

Thankful for healing and the giving of others: Chandler Wright has a new kidney

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Post from October 19, 2022, Fight for Chandler Wright Face-book page: Surgery 2 weeks from today, November 1. God answers prayers. CHANDLER IS GETTING A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT!!

Wright traveled to Lexington for pre-op procedures on October 26 and doctors confirmed his surgery would take place on Tuesday, November 1st. Lots of prayers

and preparation would take place during those last five days before surgery. Wright, his mom Sandy Borders, and his amazing donor Amber Slayton, spent a sleepless Halloween night in a Lexington hotel prior to surgery. Early the next morning the three headed to UK Healthcare Chandler Hospital where Chandler's surgery got underway at 10 am ET. About two and a half hours later, the surgeon reported that surgery had gone

well and things looked great so far. Two days after his transplant, Wright was moved from ICU to progressive care in the trauma and transplant unit. Although Wright was fighting pain and some of his levels were not where doctors wanted them, doctors said he was continuing to do great. By November 6th, doctors began to cut back on Wright's medications and he had three walks around the hospital. By Monday, No-

vember 7, Wright was home. Last Monday, November 14, Wright had blood work and an ultrasound done. Some of his medication was changed and the doctors had concerns about some pockets of fluid around his kidney. He was asked to return on Thursday to repeat the ultrasound and see if there had been any change. At last Thursday's appointment, Wright got good/bad news. The pockets of fluid were still there, but they had not grown.

At this point, doctors plan to keep an eye on them and hope they do not grow. The family is praying he does not have to have another surgery. Borders has thanked many people along the way on this journey, but she says that she can never thank our small community enough for all that they have done for Chandler and the entire family. Many hours of work organizing fundraisers, making monetary and product donations to help with expenses, and all

the prayers have been a blessing to this family. As for Wright's donor, Amber Slayton-she is doing great. Slayton had her two week check up last week and everything is working as well as before surgery. She said, "I couldn't have done this without my friends and boyfriend. They've been my rock through this all." Slayton went on to say, "I'd do it all over if it meant giving someone a chance at life."

For all of this, we are thankful.



James Bonta, Agriculture Teacher at Green County High School, was nominated by a student for the Golden Apple Award.



Chrissie Posey, Special Education Teacher at Green County Intermediate School, was nominated by a colleague for the Golden Apple Award.



Miranda Gilbert, Instructional Assistant at Green County Intermediate School, was nominated by a colleague for the Golden Apple Award.



Maylee Judd, student at GCHS, was nominated by a teacher for a Student Excellence Award.

Board of Education recognizes several at November meeting

SPECIAL TO THE R-H

The Green County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, November 10. The meeting started with employee and student recognitions. The board recognized three recipients of the Golden Apple "Above and Beyond" award. James Bonta, Agriculture Teacher at Green County High School, was nominated by a student. The student nominated Bonta for "always encouraging students to do their best, making learning fun, and showing them skills they will need to know for life." The student also commented on his care for students saying Bonta, "checks in on his students, demonstrates his love and passion for teaching, and makes it known that he loves each and every student that walks through his classroom door."

Chrissie Posey, Special Education Teacher at Green County Intermediate School, was nominated by a colleague. The nomination letter described Posey's passion and dedication as "endless" and highlighted her involvement in numerous extracurricular activities throughout the school. The letter continued in saying that Posey's "love of her students is reflected by making sure not only their academic needs are served but to also ensure the students and their parents know that she genuinely cares beyond the classroom."

Miranda Gilbert, Instructional Assistant at Green County Intermediate School, was nominated by a colleague. Gilbert is in her first year serving at GCIS, but the nomination letter stated that, "she's had an immediate impact on students, faculty, and staff." The letter continued by highlighting that Gilbert is "energetic, always upbeat, and displays a positive attitude, patience, and kindness to all stu-

dents." Eight students were also recognized as recipients of the board's Student Excellence award. Maylee Judd, student at GCHS, was nominated by a teacher. Maylee has been awarded the "Yes I Can" award in the area of Community Service from the Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children. Maylee was nominated for "her efforts to bring awareness of special issues faced by the deaf community." The letter continued in highlighting that Maylee "started an ASL club while a student at GCMS and continues to advocate for herself and other members of the deaf community." Maylee will be receiving the "Yes I Can" award at the KCEC conference this week. Destiny Bowles, student at GCMS, was nominated by a teacher for being an exceptional student. The letter stated that Destiny is "positive, kind, and a great role model within the halls of GCMS!" Hunter Skaggs, student at GCMS, was nominated by a teacher. The nomination letter stated that Hunter has made "huge gains, has excellent behavior, and is making good choices." The letter concluded by saying, "We are so proud of him!" Landon Bagby, student at GCMS, was nominated by a teacher. The nomination says that, "Landon may be the most polite student at GCMS." It continued by highlighting that Landon "makes sure to smile, opens doors, asks staff how their day is going. As a student, Landon is kind to everyone and is appreciated by the staff at GCMS!" Lily Vaughn, Olivia Clark, and Marlee Ryan, all students at GCMS, were nominated as a group. The trio was nominated for their efforts in welcoming a new student to the school. When the family came for a visit they introduced

themselves and have continually strived to make the new student feel welcome. The letter also highlighted each student individually. Lily is very active in STLP and is always willing to help. Olivia is always smiling. She goes out of her way to do positive things for teachers and peers. She's an active member of Beta and has volunteered to tutor kids in the afternoons. Marlee was a huge help setting up for Family Game night and staying later to put it all up. She's a great role model at GCMS and we appreciate her willingness to help! Addelyn Parrish, student at GCMS, was nominated by a teacher. Addelynn was recognized as a, "fantastic student who is a joy to have in class and delivers exceptional work." The letter continued by highlighting her exceptional artistic abilities, "I am always very excited to see what she has created when Ms. Swafford has displayed a new piece of Addelynn's art. Art that could go straight to a gallery is showcased in our very own hallways. I am proud of Addelynn's talent and feel she is a model for what we as a school district look for in our students by giving them many creative avenues to shine their individual talents."

In items of business the board approved a

number of financial and policy items and had the first overview of the district's assessment and accountability results. The board approved payment application #13 in the amount of \$198,919 to Redlee Construction related to the high school construction project. Construction on the main classroom and administrative wings has now progressed from primarily foundation work to erecting the steel frame and pouring the concrete slabs on both the first and second floors. The payment application also included \$167,658 in approved direct purchases for hardware, light fixtures, stone, metal, and masonry supplies. The board also approved payment to Hellas Construction in the amount of \$30,000 for work associated with constructing new lighting around the practice field. The district voted to formally request a waiver related to the District Facility Plan (DFP). The DFP is updated every four years and serves as the master framework and identifies priorities for the district in updating facilities. The DFP process was most recently updated during the 2018-2019 school year.

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Addelyn Parrish, student at GCMS, was nominated by a teacher for a Student Excellence Award.