

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: INFORMATION { X } ACTION { } CLOSED MEETING { }

SUBJECT: GOOD NEWS IN BATH COUNTY SCHOOLS

A. BCHS Band

The band competed in the Blast in the Draft marching competition at Stuart's Draft High School on Saturday, September 26th. The band received a superior rating (highest possible) and second place overall. They competed in class AAAA+. They placed second only to Harrisonburg High School with a student population of 1500. The percussion placed second as well with only a one point difference between 1st and 2nd!

The band heads to Lynchburg on October 10th, to compete in class AAAA again at the Lynchburg Classic!

The band also performed at The Cascades golf course at The Homestead on Monday, September 21st for the D-DAY Memorial golf tournament. They opened the event with the national anthem and America the Beautiful.

The BCHS Jazz Band was invited to perform on WCHG during the Jazz show on September 30th, at 6:00 PM to support their annual fundraiser.

B. The Bath County Arts Association continues to provide educational opportunities for our students. The Division greatly appreciates the association's support.

During the week of September 21st, an artists-in-residence program, *Science Songs Rock*, was held at each elementary school for the second year. Students in grades 3 and 4 worked with musicians for three days to write songs, linked to curriculum content. The songs were then performed for other students in an assembly.

On October 1, BCHS students traveled to the Blackfriars Playhouse in Staunton to see *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

C. Bath County High Schools BETA induction was Wednesday, September 30, 2015. BETA membership is now 40, with 13 new inductees.

D. The electrical department and technology department have teamed up again and are currently working on the Wind for Schools Pre-Host School Research Project through JMU. They have received a \$400 grant for the robotics program. This is a year-long project where our students will be doing research on wind energy. Upon completion of this project, JMU Center for Wind Energy will help us find and apply for grants to put up a wind tower here at the school, which can then be used for a variety of educational purposes.

The wind tunnel and turbine were at the BARC Energy Fair on September 19, 2015, in Millboro, and on September 26, 2015 were at the Bath County Fair at Millboro Elementary School.

