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Thomson Middle Penny War Benefits Former Student



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Thomson Middle School students, faculty and staff participated in a Penny War fundraiser to benefit a former student. Phenix Cowart, who attended Thomson Middle 2014 - 2017, is battling leukemia.

Students, faculty and staff brought pennies to add to their class's total. Classes could also "blitz" each other with silver coins and dollar bills in the competition to raise the most funds. The activity was sponsored by the school's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) organizations.

The month-long effort concluded with the presentation of a check for more than \$3,200 to Phenix's mother, Didi Adams. Pictured are (from left): FCCLA advisor Leigh Barrett, Thomson teacher Debbie Thigpen and Adams.

Thomson Middle students and teachers made posters and t-shirts to show their support and came out to cheer for Phenix, who was able to attend a drive-by parade through FaceTime. The parade was held in the school parking lot prior to the check presentation.



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Barrett said, "I am overwhelmed and overjoyed by the kindness and generosity shown by the students, faculty, and staff of Thomson Middle School. Their efforts and support made this event possible. I am especially proud of these great students! It was worth every penny I counted!"

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