

MINDS IN THE MIDDLE

The students enjoyed an ecology and geology show on Tuesday. The program explored environmental concerns and the relationship between living organisms and the environment.

Our 8th graders visited the high school on Tuesday, registering for classes and becoming more familiar with the surroundings. More events are being planned for their upcoming transition.

Thanks to Dresser Industries for presenting to our 8th graders on Friday. Students took advantage of this opportunity to explore the variety of careers.

The county 4-H variety show will be held at Mt. Vernon Elementary School on Thursday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. Students who wish to participate must register with the county extension office by next Friday by calling 256-2403. Anyone who is interested in the 4-H sewing project may pick up information in our Youth Services office.

Congratulations to the following sixth graders who have been selected to join the Berea College Educational Talent Search Program: Makayla Bryant, Sarah Myers, Brittany Smith, Kellie Wren, Jeremy Cook, Andrea Reynolds, and Phillip Thomas. The students were recommended by their

teachers and then selected by an application process through Berea College.

Congratulations to Mrs. McClure's 8th grade class for 5 days perfect attendance. They enjoyed a pizza party for their efforts.

Several of our Y-Club members are busy finishing up research and presentations on their assigned countries. The students will present next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the Kentucky United Nations Assembly. We wish them all the best of luck!

Our annual 8th grade Reality Store is this Thursday, March 2. This event gives the students an opportunity to spend the day as an adult with adult responsibilities (families, bills, shopping, etc). Students become more understanding of how their grades affect their future goals. We could still use parent volunteers or local businesses to help on this day. We will appreciate all of the help we can get. Just show up anytime Thursday and we will put you to work.

Our sixth graders held their annual World's Fair on Friday. We had a great turnout from the parents and other visitors. Our students represented their countries well and exposed the visitors to vast amounts of information from all around the world.



RCMS held their school wide spelling bee last Wednesday. These students represented their teams in the spelling bee: Anna Guilfoil, Maggie Phillips, Lori Miller, Scarlet Frederick, Allison Carter and Brittany Offutt. Anna Guilfoil won the spelling bee with the word *appreciative*. She also won the district wide spelling bee and will compete at the state.



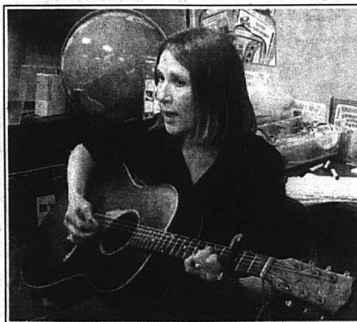
Brodhead Elementary School believes that "Working Together Works". This is evident as you look at Jordan Moore and Dustin Reynolds researching together.



BES has a new spelling champion, Kim Morrow. Kim is a student from Mrs. Patsy Alcorn's class. She competed against six other classroom winners to become Brodhead Elementary School's Spelling Bee winner. Kim competed in the county spelling bee and tied for third place.



Spelling Bee winners from their respective classrooms are pictured above, from left: Sarah Runney (Mrs. Pidgeon), Amy Poynter (Mrs. Reynolds), Justin Wright (Mrs. Scott), Holly Brown (Mrs. Coffey), Kim Morrow (Mrs. Alcorn), and Hillary Proctor (Mrs. Cash).



BES recently was honored with a visit from Ms. Brenda Thomas from Camp Andrew Jackson. Camp Andrew Jackson is a part of the Christian Appalachian Project. Ms. Thomas discussed with our intermediate students the many aspects of our "hillbilly" culture, everything from arts and crafts to fried taters and cornbread. Mrs. Thomas also discussed how many people in our culture are stereotyped as ignorant and dumb. She stressed how this is not true and we should be very proud of who we are. Her visit was very motivating.

Mt. Vernon Message

For the week of February 24, 2000, Our Family Resource Center sponsors many programs for students and their families as well. This week all of our students enjoyed a program about Ecology. On Monday, March 6, FRC will be sponsoring Adult Computer Classes for beginners. Classes will be 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. FRC Council meeting will be held on March 7th at 11:30 in the FRC room. On March 20, there will be a Family Art Night for 4th and 5th graders. Look in the Signal for more details. On Monday, March 6, there will be a SBDM meeting at school. All are welcome to attend.

There will be ESS each Wednesday for P3-5th grade students until Spring Break.

Testing in our school is only a few weeks away. It is important for parents to offer encouragement to their children during that time. Below you will see a list of things to do for/with your child during assessment.

Thought for the week: As the blossom cannot tell what becomes of its fragrance, so no one can tell what becomes of his influence.

Tips For Parents 2000 Spring Assessment April 17-28

1. Help your child feel confident about taking the test. Express confidence in your child's ability to do well.
2. Have a relaxed environment. Avoid any activities and conversations that may arouse anxiety, conflict or unpleasantness.
3. Try to avoid disciplinary measures to any member of the family on the evening before the test.

4. Have your child go to bed early enough to get plenty of rest.

5. Set the clock to alarm a little early in order to allow your child time to eat and dress without rushing.

6. See that the clothes that your child likes and feels comfortable in are laid out so that frantic searches are avoided.

7. Be sure that paper, pencils and other needed school materials are together and located where they will not be forgotten in the morning.

8. You may want to talk briefly about the test in an encouraging way. Let your child know that you understand how difficult tests are, but you are confident in his/her ability to do well. Emphasize that test results help in planning the child's instructional program.

9. Ask your child to do as well as he/she can. Think of something that would be very pleasing to your child and say that this will be the reward following the test.

10. Let all conversation about testing be casual and brief.

11. Prepare a good breakfast for your child, but not a heavy one.

12. Be sure that your child is not late for school.

13. The test is constructed to be given in a group setting. Children seldom do as well when given the test individually. Therefore, it is very important that your child be in school Monday to start the test and finish with the other students. PLEASE MAKE ATTENDANCE A PRIORITY!



The 6th graders at RCMS presented a World's Fair on Friday. Jeffery Parker displayed the country of Kuwait. The students used a variety of pictures and research to give a thorough description of their assigned countries. Jeffery drew attention to his display with his costume and playing of the Kuwait national anthem.



Allison Carter is shown with her excellent display of Bosnia. She and Megan Anderkin set the scene with their use of costumes. They did a great job answering questions about their countries.



Amber DiDanato is shown with her display of Maldives. She was among several displays with an authentic food item. Natasha Howard displayed the country of Malta. Other students in the building also were able to visit the sixth grade displays.

McKinney receives Dean's Award

A Rockcastle Countian is among 284 students at Eastern Kentucky University who received the Dean's Award at the conclusion of the Fall 1999 semester.

The EKU Dean's Award recipient is Eric McKinney, of Brodhead, with a major in Area Construction Technology.

To earn the Dean's Award students must achieve, Dean's List honors at EKU for three semesters, not necessarily consecutive.

The lapel pin is presented to students by the dean of their academic college, according to Jill Alliger, EKU registrar. "Achieving the Dean's List three times is a significant accomplishment," she said.

To achieve Dean's List honors at Eastern, students attempting 14 or more credit hours must earn a 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0. Students attempting 13 credit hours must earn a 3.65 GPA, and students attempting 12 credit hours must earn a 3.75 GPA.

Academic Honor Roll



Kacee Taulbee, daughter of Melody Taulbee of Brodhead and granddaughter of Glenda and Tim Pace, has a 3.98 GPA at RCHS. She is in the National Honor Society, Beta Club, Creative Writing Club, FCA, JROTC and a member of the Dance Team. She has received the Biology I award, Algebra II award and was Miss Teen Kentucky Academic runner-up. Her hobbies include Shotokan Karate and Dancing. She plans on attending Eastern Kentucky University and major in Special Education with emphasis in Deaf and Hearing Impaired and Child Psychology.

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