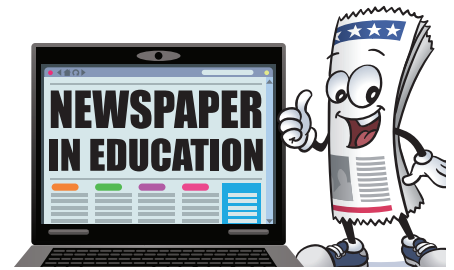




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STUDENTS at the George R. Stuart Elementary School are playing a fast-moving game of handball.





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AFTER GRADUATING from Cleveland High School in 1989, Mark Miles attended Cleveland State, Chattanooga State and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. At UTC, he received his bachelor of science degree in secondary math education. He then started teaching at Murray County (Ga.) High School, where he stayed for 15 years. While there, he completed his master's degree at North Georgia College and his education-in-science degree through Liberty University. In 2010, he came back home and began teaching at Cleveland Middle School for five years. This is his second year at Cleveland High School and is very happy to finally be back home! Mr. Miles has been married to Jo Miles, a science teacher at CHS, for 22 years. They have three children: Ethan is a junior at CHS and is in the band and plays baseball; Emma is in eighth grade at Cleveland Middle School and is in the band and plays softball, basketball and volleyball; and Eli is in fifth grade at Michigan Avenue Elementary School and plays drums, basketball and baseball. Mr. Miles attends Westwood Baptist Church and in his free time enjoys reading, watching Atlanta Braves baseball and spending time with his family.



High School

Principal: Autumn O'Bryan



SOPHOMORE BRIAN ORDONEZ is a member of the soccer team. Brian enjoys playing soccer, going to church, and watching almost any sporting event. He said, "I enjoy almost every subject, but math is my favorite. I love dealing with numbers." It isn't surprising that Brian said Mr. Miles, CHS math, is his favorite teacher. "There are various reasons why he's my favorite teacher. He pushes me every day and tells me to challenge myself in any moment." When asked what do you like best about CHS, his response was, "I like the teachers and everyone that is part of this school. Being around great people makes your day better and you a better person." Brian plans to attend college and major in business.



ZACH BIANUCCI has an unusual hobby — he likes to solve Rubik's cubes competitively. He is a Cleveland High School sophomore and a member of the swim team. Zach is also a member of SGA, Science Olympiad, and National Honor Society. He attends Westwood Baptist Church where he serves on the Media Team. Zach said he enjoys engineering because it applies mathematics to real situations. Mr. Miles, his CHS math teacher, is his favorite teacher. "He isn't afraid to be himself, and he always helps every student with their work." Zach feels the best part of CHS is the variety of the classes he can choose. Zach hopes to attend the Naval Academy and serve in the military.



SOPHOMORE MADELINE DASHER is a member of the volleyball team, cheer squad, and hiking club. In her free time she enjoys any activity outdoors. Madeline teaches a Sunday school class at Keith Street Ministries. Her favorite subject is English, because she likes to read and it is her best branch of study. Madeline has many favorite teachers, but says if she had to pick one, it would be Mrs. Lowe because she is so encouraging and helped Madeline in so many ways. Madeline couldn't say what she liked best about CHS. She said, "I love the teachers, facility, and all around school spirit." As of now Madeline plans to attend college and hopes to major in an aspect of the medical field, "but we will see where God puts me!"

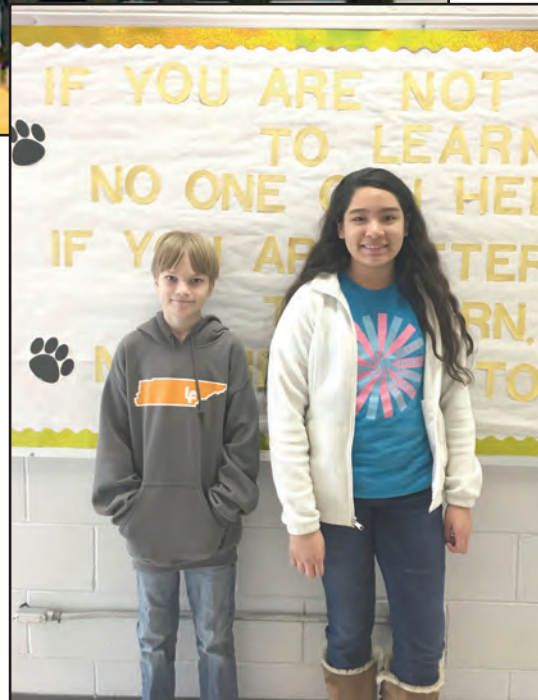


SOPHOMORE KRISTA RIAD is a member of the Interact, Key and Beta Clubs and tennis team. She enjoys reading and writing. Krista is a member of N*Light*N Youth Choir at Broad Street United Methodist Church and helps in the class for ages 2-4. Her favorite subject is history because she loves getting to learn about different historical events and people. Krista said, "It is very difficult to limit it to just one favorite teacher, but I would have to say my top three are Mrs. Talley, Mr. Miles and Mr. Smith. They all have helped me learn so much and have fantastic personalities." When asked what she likes best about CHS she replied, "I like the diversity of the people and how different types of people can intermingle with each other." At this point she plans to attend college and become a pediatric nurse.

Lake Forest Middle School Friendship reigns



LAKE FOREST MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIENDSHIP students are, from left front, Zack Long, Walker Hedrick, Jonas Rayfield, Bailey Lockhart, Rayleigh Heaton, Carly Smith, Maddie Borgogna and Casey Ellis. In the second row are Violet Roe, Carly Chastain, Lindsay Garcia, Emma Evans, Abby Beasley and Angel Zuniga. In the third row are Jacob Aulerich, Cameron Dalton, Stephanie De La Cruz, Savannah Rogers, Katelyn Ledford, Karsee Weber and Lebron Gooch. In back are Haven Greene, Alex Dees and Riley Harmon. Right, Building 9 Friendly Students are Gabe Milliron and Stephanie DeLa Cruz. Far right, Building 4 Friendly Students are Riley Harmon and Alex Dees. Below, left, are the Overall Superlatives Friendliest eighth-graders Elijah Patty and Delaney Stone



Building 2 Voted Friendliest Students
Carly Chastain, Lindsey Garcia and Violet Roe.



Building 10 Friendly Students
Dianna Harjevskiy, Savannah Rogers and Dylan Lippard

Building 1
Friendliest
Students
Bailey Lockhart
and
Jonas Rayfield



Lake Forest Middle School

Principal: Ritchie Stevenson



Building 3 Friendly Students
Abby Beasley and Emma Evans



Building 7 Friendly Students
Carly Smith, Zack Long and Rayleigh Heaton



Building 11 Friendly Students
Karsee Weber, Damaris Gomez and Katelin Ledford



Building 12 Friendly Students
Haven Greene, LeBron Gooch and Anna Stewart



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Building 8 Friendly Students
Cameron Dalton, Angel Zuniga
and Jacob Aulerich

The anatomy of a friend

“A person one knows and with whom one has a bond of mutual affection.”

This is one definition of a friend. It seems to be a drawn-out explanation of a widely accepted one that we might say simply as, “We like each other.”

Although that definition may be really densely worded, I think that it’s a pretty neat perspective to look at. It is describing two people who have a “mutual affection” for each other, not necessarily a mutual understanding of one another.

We often think that our only friends are the ones who share similar ideas to us or ones that fit in our own social clique. That’s not what a friend is, though.

A friend is someone that you appreciate and one who appreciates you equally. That being said, can we not be friends to everyone who crosses our path? We will never agree with everyone in this world, but we can always have an appreciation for them, because without every walk and way of life coming together to form this complex global society, life as we know it wouldn’t be the same.

We have to have different outlooks on life in order for everybody to find the place where they belong. The anatomy of the “perfect friend” is impossible to determine, since every friendship is so different, but I think the core of every strong friendship is appreciation and acceptance.

It’s not speaking the same language, being loyal to the same political party, enjoying the same type of music, etc. It’s about learning to cope with the differences and welcome them, because when we are open to hearing others, we can learn new things about ourselves that we didn’t previously know.

We can open our eyes to a larger view of life than what we had before, and those newly discovered perspectives are beautiful.



Guest columnist
Nicole Wiley

There are so many other things a friend can be, but I think one of the issues our world is facing today is that it would be much better if we could see that it doesn’t take always understanding and agreeing with somebody to be their friend.

Everybody needs a friend. We all do, even if we don’t think that we do.

I am reminded of this fact whenever I read this quote by Martin Niemöller that goes, “First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak for me.”

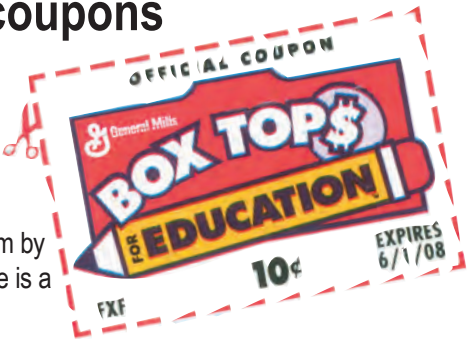
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LAILA TYRA, one of the young girls taught by Charles Murray at the Boys & Girls Clubs, was recently promoted to Yellow Belt. “This is a major accomplishment for Laila and our program,” Murray said. “In earning her Yellow Belt, she had to know and demonstrate her proficiency with all of our basic kicks, punches and blocks.” Murray teaches karate at the Boys & Girls Club on Third Street, in Cleveland.



Save those BOX TOP\$ coupons

General Mills BOX TOP\$ coupons are worth money to our schools. Some are worth up to 50 cents. These extra funds will help to provide extras for the classrooms. It is an opportunity to share in the education of our local students.

If you can’t get them to a school, just bring them by the Banner offices and we will deliver them. There is a box in the lobby — let’s fill it up.



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POLK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL Drama Club's production of "Beauty and The Beast" was perfectly executed, and we loved every second of it! From funny moments to shocking ones, the play kept us on our toes. It stuck to the movie's formula but had added aspects to make it remarkably impressive. The setting and costumes were extremely accurate to the movie — we especially liked Belle's dress at the end. The characters were right on with an overly-boastful Gaston and a hair-raising Beast. It was obvious everyone involved put in hard work and their dedication and true talent was showcased on stage. If you ever have the chance to see the PCHS drama club perform, take it. They never disappoint.

— By Megan Morgan and Savannah Renfro, journalism students at Polk County High School

'Beauty and The Beast'



A LEADERSHIP GROUP of fourth-graders from Waterville Community Elementary School came to Morningside Assisted Living and visited with the residents. Sponsored by Mallory Vaughn and Brittney Woods, team members were Corbin Light, Isabella Nelson, Ruvim Homechko, Abby White, Gage McCall, Alley Barton and Landon Rogers. The students played balloon tennis with the residents and helped pass out snacks and drinks. Residents had a great time and so did the students.



Bradley Central High School's Friendliest Students of the Month.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH were honored at Tennessee Christian Preparatory School. From left, front, are Reed Cadle, Becca Lee, Vivian Divel, Kyndall Clark, Ellie Ford and Eleni Casavant. In back are Jake Murray, Caden Bancroft, Franklin Campbell and Leah Brantley.

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THE CLEVELAND YMCA presented a swim safety program to North Lee Elementary School's second-grade classes, conducted by Kristy Snider. The "life guard" in swim safety, left, is Keason Gibson.

Valley View Elementary School

Principal: Corey R. Limburg



THUNDER is sitting next to Brayden Adams, practicing his ability to sit/stay.

THUNDER is hard to see in this picture but he is giving kisses to Landon Hanners in kindergarten.

FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, Valley View Elementary has had a therapy dog named Maggie join us once a week! Since Maggie is going on 10 years old and is beginning to experience arthritis, her younger brother Thunder is coming to school once a week! Thunder is a 2 year old British lab. He is a certified Canine Good Citizen and is preparing to take the Therapy Dog test some time this summer. Thunder is great with kids and has an energetic, loving temperament! The counselor, Kathy Carter, is his owner/trainer and she takes Thunder to guidance lessons and allows him to help her with individual counseling sessions as well. Thunder is wonderful therapy for the students and the staff.



THUNDER is helping Mrs. Carter teach a lesson to a K class about how to be safe around their canine friends! Students are learning to always ask "May I pet your dog?", let the dog sniff the back of their hand, how to give treats to a dog and how to react if a dog ever acts aggressively.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION at Valley View provides students with friendship skills they will need to be successful in life. PE teacher Victor Amos teaches students about teamwork, cooperation, sportsmanship, trust, caring and sharing. Christopher Herron, Indey Cogdill, Jaelynn Anderson and Jeremiah Burch demonstrate teamwork.



JOHNATHAN SILVENIS and Christopher Reese celebrate correct and insightful answers to questions. Below, Waylon Wilson is helping up his friend Cannon Renfroe, demonstrating an act of caring.



A GAME demonstrating communication and cooperation is played by students Patience Stephens and Cadance Hoffman.



LEO TAKACS, above, crawls through a tunnel of his peers — talk about trust. Left, Jaelynn Anderson and Destiny Lewallen demonstrate rock/paper/scissors as a way to solve conflicts and disagreements.



SRO MICHAEL LEE celebrates a day of good playground behavior with first-graders from Mrs. Blackwell's class.



Students of the Month

Black Fox Elementary School

Kindergarten: Cole Medek, Brooklyn Fickett, Adalinn Benton and Hayden Phelps.
First grade: Anna Dallette, Jada Santiz, Ty Harris and Jaxson Waters.
Second grade: Reagan Jordon, Amara Goodge, Stella Laman and Axl Lee.
Third grade: Wyatt Firestone, Bryanna Kent, Naveah Gentry and Isaiah Dennis.
Fourth grade: Alissa Cross, Angelina Hitson, Emma McMahan, Grayson Falls and Kaylee Wade.
Fifth grade: Ashlyn Stuman, Haley Linville, Abbi Greene and Timothy Kibble.

Bradley Central High School

Cierra Stokes, Emily Swafford, Ashli Dugais, Silas Pickel, Whitney McConnell, Chandler Wade, Bailey Rogers, Cameron Bianconi, Taylor Lawson, Hannah "Renee" Henry, Daniel Fields, Rain Yarber and Daniel (Dawson) Mills.

Charleston Elementary School

Kindergarten: Will Brod, Alyssa Whitehead and Joyelle Baggs.
First grade: Bryson Bunton and Landon Green.
Second grade: Micah Wooten, Rachel Hardin and Joseph Orozco.
Third grade: Alejandro Zalduondo, Carter Hall and Madison Carroll.
Fourth grade: Olivia Pass and Breyanna Cardona.
Fifth grade: Chris Hutt, Arabella Hammond and Abby Livingston.

Hopewell Elementary School

Pre K: Lexi Chambers and Colton Haney.
Kindergarten: Ethan Kirkland, Isla Adams and Chevy Misner.
First grade: Hayden Hamilton, Gage Chastain, Megan Fox and Madi Koenig.
Second grade: Hailie Elmer, Cole McGuire and Tasia Ortiz Redd.
Third grade: Kara Ahlberg, Brody Ownby, Ben Taylor and Alayna Farris.
Fourth grade: Abri Whitaker, Kaden McConnell and Lauren Sims.
Fifth grade: Alexis Clark, McKenzie Hargis, Flint Morey and Brendon Guffey.

Lake Forest Middle School

Walker Hedrick, Jonas Rayfield, Bailey Lockhart, Violet Roe, Carly Chastain, Lindsay Garcia, Jesse Wilkins, Emma Evans, Abby Beasley, Zack Long, Rayleigh Heaton, Carly Smith, Angel Zuniga, Jacob Aluerich, Cameron Dalton, Gabe Milliron, Rachel Kennedy, Stephanie De La Cruz, Dylan Lippard, Dianna Harjevskiy, Savannah Rogers, Katelyn Ledford, Damarias Gomez, Karsee Weber, Lebron Gooch, Haven Greene, Anna Swafford, McKennah Pritchard, Alex Dees and Riley Harmon.

Michigan Avenue Elementary School

Kindergarten: Sophia Lunny, Zoila Velasquez, Navera Bridges and Asher Jarman.
First grade: Brody Boyd, Abby Ammons, Addy Goins and Jaxen Phillips.
Second grade: Mason Steels, Jack Ellis, Montez Bowman and Tucker Truelove.
Third grade: Kelly Mateo, Aiden Burns and Maggie Arrowood.
Fourth grade: Rebecca Hazy, Rafe Cook and Kenzie Cobb.
Fifth grade: Valencia Davis, Bryson Bivens and Hailey South.

North Lee Elementary School

Kindergarten: Will Seaborn, Keane Jordan, Jagger Cantrell and Ariana Linder.
First grade: Carson Miller, Madi McDonald, Lincoln Jackson, and Kaylee Simpson.
Second grade: Taylor Popple, Emily Patterson and Zoie Lowe.
Third grade: Chloe Morefield, Logan Conner, Jaydan Granados and Chase Nash.
Fourth grade: Conner Popple, Wells Grisham, Lily Garrett and Kelsey Crabtree.
Fifth grade: Conner Clark, Lily Renner, Viola Johnson and Abigail Seaborn.

Oak Grove Elementary School

Kindergarten: Chloe Thomas, Brayden Ghorley and Morgan Calfee.
First grade: Ava Gentry, Alyssa Ware and Kaitlyn Ledford.
Second grade: Nate Thompson, Lily Cantrelle, Cooper Cross and Carlie Smith.
Third grade: Micah Lee, Daniel Herrera-Garcia and Cade Smith.
Fourth grade: Zack Locke, Summer Nichols and C. J. Chastain.
Fifth grade: Ainsley Bronze, Khloe Brewington and Kaid Falls.

Ocoee Middle School

Sixth grade: Arabians — Kaylie Riley, Abby Kish, Lauren Tabor, Matthew Coppings and Dakota Foste; Chargers — Jaden Estrada, Addison Maupin, Conner Cross, Madison Godfrey and Gerret Logan; Palominos — Jayla Blair, Jack Smith, Pierce Ballinger, Maddox Sweeney and Makayla Elmore; and Stallions— Leila Babb, Kaitlyn Hulvey, Conner Lewis, Robert Tankersley and Elijah Pugh.
Seventh grade: Clydesdales — Mina Fish, Peyton Ratcliff, Emily Kilgore, Zeb McKnight and Kaitlyn South; Mustangs — Shelby Gossett, Hunter Hayden, Hailey Craig, Kaden Newbert and Farrah Cooke; Pacers — Rachel Turner, Xzavier Cardona, Aubrey Neidich, Ainsley Brokish and Raul Hernandez; and Paint Horses — Macy McNabb, Kristin Haney, Elijah Wilds, Emily Henderson and Tristan Cox.
Eighth grade: Saddlebreds — Zach Hovey, Tiffany Chavez, Rachel Corley, Tucker Powell and Shelby Goins; Show Horses — Chandler Miles, Trace Benton, Paige White, Greg Jordan and Savannah Randolph; Thoroughbreds — Torey Overly, Garrett Marler, Chandler Miller, Hannah Long and Gwenevera Acebedo; and Walking Horses — Koleman Leslie, Michelle Benson, Gabriella Bennett, Adrianna Hunt and Lanie Niedling.

Park View Elementary School

Kindergarten: Declan Maples, Brody Eaton and Makayla Abercrombie.
First grade: Koda Michaelis, Millie Blankenship, Finley Comfort and Victoria Willard.
Second grade: Amalia Robles, Jaylin Walker, Ean Roberge and Itale Bennett.
Third grade: Anastasia Strelkov, Logan Allen, Madison Swindle and Dylan Killian.
Fourth grade: Charley Atha, Ben Hinkle, Eliana Parson and Tate Rountree.
Fifth grade: Mekhi Kalaukoa, Rachel Melnikov, Katie Strubhart and Danny Lopez.

Prospect Elementary School

Hunter Howard, Brooklyn Banther, Phoenix Prater, Natalia Franco, Isabella Luna, Cadence Townsend, Sophia Guzman, Anastasia Jackson, Bella Prater, Cole Wright and Cameron Davis.

Valley View Elementary School

Kindergarten: Ayliegh Hardin, and Sadie Cox.
First grade: Juliana Patterson, A'aliyah Patterson and Kylie Zachman.
Second grade: Christian Russell and Elijah Latham.
Third grade: Isaac Kendrick, Olivia Chastain and Shiloh Denton.
Fourth grade: Waylon Wilson, Alex Russell and Antonio Molina.
Fifth grade: Riley Butler and Ben Caywood.

Walker Valley High School

Vabby Baker, Dylan Calfe, Savannah Churlik, Cody Duggan, Courtney Kil, Jacob McCall, Lexi Miller, Kyra Nipper, Tanner Owensby, Andrew Payne, Mariah Peeler, Casey Peterson, Gunner Reese, Matthew Stuckey, Skyler Swafford, Luke Wallace and Parker Woods.

Students of the Month

Arnold Memorial Elementary School

Kindergarten: Jireh Medina and Diego Oquendo Mojica.
First grade: Anna Page, Tracey Dennard and Paul Stokes.
Second grade: Madison Lenz and Ivy Briggs.
Third grade: Paola Febus Medina, Acilegna Lopez-Cortes and Adela Espinoza.
Fourth grade: Lucian Patten and Erin Stancil.
Fifth grade: Sontin Molly and Adeline Guerra.

Blythe-Bower Elementary School

Kindergarten: Tamarei Caldwell, Layton Renfroe and Katie Salaz-Santizo.
First grade: Donovan Martin, Abraham de Jesus Sandoval, Lillian Roach, Maggie Campbell and Yamilet Barrionuevo.
Second grade: Lilli Freeman, Aubreigh Stroud, Alexis Hembree and Khloe Mendiola.
Third grade: Marianna Waldroup, Lucy Alonzo, Will Kelly and Joy Walker.
Fourth grade: Tristan Russ, Madeline Rodriguez-Perez, Brian Morales-Ramirez and Madison Bell.
Fifth grade: Michele Shelton, Ariyanna Henderson, Scarleth Perez Mendez and Aileen Jordan.

Mayfield Elementary School

Kindergarten: Jaxon Hanna, Zachery Robertson, Bentley Shelton and Matthew Johnson.
First grade: Andrea Zacarias Lopez, Jazmine Ramseur, Johannah Diaz, Maddox Googer and Juan Gaspar Diego.
Second grade: Cooper Mason, Buddy Droke, Emily Wingfield, Brandon Vives and Jaydon Hancock.
Third grade: De'Avion Lovelace, Riley Chapman, Lilyan Green and Maci Whaley.
Fourth grade: Natasha Juarez, Emma Shellhouse, Jeremi Castillo, Isabela Gaspar Diego and Amelia Renshaw.
Fifth grade: Elijah Wright, Jakyra Humes, Sophia Blackburn and Manuel Morales.

E.L. Ross Elementary School

Third grade: Abby Hozuri, Charlotte Freeman, Dharma Patel, Ethan Canseco, Maddie Garcia, Malia Payne and Rylee Kilgore.
Fourth grade: Ashlyn Robbins, Ayonna Deluca, Emmanuel Jones, Ezekiel Kyle, Katriel Sentell and Sydney Ruis.
Fifth grade: Addison Abbott, Bailey Kyker, Niya Mooney and Nykhia Dodd.

George R. Stuart Elementary School

Kindergarten: Rebecca Cannon, Zohie Gibson and Abby Lipps.
First grade: Emily Brazzell, Emmanuel Jimenez Esteban, Ethan Kyker, Azirah Spencer and Karina Stoyanova.
Second grade: Peyton Burger, Dominic Cordero, Emily Dominguez, Preston Higdon and Fischer Young.
Third grade: Josiah Ammons, Titus Blake, Jayden McCurry and Serenah Triplett.
Fourth grade: Analyce Bradford, Brady Cole and Katelynn Collins.
Fifth grade: Lily Goss, Ashlyn Knowel and Austin Waldrop.

Donald P. Yates Primary School

Kindergarten: Mikiah Burdin, Emily Zarzuela, Kenji Reyes, Addisyn Mitchell, Bryan Lopez and Anna Kate McClure.
First grade: Levi Green, Sophie Rymer, Paxton Berry, Ava Barker, True Waller and Pedro Clausell.
Second grade: Charlie White, Matt Miolen, Jordan Myers, Camden Thacker, Neel Patel, Jonathan Adams and Kason McGowan.

Cleveland Middle School

Sixth grade: Alexandria Arnold, Kimora Brown, Reece Meagher, Anthony Arnold, Reagan Rapson, Tommy Rollins, Makayla Skiba, Ben Taylor and Rilie Thompson.
Seventh grade: Allie Bradenburg, Angelina Cross, Luis De Los Santos, Jakobe Gunn, Vishwa Maisuria, Travis Myers, Ruby Reyes, Emery Perry, Alisha Saeed, Stephanie Seda Haas and Micah Thomas.
Eighth grade: Alexa Averella, Elliott Brock, Truman Hale, Anet Hernandez and Lysander Holguin.

Cleveland High School

Zach Bianucci, Madeleine Dasher, Brian Ordonez and Krista Riad.

Tennessee Christian Preparatory School

Kindergarten: Reed Cadle and Kyndall Clark.
First grade: Becca Lee and Vivian Divil.
Second grade: Ellie Ford and Eleni Casavant.
Third grade: Jake Murray.
Fourth grade: Franklin Campbell.
Fifth grade: Caden Bancroft and Leah Brantley.

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