

# CONNECTION TEAM REPORTS

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## Message from the President

What could I do to make my chapter better? This is a question that every FCCLA member should be asking himself or herself. Why, you may ask? Everyone is trying to find new ways to make their chapters better, which will make their chapters more enjoyable for everyone and more people will want to join. I challenge everyone to not only think of ways of making their chapters better, but to also talk to friends about FCCLA and work hard to get new members. "I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it."(Thomas Jefferson)

Jennifer St. Amant

### Lurgio Lions FCCLA

Reporter: **Julia Therrien**

In the month of October, we had 3 meetings in our FACS room at Ross A. Lurgio Middle School. We have a total of 17 fully paid members and 23 members in all. On October 11, our chapter voted for our President, Vice President, Secretary, and Reporter. We also readied ourselves for the Fall Rally. Our chapter made a poster and name tags to go along with the theme "FCCLA Marks The Spot!". Our chapter was impressed with the Fall Rally and had tons of fun. They are looking forward to the Spring Conference. We are a new to the whole thing, so this was a challenge for us.

## **McKelvie FCCLA**

Reporter: **Kelsey Hoak**

The McKelvie 2007-08 FCCLA chapter met six times during the months of September/October. Members learned about FCCLA and discussed leadership qualities and their role in our chapter. We organized our fall rally information and selected poster, name tag, and creed participants. We elected our 07-08 officers and participated in our installation ceremony. Chapter members formed small groups and researched the national FCCLA programs of work. One member from each group presented the posters. We are currently narrowing down our fundraising for "Feed the Children" community service project. Some ideas include a cooking school with small fee, face painting at the town ski/skate sale, and doing extra chores at home for small fee.

## **Spartans FCCLA**

Reporter: **Cassie Spencer**

This month of October we have had three meetings all of which were held in Room 129, a total of 70% of our members attended. Our total affiliation as of today is sixteen members. Our chapter recently attended fall rally and was very successful in both the name tag and poster contests. Our name tags were treasure chests with our poster as a treasure map to match. All the members who attended fall rally enjoyed themselves.

We have several projects in the planning stage. We are currently planning our induction ceremony, our annual holiday party and have been brainstorming many ideas for community service projects and fundraisers. For community service projects we want to raise money by holding different drives in our school. One will include placing a fish tank in the lobby of our school for people to put loose change in, we plan to do this over a three week span in November. The money raised by this will go to Feed the Children. Our slogan for this fundraiser will be "fishing to feed the children". We have also discussed contributing to our school's food drive as a chapter; we will collect canned and non-perishable food items and donate them to the school drive. To raise funds for our chapter we have brainstormed and discussed several ideas. We hope to have our annual rock-a-thon and to host a giant musical chairs tournament.

At our next meeting is planned for November 7, we hope to discuss in depth the fundraising and community service ideas along with project ideas and Power of One. We are all very excited for this year and can't wait to get our ideas rolling.

## **Spaulding ECE**

Reporter: **Meaghan Donnell**

We have finished the Cherrydale fundraiser to help students pay for their dues and put money away for conferences. Throughout the year we collect tabs from the top of cans and send them to either the Dialysis Center or the Shrine Burn Center. We also help sponsor a child in Kenya named Denmark. Each student who wants to donate \$1.00 a month for a total of \$28.00 a month and an extra \$18.00 on Christmas and his birthday.

Also we had an installation party on October 18<sup>th</sup>. This is where we installed all the officers into their positions. We also played games to help us become closer with one another and ate pizza.

Before we went to Fall Rally, we did a lot of planning and had a lot of meetings in order to participate in all the contests. There were a number of us who stayed after for approximately 9 hours total to complete the nametags and poster. I guess staying after paid off seeing as how the outcome of the contest left us with two stars on the nametags and three stars on the poster. We also had two people, Sarah LaFrance and Nikita Gunter practice to compete in the Creed contest, which Sarah got three stars and Nikita got one.

We are also in the planning stage to raise money for the Feed the Children Project. We haven't come up with any ideas about it yet but we will during our next meeting which is scheduled to be within a week or so.

## **Whitefield FCCLA**

Reporter: **Darian DiMauro**

September and October were busy months for Whitefield FCCLA! After getting everyone back into the swing of school, we held our first meeting on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Several 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders turned out to sign up and learn more about the Ultimate Leadership Experience. As of today we have 35 members affiliated for our 2007-2008 year. Mrs. Overhoff and Mrs. Koehler will be our advisers this year.

During our first meeting we discussed how we could work to address issues on many levels. We used chart paper to brainstorm local, state, and global issues. Topics that we came up with included local recycling and global warming issues, ways to promote peace not war, as well as school issues such as Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) incentives for our school. There were many more topics listed and we will mention those ideas in the future reports.

At our October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting we discussed leadership roles and FCCLA officer positions. Members were nominated to run for local chapter positions. Candidates were then given one week to prepare speeches and election posters.

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### **Whitefield FCCLA continues**

The next week, at our October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting – candidates spoke to all the members and then everyone voted. Brody Glidden was elected President, Akaylah Glidden was elected vice president, Nicole Schmidt was elected Treasurer and Danielle Forcier was chosen as secretary. Brody Glidden was also selected as out Voting Delegate for Spring Conference.

Members also paired up into small groups and signed up to design either name tags or posters for Fall Rally. Permission slips and details about Fall Rally were also explained by Mrs. Overhoff and Mrs. Koehler. FCCLA Marks the Spot is the theme. Our chapter asked Mrs. Bechtold, our art teacher to volunteer as a name tag and poster contest judge at Fall Rally. She happily accepted and will do a great job; she was just named the Art Teacher of the Year in New Hampshire. With all our members attending to go to Fall Rally, our Assistant Principal Mrs. Stainert also agreed to go as a chaperone on our trip.

Our first community service project for the year was to cater a White Mountains Regional School Board meeting. Members from our chapter represented the Whitefield Way Café which prepared healthy snacks and served them with ice cold water, iced tea, and coffee. Veggies and dip, cheese and crackers, as well as homemade apple crisp with light vanilla ice cream was served. Brody Glidden, Tom Enderson, Caitlin Berry, Kaitlin Mullen, Jamie Lennox, Akaylah Glidden, Laura Kopp, and others were on hand to serve our school board and administrative guests.

Name tags and posters were due at the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Groups presented their designs and the chapter selected a name tag designed by 8<sup>th</sup> graders Jackie Lowell, Reilley McGee, Kim McGee, Sara Selensky, and Kayla Stinson. A 7<sup>th</sup> grade poster designed by Laura Kopp, Akaylah Glidden, and Emily Sheltry was chosen to represent our chapter at Fall Rally.

We also learned about the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Celtics trip and are excited. We all agreed to bring in a \$10. non-refundable deposit to Mrs. Overhoff by October 31<sup>st</sup>. With so many planning to attend from our large group, we hope to do some fundraising for a coach bus to Boston for the trip.

The October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting was a work session to get all our name tags made for Fall Rally. Everyone is looking forward to the day, except getting up to leave so early from Whitefield! Our bus will leave at 6:15am. It should be a great day as we will all be home in time for a Halloween Dance sponsored by our 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Whitefield FCCLA will not meet on October 29<sup>th</sup> because our 7<sup>th</sup> grade members will be gone away to Natures Classroom for the entire week.