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# **NEWS**

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# WARE KINDERGARTENERS AND FIFTH GRADERS PERFORM TOGETHER

Ware Elementary School students in kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> grade performed together in a musical last Thursday entitled "Every Dog Has Its Day!" Under the direction of Ware's music teacher, Mrs. Charlotte Gingerelli, the musical was performed at the end of the day for the student body, and again that evening for more than 200 parents and family members. "The students had a wonderful time and gave a great performance," said Mrs. Barker, Principal of Ware Elementary School.



Kindergarten students enjoy participating in the musical at Ware.



Fifth grade student Ibraheem Da'Mes, plays an instrument during the musical at Ware.

### KINDERGARTEN HOSTS CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The kindergarten students at McSwain Elementary School recently participated in a canned food drive. The students set a goal of collecting 100 cans of food. As the cans were received, the students placed them in groups of ten in the hallway. Once all the cans were received, the students used the math skills they had learned to count the groups of ten and determine how many total cans were donated to their canned food drive. The students collected 129 cans of food for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. A representative from the Food Bank was on hand to receive the donations and join in the celebration.



Kindergarten students at McSwain gather to celebrate the completion of their canned food drive for to benefit the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank.

#### FLAT TATUM VISITS BESSIE WELLER

Bessie Weller Elementary had a very small visitor on Wednesday when "Flat Tatum" came to work with Mrs. Bressler, who works in the cafeteria. Mrs. Bressler's niece in Jonesboro, Texas created Flat Tatum as a school project and sent her to Staunton along with a request that Mrs. Bressler take her to visit as many places as possible here in our area, and that she send her back with a report on her travels and pictures showing where she had visited. While at Bessie Weller, Flat Tatum helped to serve lunch to all of the students and posed for a picture with Mr. Bryant at the end of the day.



Mr. Bryant poses with Mrs. Bressler and Flat Tatum.



Flat Tatum helps Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Bressler prepare to serve lunch at Bessie Weller.

# WARE FIFTH GRADERS EARN A FIELD TRIP

When Delegate Dickie Bell approached Ware Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> graders with a challenge, the students whole-heartedly accepted. Delegate Bell offered to pay for a field trip for the entire 5th grade class to visit Monticello if the students would memorize the first three paragraphs of the Declaration of Independence. The students worked very hard on this challenge and succeeded! Last week, Delegate Bell visited Ware Elementary School to present the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team of teachers with a check to pay for their field trip. While there, he took time from his busy schedule to talk to the students about state government. The students will soon reap the benefits of their efforts when they take their well-earned field trip to Monticello.

