The hydroponics project group at **The Academy** have tomato and pepper plants growing in the hydroponics room. They are beginning to bloom. Within the month, they will be planting seeds in the greenhouse, so they will be ready to sell this Spring.

Anna Simpson was our school winner at **BES** of the Kentucky Grandparents Essay. She will now move on to the next level of competition.

We had 2 students from each classroom in grades 3-5 compete in our school Spelling Bee. The school winner was Russell Cox in fifth grade.

Ella Sweeney represented **BMS** at the KMEA ALL STATE CHOIR last week. BMS Betas did well at the convention: John Kellogg placed 3rd for 8th grade math, Thomas Fell placed 3rd for 7th grade math, Kaden Roller was elected as Kentucky Junior Beta Chaplain. The Betas won the Campaign Skit Crew, Placed 2nd in Club Trading Pin and placed 3rd in Living Literature. Matthew Riley was BMS school spelling bee champion and placed 3rd in Nelson County.

**Boston** hosted the middle school district Governor's Cup on Saturday, January 20th. Sawyer Boone took first place in the math assessment and Miranda Hardin came in 4th place. Aimee Farvour placed 3rd in Arts & Humanities and 4th in written composition. Lana Marrero placed 5th in written composition.

5th grade students engaged in a successful social studies PBL at Wickland Historical Home

Beta students represented **Cox's Creek** well at the recent BETA convention. Riley Hall placed 1st in math and Andrew Livers placed 1st in woodworking.

Cox's Creek Future Problem Solver team placed first in their district tournament.

The **Early Learning Center** welcomed 178 family members to our Sweetheart Meals and promoted our first ever Community Blood Drive for April 19, 2018 from 4-8pm.

Third grade students at **Foster Heights**, Ava Thomas and Lacey Barnes, recently won a student design project for their design of Moo-Moo-Cocka-Doodle-Do Petting Zoo. Both students presented their designs to a panel of judges comprised of real-world experts in the community, and were the winning design. Aside from learning area and perimeter, the students learned collaboration skills as well as public speaking skills throughout the process.

**New Haven** Elementary Academic Team took first place overall in the district Governor's cup competition on February 10th. The kids now advance to the regional competition in March.

**NCHS** has received a College Success Award for our preparation of students for college. Only schools in 9 states have received this honor, so we are very excited.

Marly Walls has been named Fifth Region Player of the Year and Ms. Kentucky Basketball Candidate!

On Wednesday, February 14th, **OKHMS** hosted the first Dean’s List Breakfast of the 2017-2018 school year. We are inspired by our remarkable students earning all A’s and/or B’s in the first semester of school. 42% of our students received this honor. We took pleasure in dining with and celebrating the children of 146 families in our community.

**Thomas Nelson High School** Academic Team LEADER Lizzie Marksbury participated as a regional finalist seeking to become the first Academic Team student to make it to state competition this year.