



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

... from Workshop Central !

## SCHOOLS MAKING NEWS

### CARTOOGECHAYE

- The PTO sponsored a Family Movie Day in November. All proceeds will go to the Gabe Bingham family. Thank you to all who supported this family in need.
- Cartoogechaye had their "Book Character Day" Dress Up Parade on Tues., Nov. 25. The "retired teachers club" were judges for the best contests.
- Cartoogechaye had a special visit from NED, a character education show presented by Steve Brannan and his yoyos. Steve is part of a program that travels across the U.S., Canada, England, and Australia through the All For Kidz Company out of Lynwood, WA. NED stands for Never Give Up, Encourage Others and Do Your Best.

Steve is a yoyo champion and through performing his amazing yoyo tricks, he teaches students some important steps to "Becoming a Champion at School and in Life." Other schools are encouraged to schedule The NED show at their school. Students were given the opportunity to purchase yoyos like the ones Steve used in the show This is optional and offsets the cost of the program, free if the yoyos are made available to the students. Contact Beki McCall, Cartoogechaye for more information.



### COWEE

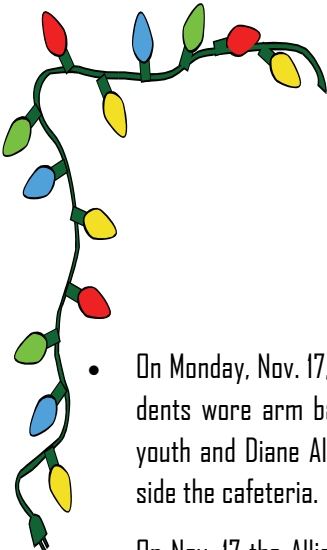
- Cowee School will be having a Winter Holiday Concert Thurs., Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. in the school gym. Students will be singing Christmas carols and festive holiday songs. Join Cowee friends and families in celebrating the holiday season!

### EAST FRANKLIN

- On Nov. 3, the first grade students at East Franklin sorted, counted, and packed 1,050 food items collected by the entire school for CareNet of Franklin.

### FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

- The Overlook Theatre Company will present Franklin High School Theatre in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* on Dec. 5 & 6 at 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 7 at 2:30 p.m. Advanced tickets will be available at the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.
- Varsity Girls Basketball Team go to each school every Friday morning. They help in different ways at the schools, for example, reading, tutoring, and helping teachers with different activities.
- The French Club just held its annual Penny War between the classes and successfully raised \$1,158. Proceeds will be used to help provide Christmas presents for the local foster children in Macon County.
- FHS FFA Forestry Team placed 6th in the region and won our federation for the first time in 20 years! Team members were Casey Hall, Dalton Drinnon, Lee Talley, Dustin Daves, and Austin Lewis.
- Thank you, FHS students and Student Council, for your generous contributions to the CareNet drive. We donated 549 pounds of food helping Clarks Chapel Church.



- On Monday, Nov. 17, the TRU Club participated in GASO. 350 students wore arm bands and learned what this meant. The TRU youth and Diane Alexander distributed tobacco information outside the cafeteria.
- On Nov. 17 the Allied Health II students organized a blood drive. Students and two faculty donated 63 productive pints of blood for the American Red Cross.
- Franklin FFA won first in their federation on Nov. 5 Land Judging Competition. They will be heading to Raleigh in April '09 for state competition. The team was: Dustin Daves, Josie Keener, Bret McCaskill, and Sarah Nix.
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### HIGHLANDS

- Highlands School celebrated Red Ribbon Week, a special week with emphasis on drug education and prevention. The Mayor Don Mullen proclaimed Red Ribbon Week by reading a proclamation over the intercom. Police Chief Harrell, Officer Castle, and other police officers distributed red ribbons and red bracelets to everyone.

On Tuesday, students wore Silly Socks to Sock it to the Drug and Alcohol Problem.

On Wednesday, students signed a pledge to be drug free on the bulletin board outside the office.

On Thursday, middle and high school students attended a Risky Behaviors Assembly presented by Sheriff Robbie Holland and the Sheriff's Department.

On Friday, the ABC Cardinal visited the school and presented assemblies for all K-5 students. All students "Walked Away from Drugs" during the day by walking laps around the track during PE and recess.

- Highlands School proudly announces that Donna Sizemore, first grade teacher, has been selected by the Wal-Mart Foundation as the 2008 Teacher of the Year from Macon County. Donna was nominated by a student, who wrote:

**"Mrs. Sizemore takes extra time with each student. She had the entire class and school to send cards to the American soldiers. It was wonderful when one came home and honored her class with a flag!"**

Highlands School received a \$1,000 donation from the Wal-Mart Foundation, and Donna received a \$100 gift card to Wal-mart for herself.

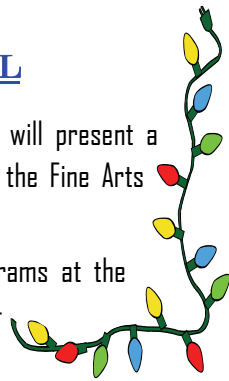
### MACON EARLY COLLEGE

- Lee Berger's journalism students are working on a project interviewing older Americans in the community, like those alive during WWII, possibly the Depression.
- We would like to recognize Macon Early College Key Club for participating in the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast held during the Pumpkinfest.



### MACON MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 7th & 8th grade bands and 8th grade chorus will present a Christmas Concert Thurs., Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on the FHS campus. Admission is free.
- Students at MMS raised \$650 selling candy-grams at the school. All of that money will go to feed the students of Balgo School in the food program.



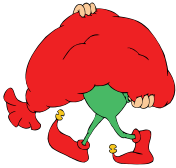
- NCCAT put out a call for artwork from all across NC for an exhibit during the Board of Governors meeting in October. MMS was represented by eight figure sculptures from Ms. Hagan's 8th grade art class. The students who represented Macon County were: Matthew Buchanan; Lacey Harwood; Creedence Julian; Troy Roper; Kelsey Sheffield; Nick Sprinkle; Megan Hamill; and Sergio Reyes. Artwork by MMS art students will be on display at the Macon County Board of Education during the month of November. The exhibit focused on fundamentals of the human form and the common bonds we share as humans.



- The TRU (Tobacco Reality Unfiltered) Club led some peer education and fun before school (7:30 a.m. - 8 a.m.) in the common areas.

### NANTAHALA SCHOOL

- Nantahala School has been selected by WRGB TV Channel 3 to be filmed on Dec. 15 LIVE, from 5 a.m.—7 a.m. as a *Too Cool School!*
- The High School Community Service Club — “A Friend of a Friend” is working on Christmas baskets for senior citizens of the community that will be filled with homemade jelly, ornaments, and cookies.



- The 3rd grade is forming an elementary university entitled “University Character!” They will be meeting regularly concerning character education in Nantahala School and working on mediation, anger control/management, and peer tutoring.

### SOUTH MACON

- SME had a fantastic Red Ribbon Week from was held Oct. 27-31. Red Ribbon Week celebrates a drug-free lifestyle and commemorates those who have tried to keep us safe from drugs. “Dancing and Rocking to a Drug-Free Beat” was the theme for this year’s activities. Students participated in daily activities to express individuality. Activities included: Crazy Socks Day; Crazy Hats Day; Hobby Share Day; Crazy Hair Day; and Favorite Team Day

### UNION ACADEMY

- Grazie Infinite!*** A FEAST-ival was held at Union Academy on Mon., Nov. 24. The chefs of level 5 and 6 students prepared a gourmet meal of spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic bread, and to top it off, all had icecream sundaes. The entire school partook and all were truly thankful for this delicious meal prepared for all!



### WELCOME BOARD MEMBERS !

*Tommy Cabe*  
*Tommy Baldwin*  
*Jim Breedlove*  
*Bobby Bishop*  
*Freida Bennett*

### CENTRAL OFFICE

- On Dec. 9, at 9 a.m., the Central Office will be hosting Santa’s visit with the More-At-Four students.
- Thank you to Debbie Brown, Chorus! East Franklin, South Macon and Cullasaja had more than 120 kids singing at the Veterans Day Parade.



- Assemblies were held on Oct. 29-30 at FHS, MMS, and Highlands School on Adolescent Risky Behaviors, sponsored by the Macon County Sheriff’s Office and Macon County Schools. The program included information about the current trends in risky behaviors — adolescent “pharming,” emo culture, inhalant abuse, the choking game and others, and provided information about intervention and prevention tools. The program was presented to grades 6 through 12.

• ***Congratulations to the new National Board Certified Teachers :***

*Samantha Bullis, 5th Grade, Cartoogechaye  
Deborah Garvey, Kindergarten, Cartoogechaye  
Katharine Brown, Exceptional Children, Cowee  
Joshua Lynch, 3rd Grade, Cowee  
Robin Mason, 3rd Grade, Cowee  
Lisa Boss, Media Specialist, Cullasaja  
Carol Bowen, Media Specialist, Highlands  
Mary McIntyre-Ross, Language Arts, Highlands  
Anne Porter, Business, Highlands  
Sallie Taylor, Art, Highlands  
Stella Pettit, 1st Grade, Totla  
Kari Allen, 2nd Grade, Totla*



... A Merry Message from the  
Jolly Ol' Guys at Central Office ...



We at the Central Office thank you who give all year long to the children of Macon County the Gift that lasts a lifetime —

Knowledge.

We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year filled with Joy and Blessings.

Dan Brigman