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## Stewart County Schools Host Spring Literacy and Numeracy Celebration!

### Achieve 3000 and IXL

**LUMPKIN, GA** - On Thursday, March 21, 2024, elementary, middle, and high school students in Stewart County schools reaped the fruit of some of their hard work. While the morning was filled with focused work in classrooms, the afternoon brought on the opportunity to celebrate. Teachers and students alike buzzed with excitement and great anticipation of the food, fun, and social activities planned to note their commitment and progress in Achieve 3000 and the IXL learning programs.

Through some creative planning, administrators and staff worked together to have three separate events for elementary, middle, and high school scholars before the end of the school day. True to form, the spirit of each celebration was unique. Elementary scholars lined the seats of their gym bubbling with enthusiasm. They raised the roof as they ate, played, and responded positively and loudly to each of Principal Lang's prompts about the joys of reading.

Later in the afternoon, the middle school scholars entered the gym and were also treated to food, game time, and even a quick dance performance by their Star Teacher. The spirit of the Knights was visible in the smiles upon the faces of scholars and adults.

Before the school day ended, the high school scholars gathered and experienced the benefits of activities, gift cards, and pizza. The time together was exceptional because teachers at the school contributed to make the event memorable. The celebration in the gym erupted into laughter as a couple of the high school teachers came pedaling and wobbling into the gym on brand new bikes. A total of eight brand new bikes were given to scholars as their names were drawn from a container with all attendees' names. The bikes were a special gift from Mr. Chester Jackson facilitated by Ms. Billie Mallory, Reading Intervention teacher.

Scholars left the event with a renewed commitment to keep reading and learning. Photos on page 2 of this document.

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