



Cupcakes...

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I set out jars with his sweet little picture on it at local businesses, I took food to the teacher's lounge, I delivered breakfast all around town.

And then... cupcakes. One night, I wanted a cupcake. Specifically, I wanted a lemon cupcake. I don't even LIKE lemon, but I probably saw one on tv or read about one in a book... who knows.

So I baked 24 lemon cupcakes.

What am I going to do with the other 23?

I ended up individually wrapping them in a little cup with a ribbon and sent them to the teacher's lounge with Cayden's picture and a tag that said, "\$1"...

"Support Cayden Cecil and GCPS." After school, I had Facebook messages asking for more cupcakes. Did I make chocolate? Can I bake other flavors? Could I do large quantities for birthday parties? Yes. All of the above. YES.

Over 60 dozen cupcakes later, and hundreds of sausage and biscuits, Cayden was crowned Kindergarten Prince that year. The candidates brought in over \$18,000— a record. He was tickled. I was so proud of our effort and of the candidates as a whole. How cool to contribute, albeit a small part, to that grand total!

Cayden was selected to run again his first grade year for Ms. Darlene Henderson's class. That year we baked 144 dozen cupcakes, give or take.

(Notice I say *we*. My husband, Adam, is a CHAMP. He can tie and label cupcake bags in his sleep! And while I'm icing like crazy... guess who cleans up my mess?)

Candidates brought in \$19,600 for the Spring Festival. My kiddo was crowned King and he was beyond excited. I was excited. Adam was excited. We were also exhausted.

We baked a LOT of cupcakes ya'll. I mean, it was insane. It was nothing for us to come home after church on a Wednesday and bake 13 dozen for the next day just to fulfill orders.

People love cupcakes, I'll say that. And I love them for loving cupcakes. I am so, SO thankful people love my cupcakes!

I am now vice president of the GCPS PTO. Up close, I watch the festival numbers vary each season, but I am always blown away when that total is announced. I know first hand how much work goes into it. It's hard, but it's totally worth it.

The Cecil kids took a few years off from fundraising. As in, "No, my kid cannot be a candidate. Sorry." The other candidates didn't stop fundraising though and every year the dollars brought in are nearly unbelievable. Our community is



Sweet little faces offering baked goods are hard to turn down. Sweet faces raising money for their school are even harder!

SO giving. Businesses donate to raffles and silent auctions. People bake and cook for days and days. Jars are plentiful at businesses. (You can barely see the counter at Los Agaves.) I love it! I love this town. I love the parents and grandparents and aunts and uncles and friends and coworkers and EVERYONE that contributes to these precious little kids and our awesome little school.

I try to keep our R-H readers updated with where the PTO funds go and amounts raised. I post it on my social media and try to run articles and photos.

We have bought school supplies for the past several years for ALL students at GCPS. We have funded all field trips. We have bought Christmas gifts such as hoodies, tshirts and jackets. We bought smart tvs for all classrooms. Kids that may have never been to the movie theatre or pumpkin patch got to go. Students that may not have had a jacket got one this year. We fund a scholarship for a graduating senior. PTO helps buy supplies like new parachutes for PE and new instruments for music. It is great.

This community is GREAT.

... This time around, my little sweetheart Conleigh wanted to run for Princess. She mainly wants to wear a dress and be on stage, but whatever. How can I say no? Have you seen her blue eyes? (If not, avoid them unless you feel like melting!)

So, here we are. ... Cupcakes.

She is representing Ms. Erika Spowles Preschool class and fundraising is in full force.

I'm not sure how many cupcakes we have baked so far, but I will say that Valentine's Day almost killed me. I have blisters on my hands from my Pampered Chef icing gun. But it's all in good fun.

I enjoy helping out the school. My kids enjoy helping and they are learning all about the hard work involved. I know exactly where the money goes. I know the money helps our school. Don't ask me at midnight when I'm covered in powdered sugar, but any other time, I am completely gung-ho on

fundraising. Ha!

In all seriousness, thank you to everyone who helps our school. You have NO idea how important you are. I cannot begin to describe how much I appreciate you, both as a parent, and as a part of PTO.

Keep supporting these candidates. Buy the cupcakes from Conleigh. Order the pie from Owen Olson and the baked goods from Abigail and Alex Johnson. Buy the raffle tickets from Sumina Smith or Presley Kessler.

Send a few dollars to school to pet a puppy or buy a ring pop.

You probably won't miss that dollar, but it will make a huge difference for the school and the students.

Keep being generous, Green County. The GCPS Spring Festival is March 22.

And in the meantime, whatever you do, don't ask me if I want a cupcake til this thing is over.

For the record

Greensburg Police Department

Bobby J. Mull, 29, 406 Peterson Street, Campbellsville, was arrested Feb 13 by Officer C.R. Davis on the Greensburg Public Square subsequent to a traffic stop, charged with Rear License Not Illuminated, No Operator's Mo-ped License, Failure to Produce Insurance Card.

Christopher A. Thompson, 32, 1000 Bloyds Bluff Road, Mt. Sherman, was arrested Feb. 17 at 216 S. Main Street by Officer C.R. Davis and charged with Public Intoxication-Controlled Substance (Excludes Alcohol).

Green County Sheriff's Department

Zachary T. Stotts,

35, Vivian Thompson Road, Hardyville, was arrested at his residence Feb. 15 by Deputy Josh Judd on a Barren County Circuit Court Warrant-Arson, 3rd Degree.

David R. Riggs, 25, Bailey Road, Mt. Sherman, was arrested Feb. 15 at the Green County Courthouse by Sheriff Robby Beard on a Green County District Court Warrant charging failure of owner to maintain required insurance.

Shiann C. Hill, 21, Shepherdsville, was arrested Feb. 12 by Deputy Tim Stumph on a Green County warrant for Failure to Appear.

James W. Oswald, 35, 1034 Legion Park Road, Greensburg, was arrested Feb. 12 at the Green County Courthouse by Deputy Tim

Stumph on a Green County warrant charging Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st Offense, Second Degree.

Keesha Johnson, no age available, 2421 Penitentiary Bend Road, Greensburg, was arrested on East Hodgenville Avenue by Sheriff Robby Beard, on a Green County District Court Warrant charging Failure to Send Child to School.

Miranda Bandy, Bright Ridge Road, Elk Horn, Ky., was arrested Feb. 11 at the Green County Judicial Center by Court Officer Kenneth Cook on a Taylor County Warrant charging Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession on Controlled Substance 1st Degree Methamphetamine.

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