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By: Garrett Gates
Staff Writer

Students from Mrs. Hannah Hales visual arts' classes have added a splash of color to the technology hall.

Individual students created nine murals that highlighted imagination and creativity.

The inspiration for the walls came from Mrs. Hanna Hale, Studio Art teacher.

"Honestly, I got tired of looking at the dull, white walls," said Hale.

Hale said she has a very talented group of students in her class and she asked them if it was something they would like to do. After asking her colleagues in the hall and the principal for permission they got to work.

One of the biggest challenges for the class was the return of the drop ceiling was returned into the hallway, forcing them to make changes.

"It cut off most of what I had, I had to restart my painting," said Juanita Johnson, senior.

Painting on a wall gives a much larger workspace than a classroom setting.

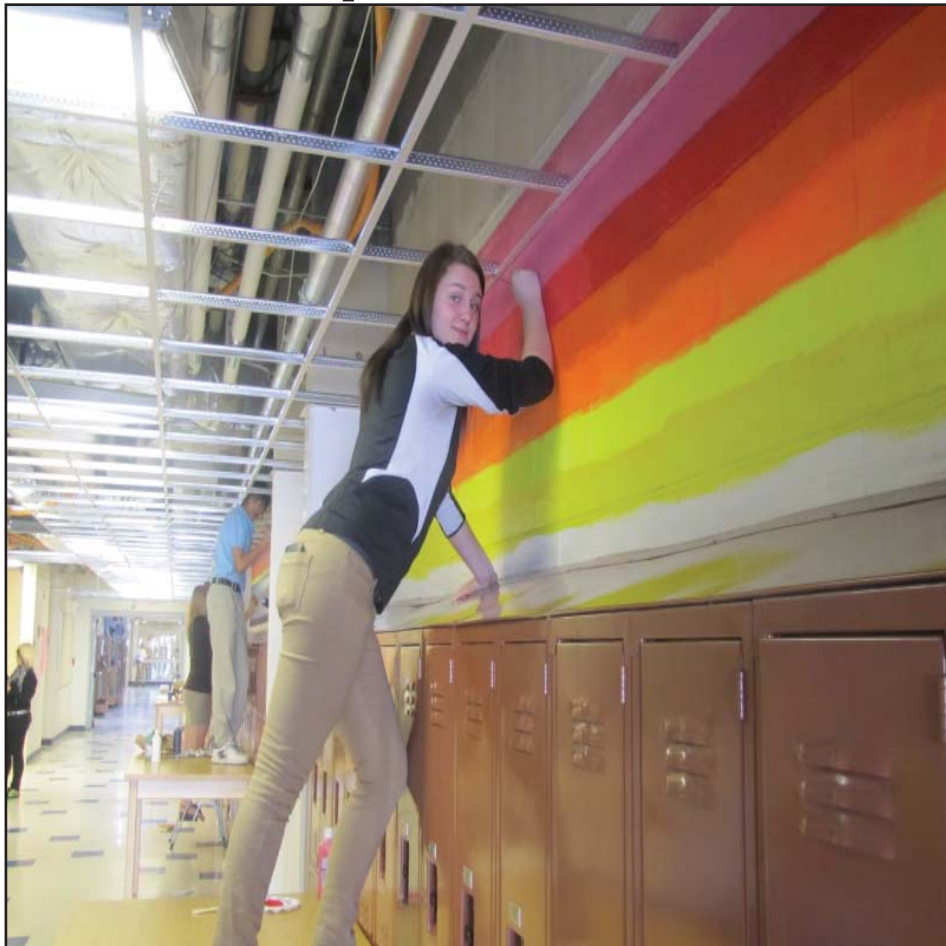
"We have to bring a lot of supplies from the classroom out into the hall," said Kristen Conklin. "I have to stand on stuff to do my mural and I'm scared of heights."

The students take enjoyment from painting the walls and not being punished for it.

"It feels like I'm vandalizing, but I'm actually allowed too," said Autumn Howard, sophomore.

The students will literally put their mark on Fort Campbell High School.

"In a sense, they have left a piece of themselves here," said Hale.



Photos by: Garrett Gates

Emily Horkey, senior, paints creativity onto the walls in the technology hallway.



Savannah Hall, junior, inspires down the technology hall.

Mural Artists

Motivation- Alanis Rosado Marrero

Inspiration- Savannah Hall

Imagination- Juanita Johnson

Technology- Colin Crisostomo

Creativity- Emily Horkey

Challenge- Danielle Macks

Dedication- Autumn Howard

Determination- Dina Del Rio

Perseverance- Kristen Conklin

Exceptional- Bex Eastvold

Falcons honored for 2nd quarter excellence

By Ambrosia Sinegal
Staff Writer

Members of the Fort Campbell High School community gathered to honor students for their academic accomplishments Jan. 31.

Students with a 3.5 or above Grade Point Average during second quarter were recognized for their work. The students were treated with cookies and juice provided by the school's PTSO.

The honorary guest speaker, Dr. Courtney Crawford, M.D., spoke about perseverance, respect, hard work, and responsibility. Crawford discussed his struggles growing up and how tests like the SAT and ACT often were roadblocks toward success.

He went to tutors and summer school so that he could achieve his goals as he tried to get into the schools that would help him become a doctor.

"Unlike some of my friends who could just show up take a test and ace it, I would be the fool to show up take a test and flunk it," said Crawford.

He realized in college that he would have to work as hard as he did in high school to help achieve his goal.

Crawford said his academic fortitude helped him get to where he is today.

"I never gave up, then one day I got an acceptance letter in the mail," said Dr. Crawford. "My palms began to sweat."

He said his hard work and blue collar attitude took him around the world as he served as a doctor at the Pentagon and eventually got him an opportunity in ophthalmology after four tries.

"Now for me, the pinnacle of my Academic Excellence is the 200 patients awaiting to be seen outside of my field hospital in Africa," said Crawford.

Many of the students could not conceal their excitement and happiness. Dakota Sherman, junior, hugged Dr. Crawford to thank him for coming to speak at the recognition ceremony.

The choir performed "Unwritten" by Natasha Bedingfield, reflecting the lives of the students honored.

AdvancED accreditation team heads to Fort Campbell this week

By Marquis Briggs
Staff Writer

A team from AdvancED is scheduled to arrive on Fort Campbell Feb. 11 to determine whether the school is meeting the standard.

"Every five years a staff from AdvancED comes to make sure that everything is up to par," said Mr. Mohan Vaswani, principal.

The group is made up of administrators, teachers and instructional support specialists from across DODEA-America to determine if the school will be reaccredited.

Vaswani said the team will enter classrooms and meet with students, teachers, parents, and staff members to look at the Fort Campbell High School culture of learning. Members of the school community have

been preparing for the last two years.

"They are here to see what we know, and what we have learned based on a list of standards at the national level," said Vaswani. "They will be recognizing the good and bad aspects of our school."

The evaluators will meet and ask students about the school's mission statement and its goals.

"If our school does not get accredited, students will have a hard time getting into college," said Jerry Haywood, senior class

president. "The writing prompts we have been doing over the past few years were in preparation for this event so we do well."

"If the school does not get accredited our diplomas will be as useless as toilet paper," said Larissa Massie, student council president.

He said that if the school failed as a school it could affect the education, funding, and reputation of the school.

"The worst case scenario for seniors, their diplomas would have absolutely no value, and students would have a hard

time getting into college," said Mr. Geary Schwartz, a member of the school improvement committee.

"The AdvancED staff would give us a list of areas that we need to improve and they would return the next year to

see if there was improvement made," said Vaswani. "It's not whether we will become reaccredited, it is a matter of us attaining the best accreditation rating possible," said Schwartz.

The evaluators will publish their report about a month after the visit.

"Our school did well with the last accreditation, so I am not really stressed out about this one," said Vaswani. "I am confident we will do well, I know we are ready."

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*Mr. Geary Schwartz,
teacher*

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Students show their skills at Fort Campbell Talent Show

By Allie Alfeld

Staff Writer

Two sisters took center stage in the Commons during the Fort Campbell High School Talent Show Jan. 25.

Senior Emilee Morse and her sister, freshman Hollie, won first and second place respectively, for their performances. Emilee won for her guitar solo.

"I had no game plan; I improvised my whole guitar solo. I wasn't nervous one bit," said Emilee.

Emilee also performed an original composition in memory of a friend who had recently passed.

Her sister Hollie captured second place honors by singing a solo of "I Dreamed a Dream" from the film Les Miserables.

This year the talent show was supervised and sponsored by the Drama Club and Music Club. Mrs. Hannah Hale, Mrs. Katherine Wallace, Mrs. Christina Jackson and Mr. Mohan Vaswani served as judges for the event.

Shelbie Littlebridge, Julie Perez and Stephanie Perez served as announcers for the event. They told wacky jokes and performed skits between acts.

The talent show kicked off with Brittney Westover, senior, and her band performed a song from Evanescence.

"I was so nervous, but I felt comfortable after I started singing and moving around" said Westover.

The acts covered a wide range of singers and dancers as well as instrumentalists.

"The talent show was a success, and I definitely look forward to next year," said Torres.



Photos by Marquis Briggs

Diamond Daniels gets down during the Fort Campbell High School Talent Show.



Emily Hale and Stevie Furey perform a duet to "If I Die Young"

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Students learn diplomacy with Model UN team

By Allie Alfield
Staff Writer

A group of Fort Campbell students have learned the intricacies of negotiation and diplomacy through the Model United Nations program.

"Model United Nations is a course offered by high schools and colleges nationwide where students debate on world issues and global topics," said Mr. Kenneth Jankowski, advisor and founder of the program.

Jankowski has overseen the program through its growth from a club with eight students to a 23 student class.

"I enjoy watching everyone grow and become better speakers. They gain so much confidence" said Mr. Jankowski.

The class recently took a trip to a MUN conference at Vanderbilt University.

At the conference in Vanderbilt, three Fort Campbell seniors won awards and were recognized for their efforts: Bailey Johnson, Matthew Kline, and Matt Ellis. All three are new debaters.

"I didn't expect to win anything but I knew that I had put in so much effort and wanted to prove to myself that I could do good" said Matt Ellis, senior.

Ellis was in the Egyptian Uprising Committee playing the role of Habib El-Adly, the former interior minister during the presidency of Hosni Mubarak.

Many of the students are newcomers to the class, but Makalya Fuller, senior has



Courtesy Photo

Members of the Fort Campbell High School Model United Nations team at their conference in Vanderbilt.

come back to debate.

"I loved the class so much; it gave me so much self confidence. I couldn't imagine not being in that class," said Fuller.

It forces kids to know what is going on in the world and teaches them to communicate and work together.

A debate can last anywhere from three to five class periods. Each student is assigned a country and has to research where their country would stand on the topic of discussion. This year's topics included dress code, and the death penalty. "The

MUN class has also developed a Crisis Committee which has a different setting and forces you think on your feet," said Jankowski

In order to prepare for a conference, the students are each assigned a committee that they must research and be able to debate against other students from different schools. Committee sessions can get intense, but interacted with new people.

"I like that it is a new experience and that I can get so much out of it," said Christian Noble, junior.

FCHS art students scheduled to contribute to Youth Art Month

By Garrett Gates
Staff Writer

Fort Campbell High School visual arts students will have a chance to show off their work as part of Youth Art Month.

"Youth Art Month is nationally recognized in the month of March and Fort Campbell high school has been invited by the Downtown Artists Co-op to display the work of our students in there gallery," said Hanna Hale, AP Art teacher.

As part of the event the students' artwork is scheduled to be judged in a competition based on two pieces of artwork.

"Students will go all out on these pieces and bring their best creativity, craftsmanship and overall artistic abilities they have learned over the years," said Hale.

She added that her Advanced Placement 2-D and 3-D art students are scheduled to enter in three of their best overall pieces thus far.

The opening night is on March 7. There will be an award ceremony right after the reception. The first night of the event is open to students, parents, and the public.

"This is an honor and a great opportunity for all advanced art students," said Hale.

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Players earn top honors from *The Leaf Chronicle*



Courtesy Photo

Members of the FCHS football team prepare to enter the *Leaf Chronicle* awards banquet. Eight players were named to the All-Area team

By Brittney Ellis Staff Writer

Several Fort Campbell High School football players were recognized for their talent and efforts on the field by *The Leaf Chronicle*.

The players were honored during a banquet held on Jan. 15. Senior Koty Hix took top honors by being honored with the Harry Galbreath Award, as the area's time lineman.

The Harry Galbreath award is in honor of a Clarksville High Alumni, who built his reputation as a determined offensive lineman during his All-American days at the University of Tennessee.

Galbreath also played nine years in the NFL that included playing with Miami Dolphins, Green Bay Packers, and New York Jets.

"I know it was especially hard last year," said Hix. "I wanted to send our seniors out on a good note, but when it came down to it, I couldn't do anything for them because

I was over there with a cast on. This year I kept telling everybody you never know when it's going to be your last play, so play as hard as you can. It was a great honor to be nominated for this award, and a privilege to have received it."

The Leaf Chronicle also honored senior David Sahms as the area kicker of the year.

Sahms spent most of the season kicking on sprained ankles that came from playing on the Falcon Boy's Soccer team. He endured the pain so he could do his part on the field.

"I was shocked to earn this award because this was my first year kicking," said

Sahms.

On the defensive side of the ball, senior Drayton Simmons took top honors as defensive player of the year for the second year in a row.

Simmons finished the season with 127 tackles, including 60 solo and six sacks.

"I want to thank Coach (Shawn) Berner, the Fort Campbell High School coaching staff, and my former teammates for making me the player I am today," said Simmons.

In addition to the individual awards, *The Leaf Chronicle* name eight players from Fort Campbell were named to the All-Area Team.

The Leaf Chronicle All-Area Selectees

Dustin Armendariz

Khalil Maynard

Christian Noble

Tristan Luke

Drayton Simmons

Jake Jorstad

Isaiah Washington

David Sahms

Sports

Winter Sports tip off for 2012-2013

By Allie Alfield and
Austin Randolph
Staff Writers

The Fort Campbell High School football, boys' and girls' basketball and wrestling teams have played hard recently.

Boys' Basketball

The Falcons have been inconsistent with a six and eight record, that includes wins over Community Christian and Crittenden County High Schools.

"It's nice to see my seniors focused and working hard" said Stacey Harrell, coach.

The boys are led by senior Kyle Bryant, who is averaging 14 points per game.

"We plan on finishing on a positive note, and looking to rebuild for next season" said Harrell.

Girls' Basketball

After a strong start, the girls' basketball team has struggled, capturing one win in their last seven games, ending the week of Jan. 25 with a 5-8 record.

"We are a young team, and we are still getting used to playing with each other," said Nathaniel Moore, coach, "Once we start playing together as a team, we will be better."

The Lady Falcons broke their losing streak with a win on their senior night against Community Christian. The girls stomped the Lady Warriors 61-35. Allie Tellez, has been leading the Lady Falcons this season, averaging 16 points per game.

The ladies play their next home game against UHA, on Feb 1.

Wrestling

The Falcon wrestlers enter the state dual meet tournament looking to capitalize on a strong season.

Several wrestlers added to their personal records during the course of the season. During a meet versus Clarksville High School on Dec. 6 senior Jerry Haywood defeated Alan D' Alessandro for his 100th career win.

"I am so proud that all the hard work I put in has finally paid off," said Haywood.

For each wrestler, the goal is to be standing on top at the end of the state tournament.

"I hope to place at state like I did last year, I want this to be a great season since it's my last" said David Sahms, senior.



Photo by Marquis Briggs

Chase Hamilton, Falcon's power forward, goes for the rebound against Christian County Jan. 22. The boy's team is currently 6-8

Falcon Notes

SENIORS

Seniors who have not ordered their cap & gown may place their order online at Jostens.com or mail their order to the following address:

Mark Thompson
1122 Lord Murphy Way
Bowling Green, KY 42104

If the order is more than \$50 the first payment of \$50 is needed as well. Jostens accepts checks, credit, or money orders.

GRADUATION

Date: Friday, May 31, 2013 @ 7:00

Location: Austin Peay State University
Dunn Center

Graduation video feed will be available on the web

Caps & Gowns- order via Jostens.com

Graduation Expectations:

Graduation Caps: no décor on top

Attire under gown: will have guidelines given in April

Mandatory Rehearsal on May 30th @ 9:30a.m. at the Dunn Center. Graduation Luncheon will follow if funds are raised. This will be for students only.

We need to get pictures (1-2) of each senior for the graduation video/slide show. Please email them to one of the sponsors.

FAFSA CHECKLIST

Get a Pin today! A parents and the student, BOTH need to get a personal identification number at www.pin.ed.gov

Gather all your information today! Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers, tax returns, other financial records including untaxed income, saving, investments etc. for parents and the student.

Get your FAFSA filled out ASAP after January 1! Filling out the FAFSA is FREE at www.fafsa.gov.

For assistance, call 1-8000-4FED-AID or contact the college financial aid office.

Follow up on your FAFSA! Once processed, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR). Review your SAR for corrections or updates.

DIRECT STAFFORD LOAN PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students must be U.S. citizens or nationals, permanent residents or eligible non-citizens

Enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an eligible program of study at an eligible

postsecondary institution at least half- time

Financial need as determined by the FAFSA-Loan certification by the financial aid office Contact the financial aid office for additional eligibility criteria

AWARD FACTS:

The amount borrowed may not exceed the cost of attendance minus other estimated financial assistance and cannot exceed the annual and total loan limits

HOW TO APPLY:

Must complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov and complete a Master Promissory Note.

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Parents and/or students must be U.S. citizens or nationals, permanent residents or eligible non- citizens.

Students must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an eligible program of study at an eligible postsecondary institution at least half- time

A credit check will be performed

Loan certification by the financial aid office

Contact the financial aid office for additional eligibility criteria

AWARD FACTS:

The amount borrowed may not exceed the cost of attendance minus other estimated financial assistance

How to Apply

Must complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov

Must complete a Master Promissory Note

AVID

On October 4th, the AVID Club had a chip & dip social, participated in a few team bonding activities, and assigned officers and club representatives. Congratulations to Co-Presidents Janna Moore and Selena Wilson, Co-Treasurers Quanesha Smith and Samia Mackay, and Secretary Tatiana Leuta for stepping up to volunteer for leadership positions.

The AVID classes began touring local colleges in October. The AVID freshmen are visited Austin Peay State University on Oct. 24.

Sophomores and juniors visited Middle Tennessee State University Oct. 31st. The AVID seniors attended LU day at Libscomb University on Nov. 2. The students sat in on college classes, ate lunch with a collegiate, and met with the dean of their intended majors.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Does your student need a little extra help? Ms. Duerr (English and Social Studies) offers tutoring on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. Nelis (Science and Math) offers tutoring on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

1. Hours are from 2:45 p.m.–3:45 p.m. Students must be there on time.

2. Location: Math/Science Room 8, English/Social Studies Room 21

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent teacher conferences will take place on four Tuesdays throughout the year during early release time. The dates are: Feb. 5, and April 23.

Parents can call Ann Camp at (270) 640-1219 ext.. 5762 to set up 15 minute appointments for those dates. In addition, parents can always contact individual teachers to meet with them during their ADA (planning time) each day.

Please give the teachers at least 24 hours to respond to a request. Parents can also schedule group meetings with all their student's teachers through guidance counselors for Tuesday afternoons for the times of 2:15 – 2:50.

MYDATA PORTAL IS OPEN

The Parent Portal is now open for parents to access student grades and attendance online: www.dodea.edu/myData/

Parents who wish to obtain an account must submit DoDEA Form 700 for Consents and authorization to your child's school via e-mail, fax or in person.

MILITARY FAMILY LIFE COUNSELING

Military Family Life Consultant/Counselor (MFLC) Contact number 270-331-5874 or Guidance Office 270-640 5169

This is a free and confidential Service to Military members, spouses, and their children.

MFLC is located in the guidance office Monday through Friday.

There is a DOD consent form and parent letter with more information located on the FCHS Web Site.

Please see the parent letter via the link below for more detailed information and instructions on how to receive services.