



WELCOME, DR. SALMON – State superintendent of schools Dr. Karen Salmon visited Grantsville Elementary School last week. Besides touring the school, escorted by principal Nicole Miller, she spent time with the students in the early childhood area, learning about the partnership between the Judy Center and the Early Learning programs. The two classrooms she visited focused on small-group learning, rotating from station to station. Dr. Salmon spent some time with Jill Evan's prekindergarten class. The 4-year-old students were involved in group activities, with assistance from Steve Knepp and Carrie Wampler from the Judy Center. Salmon then observed a prekindergarten/Head Start classroom consisting of 3- and 4-year-old students. The students in Kimberly Collins' class (pictured) presented the superintendent with a painting, from all the Early Learning students in the school, depicting a winter scene that has the students' thumb prints representing snowflakes and pine cones, with their names under each. In the front, from left, are Cassidy Klotz, Westen Satterfield, Julia Ramsey, and Natalie Parsons. In the back are Gabby Wilburn, Tyler Smith, Dr. Salmon, Zac Lewis, Dominic Brown, and Julian Dery. Photo courtesy of Garrett County Public Schools.