



# Mountain Kids News

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## Happy St. Patrick's Day

**Attendance Up for those Participating in Dental Project** – Preliminary results show that the attendance rate for those children participating in our dental project has increased by 47%.

**Tutoring Program** – Tazewell Middle School students have benefited from tutoring services provided by Mountain Kids staff members. In cooperation with teacher and school administrators, those children in most need of tutoring were identified and a program established for grade improvement projects. This program has been very successful and has seen an increase in grades for students from failing grades to passing grades. Plans are to expand this program into other schools in the County next school year.

**Pay It Forward Grant Awarded** – Tazewell County High School students were asked to submit proposals to Mountain Kids for a project that would be used as a basis for a continued project in the County. The winning class project proposal was received from Ms. Smith's FFA and Ecology class at Tazewell High School. Their project is to build birdhouses and place the birdhouses at local nursing homes. The premise of this project is that nursing home patients would be able to enjoy the birdhouses and birds from their rooms.

**Well Child Screening Updates** – To date, ninety-nine (99) well child screenings have been conducted by the Tazewell County School nurses. The goal is for every school nurse to conduct a minimum of 35 well child screenings in each elementary school. This goal is well on its way to being met by the end of the school year.

**Cavity Shield Treatment for Head Start Children** – Mountain Kids' Dental Hygienists will be working with Tazewell County Head Start Site Directors to place cavity shields on Head Start children beginning in March. All Head Start parents will be given the opportunity to have shields placed on their children's teeth.

**Donation Received from Local Dentist** – Dr. Steven Lutz, DDS has donated a dental chair, unit, and other dental equipment to Mountain Kids. Dr. Lutz has also agreed to join the Mountain Kids Board of Directors.

*"The test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children."  
Dietrich Bonhoeffer*