional Children, Mrs. Julia Bishop, is highlighted in the Teacher Feature section this month. Julia is married to Bryan Bishop and together they have two wonderful children, Eli who is three, and Anna Claire who is six and a first grader at Southside Elementary School.

Julia graduated from Lee County High School in May of 1998 in the top 20% of her class. She went onto attend Eastern Kentucky University as a Regent Scholar earning a Bachelor of Science with an Elementary Education P-5 major, and a minor in Child and Family Studies. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from ECU in December 2002, and began her education career as a special education teaching assistant at Model Laboratory School in Richmond, Kentucky. Julia was especially interested in returning to her hometown of Beattyville and seized the opportunity to do so when an elementary teaching position became available at Beattyville Elementary School in 2003.

Never one to miss an opportunity to further her education, Julia made a commitment to our school district to return to college and obtain certification as an educator of exceptional children. In 2009, She completed her Masters at Western Kentucky University earning a Professional Certificate for Teaching Exceptional Children—Moderate and Severe Disabilities, Grades Primary through 12. Julia has been employed as an Instructor of Exceptional Children at Lee County Middle School/High School for the past seven plus years. She currently has plans to begin the process of becoming a National Board Certified educator.

When asked why she chose education as a career, Julia responded, "I am very interested in contributing to the lives of children. I chose education because I am deeply dedicated to providing students with a good beginning for the future." And she does just that on a daily basis at Lee County Middle School. Whether assisting with basic care for her students, supervising learning activities, or working one on one to strengthen academic skills, anyone who observes her classroom can easily see that Julia Bishop utilizes every moment of the instructional day to teach life skills necessary for her students' success.

For the past two years, each student in Mrs. Bishop's classroom has had individual access to an iPad. When hearing of an available "Integrating Technology Into Classrooms Grant" offered through Berea College Gear Up, Mrs. Bishop took it upon her self to complete a grant application for her classroom. The result was an award of \$18,000.00 in technology equipment to Lee County Middle School's FMD classroom. According to Mrs. Bishop, "The kids love them. They have learned to send email by using the voice command without typing." Mrs. Bishop was recognized by board members for taking the initiative to secure this equipment for her students.

Superintendent Jim Evans had the following to say about Mrs. Bishop. "Julia is always willing to contribute her time and knowledge to better our school district. She was instrumental in development of the district's Communication Plan through service as a Communication Committee member, and has aided in addressing staff concerns and requests by serving on the TELL Committee. I truly appreciate her hard work and dedication."

Mrs. Julia Bishop and her students take advantage of every opportunity to volunteer their services to both the school and district, as well as the community. This year, they are assisting the physical education department by laundering the new gym uniforms. They have also baked cookies and snacks for school board meetings, parent meetings, and community programs. Through these activities, and by Mrs. Bishop's example, they are learning the importance of good citizenship.

**BUDGET BRIEF**  
*With Superintendent Jim Evans*

Listed below you will see a fund comparison chart of revenue and expenditures for the months of October and November 2013. The last column indicates the percentage of the FY14 Budget either collected (revenue) or spent (expenditures).

MONTH/YEAR	FUND 1 GENERAL FUND	FUND 2 SPECIAL REVENUE	FUND 310 CAPITAL OUTLAY	FUND 320 BUILDING FUND	FUND 400 DEBT SERVICE FUND	FUND 51 FOOD SERVICE FUND	% OF ANNUAL BUDGET
OCTOBER '13 REVENUE	\$412,643.23	\$108,982.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$79,673.53	19.6% COLLECTED
OCTOBER '13 EXPENDITURES	\$460,458.16	\$128,542.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80,486.19	29.2% USED
NOVEMBER '13 REVENUE	\$637,788.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$148,422.00	\$0.00	\$82,063.17	33.5% COLLECTED
NOVEMBER '13 EXPENDITURES	\$478,760.30	\$132,723.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$63,559.41	36.4% USED

**A-ATTENDANCE & T-TRUANCY T-TIDBITS BY RAY SHULER, DPP**

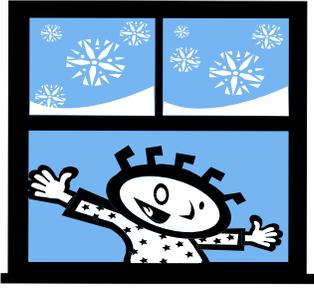
The current total student enrollment is 1,055 (down 31 students from this same time period last year). The current percent of attendance for the district and each school is:

- ⇒ District 93.66%
- ⇒ Beattyville Elementary 94.36%
- ⇒ Southside Elementary 94.06%
- ⇒ Lee County Middle School 93.53%
- ⇒ Lee County High School 92.85%

The percent of student attendance decreased at all four schools again in comparison to the previous two months. Please help us ensure your child receives the maximum benefits from the instructional program by attending school daily.



**CONRATULATIONS TO SOUTHSIDE ELEMENATARY 3RD GRADE AGAIN THIS MONTH!  
MR. MATT COLEMAN'S STUDENTS HAVE HELD THE HIGHEST PERCENT OF STUDENT  
ATTENDANCE DISTRICT-WIDE FOR TWO MONTHS IN A ROW!!**



# LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS

## SNOW ROUTE PLAN 2013-2014

Dear Parent(s),

Due to the excessive number of days the Lee County School System has been forced to close in recent years because of snow, it has become necessary to develop a "Snow Plan" schedule. The implementation of this plan will allow the school system to operate its bus fleet on days where some, but not all, roads are passable. This modified schedule will include a temporary change in the "pick-up" and "delivery" schedule for your child. It may also temporarily change the location at which your child boards the bus and is returned home in the afternoon.

This "Snow Plan" will only be used during the time roads in your area are unsafe for bus traffic and will be replaced with normal bus schedules as soon as possible. In the event it is necessary to activate the "Snow Plan", you will be notified via the regular arrangement methods, such as television announcements and by phone (School Messenger). The Transportation Director will also ask drivers to contact parents of those students affected and request their support by bringing their child(ren) to meet the bus.

In some cases, your child may not be affected and therefore normal schedules will be observed. Please help us provide continuity in the education of our students by following this modified bus route plan on snow days that school will be in session. You may contact your child's bus driver for exact times. For additional transportation information, log on to Lee County Schools website at [www.lee.kyschools.us](http://www.lee.kyschools.us) and under departments you will find the transportation link for the Snow Route Plan.

Bus	Bus Driver	Route
82	Margaret Fox	No Jackson Lane (Tiddletown) meet at Firehouse No Blaines Branch (meet bus at the end of the road) No Mooretown (meet bus at the top of the hill, by the bridge coming out of Mooretown)
101	Marsha Gabbard	No Tip Top Road – meet bus at Tip Top and Holly No Liesegang Rd. No Old 11 North from Grace Baptist Church to Serenity Point and Old Hopewell Rd. – meet bus at 11 North and Old Hopewell Rd. or Grace Baptist Church No Right Fork Shoemaker or Pole Hill – meet at Junction of Shoemaker/Pole Hill/Fincastle Rd.
96	Tammy Adkins	No Dunaway Rd. – meet bus at Fairground Ridge and Dunaway Rd. No Fred Fox Rd. and Randa Smyth Rd. – meet bus at Hwy 52 West No Bellpoint Rd. beyond Dirkson Hill Rd. – meet bus at Dirkson Hill
83	Doreen Thomas	No Troy Estes Rd./Old Evelyn Rd., - meet bus at Beech Timber Rd. If county road bad, meet at J. Gouge Rd. No Beartrack Subdivision – meet at Carl Ross/KY Oil Gathering Garage No Cathedral Domain (Hwy 1746) – meet bus at 52 West
90	Perry Thorpe	No Coomer Fork Rd. – meet bus at Coomer Fork/Gilliam Rd. or Coomer Fork/Hwy 52 No Mill Branch Rd. – meet bus at Palmer's Grocery No Jackson Lane (Tiddletown) – meet at Firehouse
91	Johnny Todd	No Hale Ridge/Cressmont – meet bus at Cressmont/Hwy 399 or Hwy 587/Hale Ridge No Todd's Road – meet bus at Cressmont/Hwy 399
92	Bill Pitmon	No Dunigan/Coal Branch – meet bus at Dunigan/Hwy 52 or Hwy 708/Coal Branch No Paw Paw – meet bus at Southfork and Paw Paw Rd.
93	Ricky Isaacs	No Blankey Branch – meet bus at intersection of Blankey Branch and 2017 No Brush Creek (meet bus at the end of the road)
88	Kenneth Isaacs	Derrick Ridge – stopping at C. Ratliff No Little Sinking – meet bus at Wentworth Rd.
99	James Spencer	No Ross Creek – meet bus at C. Conley Rd. No Sparks Rd. – meet bus at Spencer Lane

# December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15	16 <i>*Parent Break- fast 8:30 a.m. @BOE</i>  <i>*Wear Red Day @ SS &amp; BE Schools</i>  <i>*Wear Red or Green Day @ LCMS</i>	17 <i>*Jingle Bell Day @ SS &amp; BE Schools</i>  <i>*Wear Winter Pajamas @ LCMS</i>  <i>*2nd and 6th period midterm exams @ LCHS</i>	18 <i>*Dress Up Day @ SS &amp; BE Schools</i>  <i>*Ugly Sweater Day @ LCMS</i>  <i>*3rd &amp; 5th period midterm exams @ LCHS</i>	19 <i>*Christmas Sock Day at SS &amp; BE Schools</i>  <i>*Camo Day @ LCMS</i>  <i>*4th &amp; 7th period midterm exams @ LCHS</i>	20 <i>*Last day of school before Christmas Break</i>  <i>*Christmas Sweatshirt Day @ SS &amp; BE Schools</i>  <i>*2:00 p.m. Christmas Par- ties at SS &amp; BE Schools</i>  <i>*Christmas Socks &amp; Hat Day @ LCMS</i>  <i>*5th, 6th, &amp; 7th periods Rewards for good faith effort on Think Link B @ LCMS</i>  <i>*1st period midterm exams @ LCHS</i>  <i>*LCHS Attendance Re- wards</i>  <i>*LCHS Club Day 3rd &amp; 5th periods</i>	21
22	23 <i>School Dismissed</i> 	24 <i>School Dismissed</i> 	25 <i>School Dismissed</i>  <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	26 <i>School Dismissed</i> 	27 <i>School Dismissed</i> 	28
29	30 <i>School Dismissed</i> 	31 <i>School Dismissed</i> 				

## January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>School Dismissed</i>  <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 <i>School Dismissed</i> 	3 <i>School Dismissed</i> 	4
5	6 <i>First day back to school after Christmas Break</i>	7	8	9	10	11

MERRY CHRISTMAS