

BOARD AGENDA INFORMATIONAL ITEM

DEPARTMENT: Communications/Public
Information Department

TOPIC: GOOD NEWS

14. As part of the Gaston County Career Awareness Program, **W.A. Bess Elementary** fifth graders participated in hands-on activities such as learning how to take temperatures, blood pressure readings, check a pulse, and how to properly perform CPR.
15. The following middle schools won championships during the fall sports season: golf, **Cramerton**; softball, **Belmont**; and football, **Belmont**.
16. **Bessemer City Middle School** promoted Hispanic Heritage Month by hosting a discussion panel of eighth grade students who identify as Hispanic or Latino. Students were engaged in the program as they learned about food, music, holidays, school experiences, and challenges that are faced in the Hispanic culture.
17. The **Cherryville High School** volleyball team hosted a powder puff volleyball tudents

37. **Hunter Huss High School** students in **Jessica Brigola's** class connected virtually with students more than 8,000 miles to learn about Philippine culture from their peers and share about the culture in America.
38. The **Hunter Huss High School** cafeteria staff received a perfect 100 percent sanitation rating.
39. **Hunter Huss High School** student **Jaylen Thorne** has been accepted into the Apprenticeship 321 program at Gaston College.
40. **Lingerfeldt Elementary** used the election season to nominate its first student government on November 11. Students were elected from each of the third, fourth, and fifth grade homerooms. Students campaigned and provided speeches to their classmates.
41. **Lingerfeldt Elementary** teacher **Elizabeth Conyers** was named the Department of Exceptional Children Teacher of the Year.
42. **McAdenville Elementary's** first grade class was featured on Queen City News Channel 46 as part of the TV station's hometown series. The news crew filmed students preparing to sing at the Christmas Town USA ceremony. In addition, McAdenville students have been invited to participate in the tree lighting ceremony and the town's yule log parade.
43. **McAdenville Elementary** celebrated the end of a successful Red Ribbon Week with a pep rally on October 28. Cheerleaders and football players from **Stuart W. Cramer High School** participated in the pep rally and spoke to the students about why they choose to be drug and bully free. Each class made up a cheer and performed it during the event.
44. **North Gaston High School** student **Wesley Lawson** won an Excellence in Acting Award for his role as the animal trainer in the play "Elephant's Graveyard" at the North Carolina Theatre Conference High School Play Festival. In addition, the school won the Festival Spirit Award.
45. The **North Gaston High School** yearbook staff spent time mentoring members of the **W.C. Friday Middle School** yearbook staff.
46. **North Gaston High School** senior **Crystal Bender** won first place at the Keep Gastonia Beautiful recycled art contest for her piece titled "Shlomes' Hat." She constructed her life-size hat (able to be worn) out of cardboard, newspaper, magazines for color, and other objects.
47. The **North Gaston High School** Marching Wildcats competed at the Freedom Classic Tournament of Bands. The band won first place in Class 2A, first place in music, second place in marching, first place in general effect, and second place in percussion. In addition, the band competed at the East Burke Cavalier Classic and won second place in Class 1A, second place in music, first place in marching, second place in general effect,

