

Good News Report December 7, 2020

Transylvania County Schools
Communications/Community Relations

DAR "Ladies First" Presentation

Each year, members of the Transylvania Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) have written and performed a historical, costumed skit for all fifth graders that showcases the notable women who played roles in America's fight for freedom. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's presentation will be a little different.





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Instead of visiting the schools, the DAR applied for and received a grant from the Pisgah Health Foundation to hire a videographer who will film this year's presentation. Filming will take place in January at the Allison-Deaver House in Pisgah Forest, and part of the music on the soundtrack will be performed by local bluegrass band, the Steep Canyon Rangers.





DAR "Ladies First" Presentation

The video and a lesson plan aligned with the state curriculum will be supplied to teachers later this spring. Our fifth-grade teachers look forward to having this video lesson to share with their students, and we thank the Transylvania DAR members for their creativity and support of our schools.





"Say Something" Anonymous Reporting System Launched

Transylvania County Schools has launched the "Say Something" Anonymous Reporting System (SS-ARS) for students, which most North Carolina public school districts will be adopting this year to meet the reporting guidelines and standards developed by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction and the

Center for Safer Schools. Say Something is a youth violence prevention program from the national nonprofit organization Sandy Hook Promise (SHP), which has funding to provide the program and training at no cost to the district.





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The SS-ARS allows youth and adults to securely submit anonymous safety concerns – anytime, from anywhere – to help identify and intervene upon at-risk individuals before they hurt themselves or others. The system enables school administrators and law enforcement to create

effective interventions and to help prevent violence, suicide, bullying, self-harm and other forms of threatening behavior.



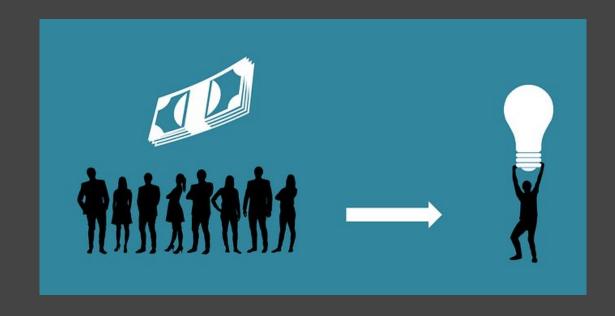


Crowdfunding Support for Athletics

Board policy 7360/8225, **Crowdfunding on Behalf of the School System**, allows the use of online sites to solicit donations, whether monetary or in-kind, on behalf of the school system. To help recoup expenses and offset the loss of gate revenues this year due to COVID-19, the high school athletic departments will be launching a GoFundMe campaign to raise money for athletic programs at the schools.

The GoFundMe account will include a link to accept donations during livestreams of sporting events. Our thanks to the principals and athletic directors for finding a creative way to help support our students and sustain our programs during these difficult times.





Thank you Pisgah Forest Elementary School for this month's artwork in the Board Room.

Thank you as always to the Transylvania County Sheriff's Office and our SRO this evening.



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