

## **Barling Elementary Students Raise \$448.14 with Penny Drive for Mena Tornado Relief**

Students at Barling Elementary, part of the Fort Smith Public School System, collected \$448.14 to aid with tornado relief efforts in Mena. The funds were raised through a penny drive and sent to Rich Mountain Community College (RMCC) to assist college students and their families hit by the April 9 storm.

Mr. Bardin's third grade class and Mrs. Peoples' first grade class at Barling collected the most pennies and were treated to a pizza party for their efforts.

RMCC has established the RMCC Tornado Aid Task Force to facilitate funds received to aid RMCC faculty, staff, and students hit by the storm. In addition to the money donated by Barling students, the RMCC Foundation has received donations from employees of other colleges across the state in an effort to assist storm victims.