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LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE



National Archery in the Schools Program's IBO World Outdoor 3-D Challenge High School Girls Champion

Gilbert High Sophomore **Gracie L. Howard** shot her way to a championship this summer. At the 2017 National Archery in the Schools Program's IBO World Outdoor 3-D Challenge, Howard finished in the top spot on the high school girls' leaderboard.

Scoring 287 out of 300, Howard beat 35 other high school girls. She also finished fourth in the overall girls' ranking.

During the competition, Howard shot six different 3-D targets representing sheep, turkey, coyote, antelope, deer and bear. She's beginning her third season with the Gilbert Archery Team.

SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference Bronze Medalist

After winning gold at the state SkillsUSA competition, 2017 River Bluff High Graduate **Christopher S. Harrison** earned a bronze medal for firefighting at this summer's 2017 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference.

Harrison impressed the judges during a physical skills test, which timed how quickly and accurately he could don required personal protection equipment, raise a fire service extension ladder and tie knots to raise tools.

He also completed a written test and oral interview in addition to an oral professional assessment. The assessment tested Harrison's knowledge of heat, heat transfer, fires, firefighting equipment and firefighting procedures.

Harrison learned the skills and knowledge he needed for the SkillsUSA competitions through Lexington Technology Center's firefighting program. Before graduating in June, Harrison completed the Emergency and Fire Management Services 1 and 2 courses at LTC.





Lexington County Community Development Block Grant Recipient

Red Bank Elementary received two County of Lexington grants to benefit special needs students and students who attend the RBES after-school program.

Supported by federal dollars, Community Development Block Grants provide funding designed to improve community facilities, provide new or increased public services to county residents, or fund initiatives that generate new jobs.

RBES Principal Marie G. Watson wrote a grant for the school's after-school program, while Lexington District One Occupational Therapist Erika W. Watts wrote a grant for RBES's sensory room.

RBES received approval for both grants totaling \$36,728. These funds will purchase additional items for the sensory room, enabling children with autism to focus and learn, and enrich the after-school program with more arts and fitness activities. RBES serves 75 children through the after-school program and 49 children through the sensory room.

2017 Fall Michelin Golden Apple Teacher Grant Recipients

Michelin North America's Lexington site generously provides \$250 grants to Lexington District One teachers to support new projects and help them purchase materials.

Winners of 2017 Fall Michelin Golden Apple Teacher Grants include Deerfield Elementary's **I. Alyse Bullard**, Gilbert Elementary's **S. Ryan Allman**, Lake Murray Elementary's **Katie E. Silvanic** and Pleasant Hill Elementary's **Cynthia P. Hecko**.

Teachers plan to purchase student-friendly research materials, individual copies of books, classroom seating to create reading spaces, and project building and learning tools for STEM activities.



Lexington District One recognized for 'taking action today'

During the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control 2017 Take Action Today awards day, Lexington District One picked up two awards for educating students about their planet.

Pleasant Hill Elementary, represented by **Maura A. Farley**, received the Outstanding School Recycling Program award for going above and beyond to use resources responsibly.

The school collects paper, plastic, aluminum and cardboard to recycle, uses recycled materials in art class, and recycles Styrofoam cafeteria trays.

DHEC also honored River Bluff High's **Amy P. Price** with the Outstanding Environmental Teacher award. Price coordinates RBHS's green projects, including a school garden, developing ideas to maintain soil quality on campus, picking up litter, and using recycled materials for art and science projects.

Price previously earned the Rising Star Teacher of the Year award from DHEC.





2017 Fall Walter P. Rawl and Sons, Inc.

School Garden Mini-Grant Recipients

Thanks to support from Walter P. Rawl and Sons, Inc., multiple Lexington District One schools maintain school gardens. These plots allow students to “dig into” learning, learn responsibility and enjoy the fruits of their labor.

Walter P. Rawl and Sons, Inc., provides grants twice a year, \$500 for teachers beginning new gardens and \$250 for teachers sustaining existing gardens.

Recipients of 2017 Fall Walter P. Rawl and Sons, Inc., School Garden Mini-Grants include Deerfield Elementary’s **I. Alyse Bullard**, Forts Pond Elementary’s **Helen E. Siceloff**, Meadow

Glen Elementary’s **Jeanne K. McKinney**, Pleasant Hill Elementary’s **Anya S. Degtyareva**, Pleasant Hill Middle’s **Anne M. Peterson** and **Mary Ashley Rodriguez**, Red Bank Elementary’s **Kristin A. Dycus** and River Bluff High’s **Amy P. Price**.

DES, MGES, PHES, PHMS, RBES and RBHS will receive \$250 each to enhance or expand existing gardens, while FPES plans to install a vegetable garden to provide educational opportunities for grades 2–5. These gardens encourage students to learn environmental stewardship and how the ecosystem around them operates.



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Strengthening Families Grant

Red Bank Elementary will offer an internationally recognized program this year thanks to a collaboration with Children’s Trust of South Carolina. RBES is one of five new partners joining Children’s Trust of South Carolina in providing the Strengthening Families Program, an evidence-based program that works closely with families to teach effective parenting techniques that reduce problem behaviors and conflict through positive discipline.

Advocates of SFP say the program strengthens the bond between parent and child during the 14-week course.

RBES will serve as an SFP site for families in Lexington County, and received \$37,500 in grant funding to support the launch of the program. Parents and children will meet at the school once per week to learn about proven ideas and strategies designed to help them as a family.

Sherri Caldwell, Elizabeth Gressette, Bett Williams and Sue Williams from Children’s Trust of South Carolina presented RBES Principal Marie G. Watson with a check.

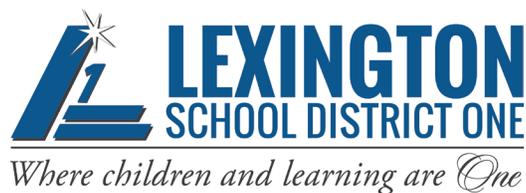
Lexington County Blowfish Baseball Club Donation

The Lexington County School District One Board of Trustees recognized the Lexington County Blowfish Baseball Club and owners Bill and Vicki Shanahan during the Tuesday, August 15 board meeting for their donation of \$3,000. The team also hosts the Blowfish Reading Program to encourage children in Lexington County to become better students through reading.

In celebration of the 2017 total solar eclipse, the Lexington County Blowfish Baseball Club auctioned off custom, eclipse-themed jerseys. The Shanahans donated proceeds from the jersey auction to the **Lexington County Educational Foundation** for science programs in Lexington District One elementary schools.

Shanahan first learned of the total solar eclipse from a Lexington District One science teacher.

“We are beyond excited to support Lexington District One,” he said. “This is just the beginning.”



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