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mentary School. Grace Anna and mom Angie wrote a book together called, "Who Do You See When You Look At Me", which the two of them read. Mrs. Mary Beth Gosser, the Wee School teacher, said the book is precious and although Grace Anna has disabilities, she is a typical kid.

Grace shared her condition and some of the struggles she has, but also shared about what she likes and what she can do! She loves to listen and sang to the class. Mrs. Mary Beth said they were focusing on Disability Awareness. They taught the kids about how sometimes others may look different, but we are all

the same inside. During Wee School, the students created self-portraits that reminded everyone that we may look different but all of us are very special.

I also talked with Grace Annas mom, Angie. She told me she was an employee of Russell County Schools for 14 years. She taught Science most of those years in middle school. She was also an Academic Team coach for some time. Angie said problems began when trying to find people who could assist with Grace Anna at home. As a family, they prayed to God to make a way for her (Angie) to leave her teaching job and be able to earn income from

home. Within months of deciding to step down from teaching, she was contacted by an agent from the Alive Literary Agency. They began representing her and within three months she had offers to do books. After much consideration and soul searching, the family went with a Christian Publishing Company, Broadstreet Publishing. Angie was so heartbroken to leave teaching, but her daughter needed her more. God has always provided a way for them, even when it seemed impossible. Grace Anna is such a testament to his grace and love!

They released the book "Grace Anna Sings" in

November 2017 and "Who Do You See When You Look At Me" in October of 2019. Angie said she will be releasing future children's books and possibly an updated trade book about their family. Angie also told me that they do and will continue to travel across the USA telling their story and advocating for people with disabilities.

Mrs. Mary Beth wanted to say a very special thanks to Grace Anna and her mom for joining in at Wee School and other intermediate grades. She said it was an awesome day learning about disabilities and how children with disabilities are just like other kids.



Grace Anna with Wee Student Elise Terry.



Grace Anna pictured with her mom Angie and Mrs. Mary Beth and Ms. Hannah.



Mrs. Mary Beth and Jayla Hood



Wee Students with the self-portraits

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- Kimberly D. Merritt "Achieve Your Dreams" Scholarship- Deadline March 1st, 2020
- Reel Java & Creamery Scholarship- Deadline April 10th, 2020
- Foundation of Rural Service Scholarship- Deadline March 6th, 2020
- Russell County Extension Homemakers Scholarship- Deadline April 15th, 2020
- McDonald's of Russell Springs Scholarship- Deadline March 27th, 2020
- Russell Springs First National Bank Scholarship- Deadline April 2nd, 2020
- Cumberland Family Medical Centers Scholarship- Deadline April 14th, 2020
- 2020 Bluegrass Cellular Scholarship: Deadline April 6th, 2020

- tioned to readers in a previous story-but there is still time to apply.
- Bank of Jamestown Scholarship: Deadline April 2nd, 2020
- Russell County Hospital Auxiliary Health Care Scholarship: Deadline April 15th, 2020 by 1:00PM
- Sarah Roberts Hart Memorial Scholarship: Deadline April 15th, 2020
- Holt, Smith, Jenkins Memorial Scholarship Sponsored by Russell County Jaycees: Deadline April 2nd, 2020
- The Russell County Democrat Executive Committee Scholarship: Deadline April 2nd, 2020 by 4:00PM
- Monticello Banking Company Scholarship: Deadline April 2nd, 2020
- City of Russell Springs Community Achievement Scholarship: Deadline April 30th, 2020

- Russell County High School Alumni Scholarship: Deadline April 17th, 2020
- Kentucky Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club: Deadline March 17th, 2020
- Iota Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Scholarship: Deadline March 6th, 2020
- Charles E. Peck, M.D Scholarship: Deadline March 27th, 2020
- Selby Asphalt Maintenance Scholarship: Deadline March 27th, 2020
- Friends of Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery Scholarship: Deadline April 17th, 2020
- Farm Bureau Scholarship- to apply follow the link for rules, regulation & application. <http://www.kyfb.com/federation/youth-development/scholarships/>

arships please be in contact with Robin Rixon at the Russell County High School. You may call her at the school, but emailing is preferred at [robin.rixon@russell.ky.us](mailto:robin.rixon@russell.ky.us)

kyschools.us, this way she will be able to email students or parents direct links to open up the scholarship applications, or she also has them in her office for

pick up. Please do not delay in filling out these scholarship, also continue watching for more scholarship opportunities.

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