

THE gear up GAZETTE

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7th-Graders GEAR UP!



First Lady Jane Beshear speaks at Crawford Middle School.

First Lady Beshear visits Crawford Middle School

Three cheers for academic success! Crawford Middle School held an Academic Celebration at which students were recognized for receiving proficient and distinguished test scores on the state assessments. During the celebration First Lady Jane Beshear gave a keynote address, congratulating the students on their successes and encouraging them to do well academically in the future.

The First Lady was present for the entire celebration, which included the Pledge of Allegiance, led by student Trevan Hale; a warm welcome, led by students Sarah Davis and Jaylin Johnson; "My Old Kentucky Home," sung by student Darionna Logan with accompaniment by music teacher Cheryl Tolbert; and an introduction by Associate Principal Michael Bayless.

Principal Joyce Florence presented the First Lady with a gift basket of appreciation, which included a CMS T-shirt! The CMS cheerleaders performed for the students at the end of the program.

Congratulations to all CMS students for your achievements! And thank you, First Lady Beshear, for your continued support of Kentucky's students.

2008 Great Kids Summit

On February 25 and 26 GEAR UP Kentucky students from across the state attended the 2008 Great Kids Summit leadership conference in Lexington. The summit featured Stedman Graham as the keynote speaker, with other prominent national leaders holding workshops during the two-day event. The goals of the summit were to inspire and empower young people to be leaders and change agents in their schools and communities. Additional events included a luau, Youth Involvement Showcase, Summit Idol and the 2008 Destiny Awards.

The theme of this year's Summit was "A Healthy Start, a Healthy Future!" Kentucky Child Now and its partners provided scholarships that enabled students from Fayette County's Bryan Station High, Henry Clay High, Tates Creek Middle, and Crawford Middle schools to attend. Scholarships were also provided for the adult chaperones.

To learn more about the work of Kentucky Child Now, visit www.kychildnow.org.



Olmstead Middle School 2008 Great Kids Summit participants from left: Tiffany Wright, Caroline Milam, Shelby Baldwin and middle school math and practical living teacher, Kerri Hayes.

GEAR UP is calling all student reporters...

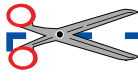
The GEAR UP Gazette is looking for student reporters for the 2008-09 school year. That means YOU can apply!

This could be a great opportunity to start building your résumé now! You don't have to be a budding journalist or reporter to apply. You just have to enjoy writing. We want to know about the GEAR UP activities happening in your school and community. Don't forget, your work will be published in the GEAR UP Gazette, which is read by students, parents, and teachers all over the state!

To apply, complete the application and send to the address at the bottom.

Applicants chosen to be GEAR UP reporters will be named in the GEAR UP Gazette in the fall. Reporters will work with their teachers and GEAR UP Site Coordinators to submit articles.

Good luck, future reporters!

 GEAR UP Gazette Student Reporter Application

Name: _____

Grade you will be in next year: _____

School you will attend next year: _____

List some ideas of what you would like to report on: (If more space is needed, please use another piece of paper and submit it along with your application.)

Reason for applying: (If more space is needed, please use another piece of paper and submit it along with your application.)

Send application to:

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