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## Area Schools Recognized at Healthy Okaloosa Celebration

The Healthy Okaloosa initiative launched in August 2015 and is designed to reach students in K-12 schools. Healthy Okaloosa Schools uses a variety of evidence-based practices to help schools improve the health of their students, families and staff. Schools are encouraged to implement sustainable policy and environmental strategies that support healthy behaviors in the in the K-12 setting. The Department of Health-Okaloosa Healthy Okaloosa Schools team provides education, training, resources and technical assistance to all of our partners. The following schools were recognized recently for their participation and commitment to promoting policies and practices that allow students, teachers, and staff to learn, work, and play in a healthy school environment.

### **The Healthy Okaloosa Schools (HOS) – Elementary School Award**

Kenwood Elementary School's Julie Devore and Bethany Crossley were recognized with the HOS Elementary School Award. Kenwood Elementary School joined the Healthy Okaloosa Schools program in 2015, and continues to promote policies and practices that allow students, teachers, and staff to learn, work, and play in a healthy school environment. This year, Kenwood participated in Every Kid Healthy Week. This is an annual observance that shines a spotlight on the great efforts schools are making to improve the health and wellness of their students and the link between nutrition, physical activity, and learning. Parents also volunteered during recess to encourage their child in positive, active play with their friends, and during lunch to help encourage the children to make healthier lunch choices

### **The Healthy Okaloosa Schools (HOS) – Middle School Award**

Davidson Middle School's Kim Sears was recognized with the HOS Middle School Award. Davidson Middle School joined the Healthy Okaloosa Schools program this school year. Coach Sears and the healthy school team has worked together to increase physical fitness and health awareness to their students and faculty members. Coach Sears implemented 'Health Tips from Coach Sears,' a new segment of the school's morning show. In addition, Davidson hosted the Panther Run 5K event. A fun, physical fitness event where parents, teachers, students, staff, and faculty members participated. Davidson shares the 5210 health habits message with parents by posting the Healthy Okaloosa Schools newsletters on their school's website each month. In addition, healthy school team members at Davidson play a key role in the promotion of policies and practices that allow students, teachers, and staff to learn, work, and play in a healthy school environment.

### **The Healthy Okaloosa Schools (HOS) – High School Award**

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