**Good News**

**Bloomfield Elementary School** has been a busy place this month. Fifth grade students have been studying about careers, and will take a field trip to ATC and NCHS to explore career pathways that they are interested in on Friday, January 20th. We have 15 members attending the state BETA competition. BES robotics club is working on robots for their robotics competition. Tower of Power Club are practicing on building a tower from straws and tape utilizing engineering and problem solving skills. We also have students competing in arts, crafts, and academics.

**Bloomfield Middle** teachers, Ms. Bradley and Mr. Metcalf, went to a local nursing home over Christmas break and handed out dream catchers to the residents. The residents were very appreciative and amazed at our student work.

Lauren Fulkerson 6th grader at **BMS** has been chosen to be a Legislative page for FRYSC. She had to submit an essay about the legislative process and why she wanted to be a page.

A group of five 8th grade students at **Boston** including: Grant Amshoff, Stone Boone, Alex Mattingly, Brett Phelps, & Holden Underwood, participated in KYA, Kentucky Youth Assembly December 15 & 16th. These students joined over 800 other students from across the state to present and defend a bill they created. We are very proud of their representation of Boston School.

According to MAP data, fifth graders at **Cox’s Creek Elementary** grew significantly in both reading and math!

**Foster Heights**’ students continue to embrace their roles as leaders in our school. 5th grade students Ashlynn Miles and Catherine White volunteered to lead a school-wide meeting to celebrate student accomplishments and inspire other students to find ways to lead. After the meeting, Ashlynn and Catherine met with teacher leaders to suggest next steps the school could take to facilitate positive change. Their efforts resulted in more opportunities throughout the school for students to lead.

**NCHS** collected 2700 can goods through the can food drive in December for 300 Christmas baskets that were distributed to local needy families.

**New Haven** has completed our Future Story academic coaching session with all of our students. Every student met one on one with a staff member to look at data notebooks and future plans. Students wrote what they wanted to be when they grew up on backpacks to place on a hallway board for all to see. We then discussed MAP scores and goals as well as goals for the upcoming interim writing assessment. Students will meet with their coaching partner after the next MAP session to further plan.

**Old Kentucky Home Middle School** has had a wonderful month.  Before winter break, students decorated cookies to give to our police, fire, and EMS workers.  We also made Christmas cards for residents of nursing facilities and wounded warriors.  This semester has started out strong, especially for our archery team.  In only their second year of existence, they recently set a school record for points earned and are currently ranked 12th out of all middle schools in Kentucky.

The 2nd Annual **Thomas Nelson High Schoo**l Senior Story day was a powerful experience for the Thomas Nelson community. In each period, seniors from across the school read personal identity college essays to all underclassmen allowing them insight into what makes them who they are today. The stories helped us all continue to TAKE CARE of each other more profoundly.