Padilla Selected for Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame

On November 15, 2012, Bowling Green High School announced Anne Padilla, a teacher since 1985, will be officially inducted as part of the 6th Class of the Louie B. Nunn Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame on Tuesday, February 26, 2013, in the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort.

Principal Gary Fields shared with employees that Anne has been teaching young people how to be better writers, critical readers, and how to be better people since graduating from Hunter College. He said the best way to sum up what Anne has meant to Bowling Green High School is to share words of 2012 graduates Austin Lyons, Megan Taing, John Vogler, Dana Reynolds, and David Wesley:

• She is blunt and critical, but offers help and solutions.
• She commands respect and treats her students as intelligent, logical adults, but isn’t afraid to let out her inner child from time to time.
• In her own unique style, she makes us grade our own essays and then justify our grades before she will reveal our actual grades.
• She has never given a 100% on an essay, because she doesn’t believe in a perfect piece of writing.
• She openly asks students to critique her reading guides, noting weak questions…she even asked us which books should be taught in her class next year and which ones should be retired.
• She tells us that “I teach on a year-to-year basis…I keep thinking that the next year will be my last…but it’s you guys that keep me coming back.”

Commonwealth Attorney Chris Cohron also joined BGHS in congratulating Ms. Padilla and shared stories of his experience as one of her first students in 1985. He recalled her strict classroom management and creative methods of motivating students, but said that no other educator had made more an impact in his life than Ms. Padilla.

Bowling Green High School and all of Bowling Green City Schools congratulate Ms. Anne Padilla, Louie B. Nunn Teacher Hall of Fame.

BGHS Purples are 5A Football State Champions

Congratulations to all athletes participating in the 2012 fall season:

Bowling Green High School:
Cross Country: Regional Champions, State Runner-Up

Football: District Champion, Regional Champion, State Champion

Girls Soccer: District Champion, Regional Champion, State Final Four

Boys Soccer: District Champion, Regional Champion, State Elite Eight

Volleyball: District Runner-Up, Regional Runner-Up

Golf: Boys Team Regional Runner-Up, State Tournament Participant

Two softball players have signed letters of intent to play collegiate athletics: Brittany Vaughn has signed to play at Memphis, and Kathryn Downing to play at WKU.

The Bowling Green Purples are the KHSAA 5A State Champions for the second consecutive year. The team has been undefeated for two straight seasons, with a record of 30-0. Congrats to all players, coaches & families!

Bowling Green Junior High:
Cross Country: Madisyn Peeples won the middle school state championship running a 4K with a time of 15:01.

Football: Both 7th & 8th grade teams finished as State Runners-Up

Volleyball: 2nd Place Conference Finish
BGHS Academic Team & 6th Grade Showcase Results

The BGHS Academic Team competed in their season ending tournament at Greenwood on Thursday, November 15. The team was awarded both the Best Varsity Record and the Best Freshmen Record for the West Division. Two team members were named to the SCKAC Honor Team: Ethan Holaday and Ben Guthrie. The team finished in 3rd place for the tournament.

Bowling Green Junior High School’s Sixth Grade Academic Team took first place in every competition on Saturday, December 1. They won the overall Sixth Grade Showcase, Quick Recall, several written assessment categories.

Potter Gray P.E. in the Pool

Fourth & fifth grade students from Potter Gray Elementary will spend three Physical Education classes this semester in the BGHS Pool. The students will learn basic strokes and swimming techniques from BGHS swimmers and coaches. They will swim laps in the pool or have individual instruction from the certified life guards.

District Open House Features Elementary Student Work

Bowling Green Elementary students recently competed in a holiday art contest with the winning art to be featured at the District’s Holiday Open House. One art project from each school was selected and has been used to create invitations, advertisements and posters for the district. The original work will also be on display during the Open House on December 6 from 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Winners of the 2012 Holiday Art Contest are (Work pictured below from left to right): Matt Sowell, a 4th grade student at Potter Gray; Fiona Manivong, a 4th grade student at Potter Gray; Grace Tweedy, a 5th grade student at T. C. Cherry; Winta Sweatt, a 5th grade student at Dishman-McGinnis; and Yereni Bruno-Sanchez, a 3rd grade student at Parker-Bennett-Curry.

A special thanks to Art Teachers Mary Sansom and Cassie Lloyd for their help with the contest.

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WKU Honors Luncheon Recognizes 29 from BGHS

WKU honored 89 students from five Bowling Green and Warren County high schools for their academic achievements. The annual recognition ceremony recognizes students who qualify for a renewable academic scholarship to WKU. This year’s group has an average ACT composite score of 29.11 and grade point average of 3.89 and includes 21 Kentucky Governor’s Scholars and 11 National Merit Semifinalists.

The following students were honored at a luncheon Nov. 16 at the WKU’s Knicely Conference Center: Front row (left to right): Morgan Cleary, Savannah Snyder, Maggie Wohltjen, Lindsay Gay, Selena Quintanilla, Spencer Renfro, Han Hong; second row: WKU President Gary Ransdell, Mary Grayson Batts, Kelsey Lopez, Elizabeth Brooks, Sarah Parks, Rachel Daniel, Victoria Dillard, Kristen Lyons, Shelby Higginbotham, Mitchell Adamic, counselor Karen Swiney, principal Gary Fields; back row: Erin Bardin, superintendent Joe Tinius, Benjamin Morrison, Sarah Alford, Drew Crocker, Logan West, Denis Hodzic, Owen Hanna, Ethan Holaday, Meredith Harbison, Diamond Marshall, and Jalen Brown.

EXPLORE-ing College & Careers with 8th Grade Students

In an effort to encourage college and career readiness, Bowling Green Junior High returned EXPLORE score reports differently to 8th graders this year. The EXPLORE test is designed to help 8th grade students learn a broad range of options for their future, as well as help prepare them for high school coursework. The test is required by the new Unbridled Learning Accountability System for all 8th grade students.

On November 16, school and district administrators, as well as volunteer teachers and staff from BGJHS and BGHS met with every 8th grader individually for approximately ten minutes, in a private setting to review highlights of their report. They were able to have conversations explaining steps the students need to take in school and set them on the right path for high school next year and ultimately their future. After the initial session with students, teachers reviewed goal setting in their classrooms.
We wish our students, employees, families and community members wonderful and happy Holidays!

Schools will be closed December 17 - January 1.

As we face colder temperatures (sooner or later), the possibility increases for the delay or closing of school. During the winter months district administrators, including Transportation Director Mike McCloud and Superintendent Joe Tinius, keep a close watch on the weather. If there is a possibility for precipitation, they are up during the early morning hours checking road conditions, listening to forecasts, and communicating with surrounding districts. Their cooperative efforts determine if roads and sidewalks are safe for our students and employees.

If the decision is made to delay or close school, our district will make every effort to notify parents, guardians and employees as soon as possible.

The following media are contacted during inclement weather.

Television:
- WBKO (ABC and FOX)
- WNKY NBC 40
- WTVF Nashville Ch 5
- Insight CN2

Radio:
- WKCT 930 am
- WKYU 88.9 fm
- WCVK 90.7 fm
- WGGC 95.1 fm
- WBVR 96.7 fm
- WKLX 100.7 fm
- WUHU 107.1 fm

Mobile Apps for smartphones may also be used to receive information about school closings or delays. WBKO and WNKY both offer free apps with news and information for local viewers.

In rare instances, school may be dismissed during the school day to avoid afternoon weather conditions. If this occurs, an AlertNow Emergency Message will be sent as soon as possible. The Emergency Message will be sent to all phone numbers, and email addresses, and text messages will be sent to subscribers.

By law, all school days missed due to inclement weather must be made up. Please consider the possibility of make-up days as you make vacation and/or graduation plans.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the district office, 746-2200.

The AlertNow Notification System will be used to send emails and non-emergency text messages. AlertNow uses parent/guardian email addresses from the student database, Infinite Campus. Individuals must subscribe to receive text messages due to possible charges from mobile phone companies.

The City of Bowling Green hosted the annual Student Solutions Banquet on November 29 at South Warren High School. This year, students from all five local high schools were tasked with creating a 5 to 7 minute video from a creative and youthful perspective to entice folks to visit, vacation or relocate to Bowling Green.

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http://youtu.be/XGNgl_Olgzk

2012-2013 Academic Calendar

Thanks to all parents and community members who completed the calendar survey last month. The 2012-13 Academic Calendar is scheduled for approval at the December 10 Board of Education Meeting.

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