

Kids rewarded in Principals' Cup

Nearly 2,000 children spent one recent Saturday exercising their brains, and each received an academic excellence certificate for his or her efforts in the Principals' Cup, held Jan. 24 at Tates Creek High School.

This was the second in the three-part Academic Challenge series, a single-elimination team tournament focused on core-content material. The Principals' Cup was founded to recognize the leadership, commitment and support that all the elementary principals provide.

The following teams came out on top in this latest round of competition:

Primary division (grades 1-3) (from among 140 teams competing):

- 1st: Picadome I (Ben Camuel, Mary Crowley, Bailee Hughes, Emma Mathews and Luke Sills)
- 2nd: Southern A (Kevin Ensor, Thomas Ensor, Cosey Kelley, Alex Meadors, Julia Meadors and Megan Meadors)
- 3rd: Rosa Parks D (Saif Ahmed, Ramzi Hamdalla, Tamara Hamdalla, Rocco Wrentmore, Stephanie Yang and Brian Zhu)

Intermediate division (grades 4-5) (from among 104 teams competing):

- 1st: Dixie E (Dara Bockrath, Kaitlyn Kelley, Taegen McCarty, Amelia Rogers, Halleigh Shackelford and Anthony Tamasi)
- 2nd: Dixie A (Anna Hensley, Brooke Justus, Thomas Kikuchi, Elizabeth Lasley, Brady Marshall and Mishaela Robison)

The back story

The Academic Challenge program, organized jointly by One Community, One Voice and the Fayette County Public Schools, is available to all students in grades 1-5. The goal is to create a culture that encourages children to embrace scholastic excellence, gives students opportunities to compete in rigorous academic contests, and involves parents in their kids' education.

The annual series includes three Saturday competitions held at Tates Creek High School. This year's Invitational was Nov. 15, the Principals' Cup was Jan. 24, and the Superintendent's Cup is coming up **March 7**. (Note: The date of the final event changed after the district calendar was printed.)