**April – Good News**

**Bloomfield Elementary** students have eagerly been awaiting the arrival of STEAM day at our school! We had fifth grade ambassadors who showed great leadership when they greeted all of our guests as they arrived that morning to setup. Students at BES had the opportunity to meet and interact with the fire department, planetarium dome, Mr. Miller’s sheep herding dogs, UK agriculture, soil conservation, NC high school FFA, the mobile dairy cows, mules, and technology programing. This was a great event that allowed students the opportunity for hands-on learning.

Caroline Hayden, 8th grade at **Bloomfield Middle** won for her art work and it will be represented in the Kentucky Derby Festival. Caroline also gets to ride on a float for the parade. BMS archery team competed at the state competition and qualified for nationals in May. BMS band received a distinguished rating at all three grade levels.

**Boston’s** combined middle school band achieved distinguished ratings across the board at assessment.

**Cox's Creek's a**rchery team has had amazing success in its first season! The team has placed in each tournament they shot in. At the state tournament at the end of March, Cox's Creek's Archery Team qualified for Nationals!

**Foster Heights** students have experienced tremendous growth in their writing performances on KPREP scrimmage tests. Additionally, 5th grade student Ema Shofner recently won 1st place in the AARP grandparent essay contest.

**Horizons** students in the landscaping project group are currently working on landscaping the side of the building that is facing Wildcat Lane. Once this project is completed, they will begin landscaping work on phase 1 (entrance) of Old Kentucky Home.

To increase parent communication around student progress at the **Early Learning Center**, we are piloting a new form our student workers are completing with students one on one each day during the morning session. They will work with teachers and myself to tweak until the end of the school year, then we will roll it out school wide in the fall. After it goes school wide families will receive information every 4-6 weeks, and closer to 4 weeks for students with good attendance.

21 Nelson County High School archers will compete at Nationals on the 11th of May. Allison Akridge, Junior at NCHS placed 1st in region Archery tournament and was invited to compete at the KHSAA state tournament this week.

Michael Hines hosted a very successful Math night at **New Haven School**. Our K-3 Math Madness night was a great time. Students and parents came out and worked on real world connections with money and counting. Students left with goodie bags and door prizes. Mrs. Puyear is reporting a lot of MAP growth in our elementary on our last testing window with substantial growth in our K-2 classes.

**Thomas Nelson** is excited to announce that no fewer than 8 students were accepted into the Kentucky Governor's Scholars program along with 1 alternate. Two students were also accepted as alternates to the KY Governor's School for the Arts.

On April 17th-19th, 9 members of the NCHS and Area Technology Center’s FBLA competed in the 2017 State Leadership Conference at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky. Several students placed and qualified for the FBLA National Leadership Conference.  Congratulations to the following students:
Abby Briney & Kelsie Head – 1st Place – Global Business

Vikas Patel, Derek Orr, & Ethan Clark – 1st Place – Network Design

Kollin Reynolds, Jaren Brown, & Brandon Hall – 3rd Place – Computer Gaming & Simulation Programming