



# THE VIEW



## VAN BUREN HIGH SCHOOL BAND: Reaching New Heights in Excellence

The Van Buren Band program has long been recognized throughout the region and state for its distinguished resume of individual and team accomplishments. This year however, the Van Buren Band has achieved an unprecedented list of awards and honors, shattering all previous school records and solidifying the Van Buren Band program's reputation as the preeminent music education program in Arkansas.

**Fast facts about the Van Buren Band Program: The 2017-18 VBHS Marching Band completed an undefeated season, hi-lighted by winning the class 7A Arkansas State Championship at War Memorial Stadium**

- At over 220 members, the 2017-18 VBHS Marching Band is the largest in school history
- The VBHS Band broke a school record with 54 All Conference team members and 24 All State team members
- The Senior class of the VBHS Band has been awarded more than \$750,000.00 in college and university band scholarship offers
- The VBHS Freshman Academy Band has been selected as an honor ensemble for the 2018 Arkansas School Band & Orchestra Association All State Music Conference
- The Northridge Middle School Band was recognized as an honor ensemble at the 2017-18 Arkansas Music Educators Association Conference
- The Van Buren Band Program is the largest co-curricular activity in the Van Buren School District serving over 800 team members grade 6-12



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**A.S.B.O.A. REGION VIII  
MARCHING ASSESSMENT  
SUPERIOR RATING**



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**US BANDS SOUTHWEST  
MISSOURI REGIONAL  
MARCHING  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
GRAND CHAMPION  
CLASS VI CHAMPION  
HIGH SCORE GENERAL,  
MUSIC AND VISUAL  
EFFECT  
PERCUSSION CHAMPION  
CLASS VI COLORGUARD  
CHAMPION**



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**ARKANSAS STATE  
MARCHING CHAMPIONSHIP  
CLASS 7A OVERALL STATE  
CHAMPION  
HIGH SCORE VISUAL EFFECT  
SUPERIOR RATING**

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**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS  
INVITATIONAL  
MARCHING CHAMPIONSHIP  
GRAND CHAMPION  
CLASS "C" CHAMPION  
HIGH SCORE: GENERAL  
MUSIC AND VISUAL EFFECT  
PERCUSSION CHAMPION  
CLASS "C" COLORGUARD  
CHAMPION**

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**OZARKO INVITATIONAL  
MARCHING  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
GOLD DIVISION  
CHAMPION  
HIGH SCORE: GENERAL  
MUSIC AND  
VISUAL EFFECT**



## IZARD PIONEER DAYS

Students in Mrs. Wheeler's fourth and fifth grade class, at IZARD Center for Learning, held "Pioneer Day" after studying Westward Expansion. Students were taught how to make homemade buttermilk biscuits and butter by Donna McGuire, grandmother and long-time resident of Van Buren. They also learned the importance of water and how scarce it was during the 1800's. Mrs. Yuvonka, Crawford County librarian at the Van Buren Branch, taught students how wind power was used. Students played horseshoes, homemade washer toss, and practiced walking on wooden stilts made by Joe McGuire, grandfather and community volunteer. Students enjoyed a little "taste" of what life was like for pioneers during the early frontier days of the United States.



## STUDENTS AS TEACHERS

Third grade students in Ms. Guess's class at Rena Elementary were teachers for the day. The students went to second grade classrooms teaching them about their non fiction unit.



The Crawford County Adult Education Center's, Introduction to Craft Skills Class has been busy creating handcrafted projects for local use. As a part of the coursework, students complete classroom work, as well as several building projects, according to Dr. Debbie Faubus-Kendrick, CCAEC director. "With guidance and support from Lumber One, Harold Hamm Construction and Elite Roofing, students recently completed a storage building that has been donated to the Van Buren School District's Tennis Team," Kendrick said. Coach Brandy Mosby received the storage building from the Crawford County Adult Education Center and the students of the Craft Skills Class. Materials for the project were donated by Lumber One. "The Introduction to Craft Skills Class was created for adults interested in obtaining skilled trade education", Kendrick said. The course is a part of a pilot program that is grant funded through the Office of Skills Development. Upon successful completion of the program, students will have the opportunity to gain an OSHA 10 Certification and National Center for Construction Education and Research Certification. For more information about Introduction to Craft Skills or any CCAEC programs or services, contact the school by phone at 479-471-0019 or visit them on the web at [www.crawfordcountyadulthoodeducationcenter.webs.com](http://www.crawfordcountyadulthoodeducationcenter.webs.com)





Congratulations to the Van Buren High School Cheerleaders named the 5-7A State Runner-Up at the Arkansas State Cheerleading Championship in December.



Van Buren School District staff came together in November for a fun night of promoting health, wellness, and school spirit. More than 200 faculty participated in the second annual tournament on November 6<sup>th</sup>, at Bowling World in Fort Smith. The two-part event included an elementary school division and one for secondary campuses. Teams sported festive shirts and outfits for the tournament. Participants played two games, with winners being announced following the second round. Parkview prevailed as the winner in the elementary division, followed by King in second place, and Central Elementary School in third. Secondary schools champion was Butterfield Trail Middle School. Second place went to Northridge Middle School, and third to the staff of Van Buren High School. District leaders also presented several unique honors to those exhibiting exceptional school spirit. Central Middle School was named "Most Energetic Team" and Rena was honored as "Best Dressed Team". Individual awards were given to the top male and female bowlers in each division. Patrick Allred from Parkview earned, Top Male Bowler and Pattie Grider from Central was named Top Female Bowler among the elementary school participants. Summer Mulloy from the "A" (Administration) Team was, Top Female Bowler in the secondary division. Kevin Peters from Butterfield earned both the Top Male Bowler Award, and the honor for "Most Strikes." Dewayne Richesin from Northridge, earned the "Most Spares" title.



Congratulations to Rena Elementary teachers, Amanda Goodman, Hillary Elliott, and Kelly Henson for earning National Board Certification.



Fifth grade students from Rena spent a beautiful fall day at Crystal Bridges learning how science and technology are integrated into art. The trip was made possible through a grant from Crystal Bridges Museum.



King and Tate Elementary Schools were recently honored by Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson with "Garden of the Year" Awards. The 2017 Arkansas Grown School Garden of the Year Contest, recognized only five schools in the state, with King Elementary winning for "Best Nutrition Education Based School Garden" and Tate Elementary winning for "Best



Community Collaboration School Garden." Principal, Renee Risley, teacher, Kim Doss, Principal, Robert Childers, teacher, Wendy Crawford, Foodcorp Representative, Superintendent, Harold Jeffcoat, Activities Director, Drew Cone and were presented the awards at a special ceremony in Little Rock on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Rena Elementary K-Kids provided a community service by helping to pack 400 meals for the IMPACT program in January. IMPACT provides assistance to fill that meal gap for families that are dependent on school lunch programs during critical times when school is not in session, for example Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring Break. If you are interested in donating to the IMPACT Program please contact Tom Watkins.



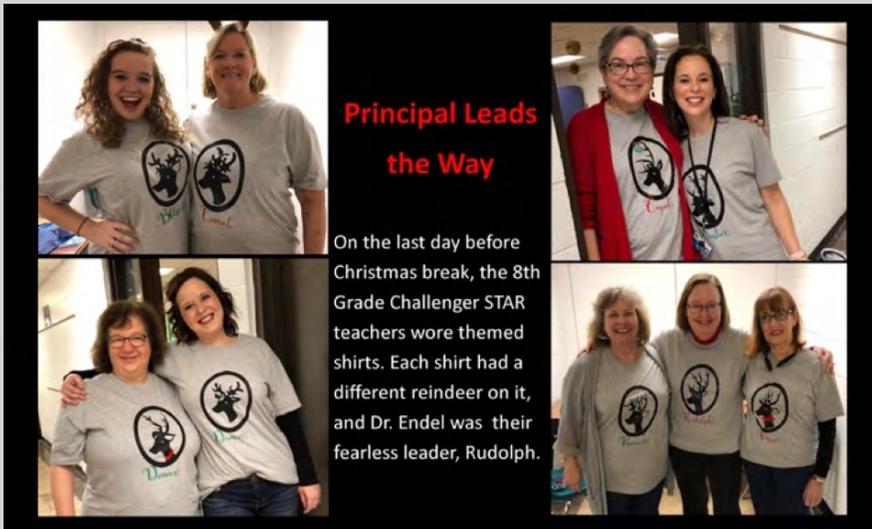
Seventh grade students from the Imagineers Team, who are also Student Council members, presented to the Van Buren City Council on December 18th, 2017. In the words of School Resource Officer George Edelen, "These students went above and beyond and spoke to the Mayor and City Council about getting school zone lights. They succeeded!" Along with 7th grade Imagineers teacher Kellie Jackson, the students developed a proposal to show the need for school zone safety lights at Butterfield Trail Middle School. The city council voted to approve funding for two sets of lights, four big total. Ms. Jackson and the entire staff at BTMS are really proud of these students for doing this hard work and accomplishing their goals.



The 2017-2018 Northridge Spelling Bee was held on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-six students competed in this year's school bee. The top four winners will go on to compete in the Crawford County Spelling Bee on Saturday, January 27 at 9:00 a.m., at the Van Buren Fine Arts Center. This year's winners (seated from left to right) Christian Woodward, first place; Audrey Dahlem, second place; Conner Brewer, third place; and Allison Fesler, fourth place.



The 2017-2018 finalists in the BTMS School Spelling Bee held in December. The top 4 students competed in the Crawford County Spelling Bee on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Van Buren Performing Arts Center. The alternate would represent Butterfield if one of the top 4 students ends up not being able to compete. This year's winners pictured, Isabel Hernandez, first place; Andrew Sacpraseuth, second place; Havah Weisenfel, third place; Emilee Wear, fourth place and Grant King, alternate. Isabel Hernandez, won first place in the Crawford County Spelling Bee and will be representing BTMS and Van Buren at the state spelling bee on March 20, 2018 at Central Baptist College in Conway.



**Principal Leads the Way**

On the last day before Christmas break, the 8th Grade Challenger STAR teachers wore themed shirts. Each shirt had a different reindeer on it, and Dr. Endel was their fearless leader, Rudolph.

Staff at Butterfield Trail Middle School have fun the last few days before Christmas break!



Emma Welborn reads a poem written by Briana McAfee on the impact of being in the drama program.



Mackenzie Dipboye reads Caroline Davis' poem about being a leader on the softball team.



Students read and respond to the creative writing Impact Projects in the high school media Center.



Alex Feck responds to Maria Rosales' poem and photo about how her color guard teammates have impacted her sophomore year.

The Impact Project is a socially engaged, arts integration project in creative writing, at VBHS. Students write poetry on either how they impact others or how others have impacted them. The writers then take and edit non-traditional portraits that complement their poems. Students also are encouraged to decorate the frames to coincide with the theme. This is the second year for the project at VBHS. This year's projects were on display in the media center where students and teachers were invited to view the projects and leave comments for the creators. The purpose of the project is to encourage all students to recognize the impact they have on others' lives and to value what they have to offer. The Impact Project is an ARTeacher Fellowship Project. ARTeacher is an arts integrated program offered through the University of Arkansas Center for Children and Youth, Crystal Bridges, and the Walton Arts Center. Teachers are selected by application for the three-year fellowship, which includes professional development, materials, and lesson plans. Creative writing teacher, Lisa Moose is in year two of her fellowship.



Team Igniters at BTMS, celebrated both their A team and B team winning their brackets at the Special Olympics Basketball Event in Fort Smith on January 12th, 2018.

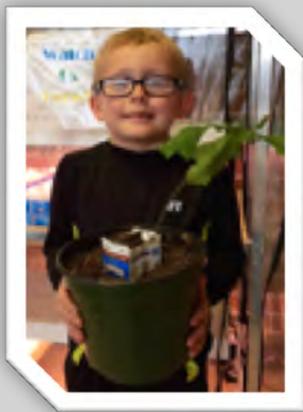


Foodcorp has been hard at work at Rena Elementary. On Martin Luther King Day, a garden was constructed with over 30 volunteers showing up from both the school and the community. Materials for the project were donated by Bayyari Elementary School in NWA. Ten new garden beds were established with the donation. A donation of soil was made by Tom Perry Landscaping, and a donation of lumber from Lumber One.





Fourth grade students at Central Elementary were awarded an Education Foundation Grant to create "Edible Gardens". The grant provided six raised flower beds in front of the school to grow vegetables and flowers for the students and the neighboring community to enjoy. Central students painted rocks to be placed in the garden and around the Nature Walking Trail to provide extra color and decoration. This project is a wonderful addition to the school and community.



Parkview student, Remi McCormick, holds an Overcup Oak Tree that Sprout Scouts planted as an acorn back in the fall. Parkview hopes to grow several different trees, native to Arkansas, to give back to the community.



Central Elementary Interest Groups had a great time making snowmen to decorate their porches at home. The students painted their snowman and added buttons and scarfs. Central Elementary teachers offer a variety of activities during interest group time to encourage students to create, explore and have many interest in life.



Relationships are budding in second grade at Central elementary. Local business, Experian and second grade students are bonding over books. The powerful male role models that are taking time to make reading a priority, the grandma figure that tells stories, and the parents that get to hear other students read has been a beautiful experience for all involved. This experience has allowed Central Elementary to further positive community relationships and has allowed extra support for the students.