

The ^{CCPS} BOARD REPORT

April 22, 2025

→ A night of celebrations & recognitions

The April Board of Education meeting is special each year as we meet at GRC and honor hundreds of students for various achievements and honors.

From scholars and artists to athletes and future healthcare professionals, GREATNESS was on display in full force as we celebrated nearly two dozen Board Recognitions. See the end of this Report for pictures and details.

→ Board recognizes Mr. Howard

The Board recognized Superintendent Dustin Howard for being named ECU “Experience Excellence” Superintendent of the Year. The award is given in conjunction with the Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative.

The award honors Kentucky public school district superintendents “with particularly notable talent and vision in instructional leadership, communication, professionalism and community involvement,” according to ECU. Mr. Howard was nominated for the competitive award by his CCPS colleagues.

Congratulations!



→ NEXT REGULAR MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 27

NOTABLE & QUOTABLE

“Tonight we have celebrated close to 500 students from all walks of life, teams, and involvements. We are blessed to be in the presence of our kids. They are the light that keeps me and my staff working hard every single day. And my goodness, how proud we are to have them right here in Clark County.”

-Superintendent Dustin Howard

Justice students participate in Instructional Spotlight



Justice 2nd graders Asher and Allison did a hands-on demonstration for members of the Board as part of the Instructional Spotlight. The students showed the mathematics instructional strategy

implemented at Justice that deepens students' conceptual understanding of math equations (see [Page 3](#)). Left, Principal Mary Maldonado, Asher Abshire, Allison Dowell, and Ms. Meiners.



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→ Superintendent's Report...

Preschool Open House

I am excited to announce that we have set our Open House for the Clark County Preschool. We will have a ribbon cutting first on May 20th and then folks will have the rest of the day to tour the facility. That is Election Day and a staff work day so it gives our team, along with community members, an opportunity to come over and tour the building. We want to showcase and highlight what we think is a game changer for growing greatness here in Clark County where we're preparing students at the highest level before they ever get to kindergarten.

Professional Development

We were able to finalize our professional development slate for the fall. A big thanks to all of our staff who took the survey to give us input so we could individualize the PD sessions for our teachers. A huge shoutout to Ms. Fithen and her staff for their intentional work in making sure our teachers get the specific training they need.

State Testing and Graduation

We are starting the state testing process. The major testing week for most of the district will be May 5th through 9th. We want to encourage everybody to make sure their kids get plenty of rest and understand that this is our opportunity as a community, as students, as administrators, and as teachers to showcase all we have learned throughout the year. It absolutely does not define us because I don't believe one test on one day is capable of doing that. I think our product will be celebrated on May the 23rd when we have 400-plus graduates walk across the stage and get their diploma. It means something that we have given them the opportunity to succeed because they've been educated in the Clark County Public School System.

We're excited to finish the year strong with our 5,400 kids.

→ In other action, the Board:

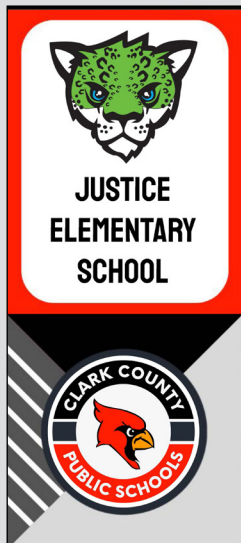
- Approved updated descriptions for Instructional Assistant I, II, and III, and Administrative Assistant I and II as part of the Human Resources Department's ongoing process of reviewing and revising all job descriptions.
- Received a review of the National State Board Association Conference by vice chair Dora Hall who reported that the conference was extremely beneficial. "There were some really great speakers, and I got to talk with a lot of board members from districts on the West Coast, and also from Indian reservations. It's interesting to compare." Ms. Hall said her favorite part of the experience was spending time with representatives of the National Education Association, who offered many insights and ideas.
- Approved an add-on to the May 29 budget meeting to discuss and decide the process for the 2025 Superintendent Evaluation.
- Approved updated SBDM staffing allocations.
- Voted to retain Traditional Bank as the Board of Education banker after receiving two competitive bids.
- Approved the monthly Financial Report, authorized payment of salaries and bills, and approved numerous consent agenda items. [View Agenda.](#)



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SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL SPOTLIGHT

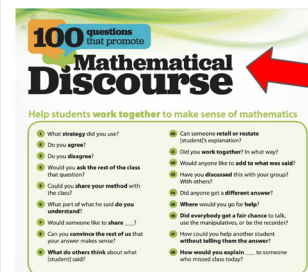


After analyzing fall IReady data and 2023-2024 KSA data, our Instructional Leadership Team saw a need in the area of mathematics. Upon further reflection, discussion, and data analysis, our team hypothesized the cause and a possible solution for our "problem." This is known as our *Problem of Practice*. This research model is adapted from Harvard and is similar to how a medical doctor might conduct research...only we are using it in education! Our hypothesis was that our students had a conceptual gap in their math foundations. This occurs when a student can perform calculations or follow procedures but lacks a deeper understanding of the underlying mathematical concepts, leading to difficulty applying those skills to new situations; essentially, they can "do the math" but don't know why it works.

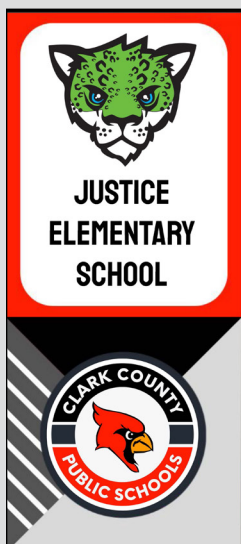
Our action plan: If we improve student gaps in conceptual understanding of math foundations, math achievement will improve.



Goal 1: Connect representations



Goal 2: Plan deeper questions and discussion opportunities



BIG ROCKS

2024-2025 COLLABORATION AND COMMUNICATION

Goal for the Year:
Increase the opportunities for collaboration and communication with community partners and families:

1. Jags on the Block!
2. Bi-Monthly Communication
 - a. Justice Journal
 - b. Grade Level "In the Know"
 - c. Resources for Families
 - d. Hearts and Hands
3. The Wingman Alliance
4. Grade Level Community Partnership Projects

2024-2025 SYSTEMS FOR ACADEMIC AND BEHAVIOR MTSS

Goal for the Year:
Clearly communicated and understood systems for Academic and Behavior MTSS.

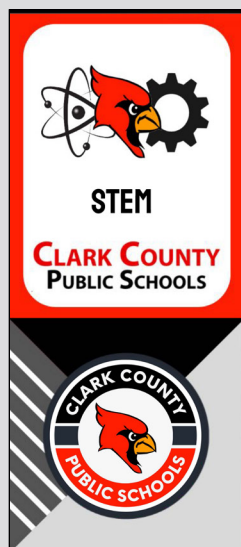
1. Pre/Post Check of Understanding
2. Tier I, II, and III Guide for Academic and Behavior
3. For every Tier, identify:
 - a. What curriculum/interventions do we use?
 - b. How do we monitor progress?
 - c. What is the clearly defined process to move between Tiers?
4. Introduction to complete Justice PLC Handbook
5. Unit Cycle Protocol- Release Time
6. Problem of Practice: Tier I- Math

2024-2025 RISE- RECOGNITION, IDENTITY, SUPPORT, ENGAGEMENT

Goal for the Year:
Plan intentional experiences for staff that help us recognize each other, create a common identity, support professional and personal needs, and engage in meaningful ways.

1. Staff commitments
2. Revising mission and vision
3. Monthly recognition
4. School wide and individual PLVs (Professional Learning Visits)
5. Horizontal/Vertical engagement
6. Student Identity- Who do we serve?

DISTRICT INSTRUCTIONAL SPOTLIGHT



→ Through collaboration with elementary teachers, we have designed and helped implement a curriculum where students actively investigate and manipulate materials, while making direct observations that foster critical thinking skills.

→ We are seeing a high level of teacher and student enthusiasm which contributes to enhanced engagement and deeper learning. Hands-on experiences have cultivated students' love of science evident in both their discussions and written work.



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Pole Vaulter Bailey Howard



Area Tech Center Welding



Berea Award - Landon Howard



District Art Showcase



Exceptional Children Staff



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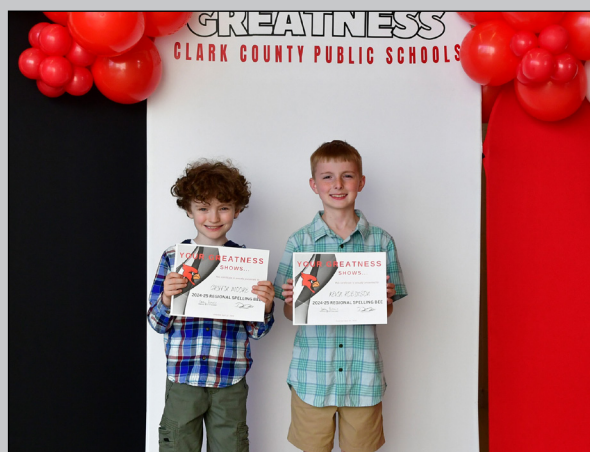
GRC Girls Basketball



GRC Volleyball Coach Kainan Hudson



GRC Cheer



Spelling Bee Winners



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Military-Bound Students



Conkwright Café Staff



GRC Mock Trial



Conkwright Teacher Ms. Sanders



GRC Swim & Dive



Conkwright IA Ms. Centers



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Your Greatness Shows...

Area Tech Center Health

GRC's State Registered Nurse Aide (SRNA) had a 100% pass rate again this year. The Phlebotomy Technician (PBT) program has a great rate as well, but not all students have completed testing at this time.

SRNA: The State Registered Nurse Aide certification is required for individuals who want to work as a nurse aide or nursing assistant in long-term care facilities, hospitals, or home health settings.

PBT: The Phlebotomy Technician certification is a national certification that verifies an individual has the knowledge and skills to safely and accurately collect blood specimens for testing.

Congratulations to the following:

SRNA and PBT: Kylie Arvin, Josie Belcher, Charley Brock, Olivia Brownlee, Emma Bush, Gracie Cecil, Madison Combs, Sydney Ely, Teriah Jackson, Trentity Jackson-Skinner, CaNivvea Johnson, Madison Keath, Emma Kelly, Lucy Kinney, Sorayna Madden, Angela McCord, Lilly McLemore, Xazavier Osborne, Phoenix (Alyssa) Sisler, Ethan Tuttle, Addison Wilson.

SRNA: Sarai Rodriguez, Alyssa Sanchez, Miriam Shaver, Andrew Brookshire, Ciara Byars, Jayde Cantrell, Gladys Diaz, Katelyn Green, Elias Guzman, Alexis Hausley, Jamie Huerta-Mata, Madyson Kennon, Josie Lane, Makaya Lopez, Ella Mattingly, Amyah Maxwell, Myla Oldham, Hannah Skaggs.

PBT: (Kelli) Lauren Jones, Priya Patel, Madisen Townsend, Makenzie Townsend.

Area Tech Industry Certs/SkillsUSA

Several GRC welding students earned Industry Certs demonstrating they are ready for the demands of the field. Congratulations to the following students for earning one or more welding certifications:

Larramy Mayes, John Chenoweth, Olivia Warner, Jones Howard, Christian Allen, Noah Sparks, Cooper Town, Camdyn Harrison, Kash White, Andrew Banks, Curry Gilkison, Brendyn White, Rylan Crockett, Logan Barrett, Scott Eury, Stuart Joynt, Emma Griffitheth,

Aiden Palmer, Wayland Saunders, Brayden Whiteside, Kameron Cracraft, Josh Bodo, Alec Skinner.

10th and 11th grade industry certifications: McKade Ryan, Tyler Doyle, Tajada Hooten, Charles Doan, Oliver Hutchens, Kilee Harrison, Houston Heath, Joseph Muse.

Thirty-six students successfully completed the requirements for and received their OSHA 10-Hour General Industry/Manufacturing card:

Amador Garcia, David; Brady, Austin J; Christopher, Trenton; Flores Ordenez, Darwin; Hannan, Nathan; Harrison, Kilee; Hasty, Christopher; Heath, Houston; Hutchens, Oliver; Johnson Jr., Robert; Kirkwood II, David; Muse, Joseph R; Otte, Nathan; Tays, Christian; Walker, Jaylen; Watts, Phoenix; Whiteside, Tristan; Willoughby, William; Christopher, Trevor; Doan, Charles; Doyle, Tyler; Hooten, Tajada; Hoskins, Nathan; Bodo, Joshua; Chenoweth, John; Griffitheth, Emma; Harrison, Camdyn; Howard, Jones; Joynt V, Stuart; Mayes, Larramy; Palmer, Ayden; Saunders, Wayland; Sparks, Noah; White, Kash; Town, Cooper; Banks, Andrew.

Congratulations to all!

Congratulations to Lydia Chenault, SkillsUSA state officer two years in a row. Lydia was recently elected 2025-2026 SkillsUSA State President.

Congratulations to Caleb Bush, 2025 Related Technical Math State winner. Caleb went up against all participants in the state of Kentucky and won first place in related technical math and he now going to Nationals in Atlanta to compete against every state winner across the country.





Board Recognitions

Your Greatness Shows...

District Art Showcase

Students whose artwork won awards in the District Art Showcase in March were honored. [CLICK HERE](#) for a story on the showcase and list of winners. Congratulations!

Pole Vaulter Bailey Howard

Congratulations to junior Bailey Howard on winning the KHSAA Indoor State Track & Field championship in the pole vault on March 6th. Bailey set the overall state record, clearing 12'6, and qualified for the New Balance High School National Outdoor championships.

Berea Award - Landon Howard

GRC senior Landon Johnson was honored for receiving the Dr. Samuel Hurst Scholar Award from Berea College. This award serves as a pathway to Berea's Tuition Promise Scholarship, valued at more than \$190,000 over four years, completely covering Landon's cost of tuition at Berea College. Congratulations!

Exceptional Children Staff

Director of Exceptional Children Abby McCormick honored Angela Thomas, district Occupational Therapist, and Amanda Burgher, District Teacher for the Visually Impaired, for organizing the K-6 Accessible Egg Hunt at the GRC Fieldhouse. The event included glow-in-the-dark eggs, magnetic eggs, and several other interactive activities. Congratulations!



Cassie Puckett and Sally McKinney from our Central Office for putting together the fantastic Growing Greatness background used in our photos.

GRC Boys Basketball

The GRC Boys Basketball team finished 27-6, was 10th Region Runner Up, 40th District Runner Up, and WinCity Holiday Classic Champions.

Players: Malachi Ashford, Eli Craig, Sam Spillman, Parker Sanders, Montez Gay, Amari Bartelson, Dailyn Fields, Conner Morguson, Maddox Campbell, JaMylyn Johnson, Maddox Hager, CJ Thomas, Sebastian Anthony, Chase Pace, Cole Rose, Matthew Pasley.

Head Coach: Joshua Cook; Assistant Coach: Bryce Gomes; Assistant Coach/JV Coach: Taylor Howard; Assistant Coach/Freshman Coach: Dylan James; Official Scorebook/Assistant Coach: Austin Curtis; Managing Staff: Josh Hampton; Athletic Trainer: Caitlin Crump.

Congratulations!

GRC Girls Basketball

The GRC Girls Basketball team was a KHSAA finalist, won their 4th straight 10th Region championship, and 13th straight 40th District championship. GRC Hoops finished at 28-8. The junior varsity finished at 10-1 and the freshmen, 10-4. Varsity players: Kennedy Stamper, Kyleigh Chestnut, Teigh Yeast, Ciara Byars, Jailenn Green, Emma Cecil, Anaya Chestnut, Madelyn Settles, Jaylynn Goodwin, Khania Jones, Leah Howard, Eliyah Strode, Kyleigh Stakelin, Amyah Maxwell, Annette Miller, Mya Yakubu.

Coaching Staff: Robbie Graham, Head Coach
Assistants Steve Anderson, William Brown, Erica Jackson, Anovia Byars, Olivia Sparks;
Support Staff: Dazyre Hooten

Congratulations!



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Your Greatness Shows...

GRC Cheer

GRC Cheer was Region Runner-up at both the Boys & Girls In-Game competition.

All Region Cheerleaders: Bailey Adkins, Jazzy Arzola, Mileigh Wills.

Squad: Anabelle Lucas, Paisley Kate Palmer, Kaleigh Stamper, Kylie Arvin, Tatum Durham, Bailey Adkins, Jazlynn Arzola, Kylie Conn, Maci Hutchison, Mileigh Wills, Samantha Moore, Octavia Duncan, Katie Gazave, Kylie Neely, Lily Turner, Kaylee Kao.

Coaches: Jerrica Whitaker, Emily Marquez, Kristie Tirey.

Congratulations!

GRC Boys Soccer

The GRC Boys Soccer Team won the 39th District Tournament, and the following players were honored for their play:

Camdyn Harrison - 10th Region Goalkeeper of the Year, Second Team All-State, First Team All-Region, All-District selection; Landon Clark - First Team All-Region, All-District selection; Conner Thorn - First Team All-Region, All-District selection; Caleb Bush - Second Team All-Region, All-District selection; Gratz McCraith - All-District selection; Drew Brookshire - All-District selection.

Players: Caleb Bush, Ayden Palmer, Camdyn Harrison, Cole Horn, Conner Thorn, Drew Brookshire, Landon Clark, Gratz McCraith, Hayden Cockrell, Ryan Palmer, Seth Johnson, Zach Price, Andin Lopez, Kevin Baruth, Levi Ross, Camden Raney, Nehemiah Israel, Ryan Houchens, Jack Keely, Hagan O'Brien, Nate Rigney, Wyatt Emerson, Jerry Martinez, Kodah Palmer.

Head Coach - Braden Powell; Assistant Coaches - Renny Ross and Hunter Cole. Congratulations!

Volleyball Coach Hudson

GRC Volleyball Coach Kainan Hudson was honored for his volunteer work on the highly successful elementary volleyball feeder program for 3rd and 4th grade girls. Congratulations!

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our 4th graders who won their school spelling bees to participate in the Big Blue Regional Spelling Bee at the University of Kentucky: Bentley Langston, Conkwright; June Franklin, Justice; Kevin Robinson, Shearer; Griffin Moore, Strode.

Military Bound

Students who have enlisted in various military branches were honored:

Daniel Barr – USMC; Ryan Turley - Army National Guard; Thomas Lovings - Army National Guard; Daniel Woods - Army National Guard; Emmanuel Carrizales – Army; Sean Fitzgerald - Army National Guard; Makenna Roszel - Army National Guard; Alyssa Fish - Army National Guard.

Congratulations!

GRC Mock Trial

The GRC Mock Trial team finished as 2025 state runner-up. In addition to the team award, some students were also presented with individual awards:

Mallory Jones - Best Attorney in the Championship Round and All-State Witness; Ella Howton - All-State Witness; Caroline Harper - All-State Attorney.

Other team members are Jones Howard, Katelyn Fulks, Carter Johnston, Josh Muse, Genesis Smith, and David Muse.

Congratulations!





Board Recognitions

Your Greatness Shows...

GRC Swim & Dive

GRC Swim & Dive was honored for making school history at the KHSAA State Championships with their largest team ever advancing to preliminaries and finals.

Diver Skylar Cockrell advanced to the state meet and finished 21st overall.

Girls 200 Medley Relay – Marissa Thomas, Ellory Moore, Libby Taylor, Cooper Moore - Finished 11th overall

Girls 200 Individual Medley – Libby Taylor (15th), Marissa Thomas (21st)

Girls 100 Butterfly – Libby Taylor (14th), Cooper Moore (17th)

Girls 200 Freestyle Relay – Harper Sebulsky, Kerrigan Moore, Mollie Tucker, Cooper Moore - Placed 22nd overall

Girls 100 Backstroke – Marissa Thomas - Placed 17th

Girls 400 Freestyle Relay – Kerrigan Moore, Libby Taylor, Marissa Thomas, Cooper Moore - Placed 13th overall

Boys 50 Freestyle – Ethan Hatfield - Finished 15th in the state

Boys 100 Backstroke – Ethan Hatfield (12th), Knox Taylor (22nd).

Congratulations!

Conkwright Recognitions

Conkwright Elementary Administration honored their Cafeteria staff and two teachers.

The Café staff was honored for working “tirelessly to ensure our students are fed and cared for.”

Teacher Chelsea Sanders was recognized as an Empowered Leader for her hard work implementing the Prichard Community Schools Clubs Grant.

Instructional Assistant Kelly Centers was recognized as a Committed Collaborator for always volunteering at events and being there to support students and staff.

Congratulations!

GRC Wind Ensemble

The GRC Wind Ensemble was honored for being invited to perform at the Kentucky Music Educators' Conference. In order to receive this opportunity, the band had to receive unanimous distinguished ratings at a concert assessment and submit recordings to a panel of judges. All bands meeting the criteria are invited to apply for this honor; GRC was one of two high school bands selected to perform at the 2025 Conference.

Students: Kaylee Christopher, Angel Fischer, Dawn Patrick, Emily Rogers, Phoenix Sisler, Wyatt Jackson, Spencer Williams, Olivia Maslin, Taylor McCord, Ashlyn McDaniel, Caitlynn McDuffard, Elijah Morales, Ashley Rogers, Olivia Root, AJ Bowman, Samantha Griffett, Kevin Baruth, Misael Morales, Ty Crawford, Annistyn Arnett, Keaton Grissom, Noah Groves, Madison Keath, Kaelyn Shepherd, Caden Vincent, Huck Brantly, Gunner Hansen, Aden Henson, Faith Sanborn, Tristen Ervin, Landon Harney, Matthew Jones, Lucas Spry, Lillian Hall, Gavin Layne, Ryder Abner, Dakota Gentry, Jillian Ison, Eli Biddle, Elliot Carlisle, Emma Caudill, Rylan Donaldson, Aaliyah Dye, Vanessa Hernandez, Preston Johnson, Ben Mathieu, Sophie Schmieg, Allistar Stamper.

Directors: A.J. Cook, Andy Edelen.

Congratulations!





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Your Greatness Shows...

RDC Symphonic Band

The RDC Symphonic Band was invited to perform at the Kentucky Music Educators' Conference in February 2025. In order to receive this opportunity, the band had to receive unanimous distinguished ratings at a concert assessment and submit recordings to a panel of judges. All bands meeting the criteria are invited to apply for this honor; RDC was one of two middle school bands selected to perform at the 2025 Conference.

Students: Chelsie Embs, Chloe Gilbert, Tessa Lunsford, Marlee Palmer, Caroline Pratt, Susi Salas-Rodriguez, Shelby Sallee, Amberlin Skinner-Israel, Rachel Sweet, Avery Dore, Aria Wolsey, Sebastian Allgood, Isabella Caudill, Kyleigh Hampton, Sage Harrison, Wyatt Jones, Alexis Lemaster, Marielle Maldonado, Katara Osborne-Mason, Kaliahna Seiferheld, Cameron Shields, Jaress Thomas, Ayden Woods, Erica Puckett, Anderson Kidd, Rowan Shelton, Nolan Henson, Kassidy Moore, Caden Ashcraft, Cameron Boyd, Brinley Joynt, Daniel Kelley, Bentley Lykins, Carter Faulkner, Cooper Galloway, Miles Kohler, Adrien Stegall, Angelina Albritton, Ben Bartholomew, Connor Berry, Scarlett Edwards, Simon Smith, Saul Sebulsky, Max Stiglbauer, Landon Zavitz, Hudson Arnold, Colton Shearer, Darius Stratton, Kamdyn Elkins, Dylan Skipworth, Maximo Shemwell, Allison Underwood, Emmett Davis, Ty Andreasen, Mason Sosby.

Directors: Calvin Schmieg, Andy Edelen, Matthew Leedy.
Congratulations!

RDC Cheer

RDC Cheer was Small Division Champions at Bluegrass Conference and Jr. High Small Division Champions and Best Overall Cheer at Bullitt East We Love the 90s.

Squad members: Bailey Watts, Leah Albright, Chloe Price, Jacie Farmer, Skylar Carter, Janiah Smith, Brayleigh Borders, Kennedy Arvin, Caroline Ballard, Jayla Jenkins, Tillie Maxam, Willa Davis, Sydney Bradley, Joselyn Bentley, Myari Graves, Paisley Sims.

Coaches: Christopher Tipton, Ashley Maxam.
Congratulations!

GRC Wrestling

GRC Boys Wrestling had two state qualifiers and one alternate this past season, with Bryan Falls falling one round short of placing top 8 in the State. The girls had one State Qualifier – Bailey Fletcher – who also placed 5th in the state, beating her previous season's placement and becoming the first ever 2X State Placer for GRC Wrestling.

Boys Regional Results: Gavin Clem (8th grade) - 4th @ 106 lbs; Brock Heidle (11th) - 5th @ 150 lbs; Bryan Falls (12th) - 3rd @ 215 lbs .

Girls Regional Results: Bailey Fletcher (11th) - 2nd @ 120 lbs.

Boys State Results: Gavin Clem (8th) went 1-2 @ 106 lbs; Bryan Falls (12th) went 3-2 @ 215 lbs (closest we have had a boy make it to place in state within our 4-year life span).

Girls State Results: Bailey Fletcher (11th) 4-2 @ 120 lbs to place 5th in the state.

Congratulations!

RDC STLP

RDC STLP teacher Damonica Partin honored Emily Howton and Jane Sutherland for advancing to Level 2 Judging at STLP State, and Saul Sebulsky, a semi-finalist in the Creative Digital Arts category 3D Design. Congratulations!

NOTE:

All information and names, including name spellings, were submitted by coaches, sponsors, teachers, or supervisors.

