

Mt. Vernon Message

Our Family Resource Center is sponsoring several activities for our school this month.

*Family Art Night for P1 students and parents on Monday, November 27 at 6:00 p.m.

*Family Literacy Night for P3 students and parents on Monday, November 27 at 6:00 p.m.

*Family Resource Center Council will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 28.

*Shakespeare play *Boy Meets Girl* for 4th and 5th Grade students on Wednesday, November 29.

There will be no school on Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!**

Thought for the week: The heart is like a garden. It can grow compassion or fear, resentment or love. What seeds will you plant there? Jack Kornfield

Mrs. Sheila McQueary's fifth grade class recently completed their study of American Revolutionary historical personalities by presenting their displays to their parents and the students of MVES. The presentation boards will remain on display in the

Library Media Center through this week.

The presentation was an extension of their Social Studies curriculum and the Arts/Humanities course offered by MVES to our fifth grade students. The unit included Library Media Center research skills taught by Mrs. Sharon Lovell. Students gained knowledge in encyclopedia and card catalog usage, Internet research skills, bibliographic writing skills, notetaking and organizational skills. They also incorporated art skills in their presentations by designing and illustrating coins or stamps depicting their chosen historical figure. They added writing skills to their presentations by developing a research paper.

Not only did each student learn more about his or her chosen Revolutionary personality, but they also learned about other American Revolutionary persons by studying other displays. Most importantly, these students gained necessary research skills that will be of use to them throughout their academic years.



Members of the FFA Chapter which competed in the KY River Region Contest are pictured above, bottom row, from left: Indi Ruhe, Chassity DeBorde, Tiffany Hopkins, and Jessica Denny. Second row, from left: Torre Reynolds, Heather Adams, Devon Taylor, Nathan Doan, and Jeff McLemore. Third row, from left: Jason McKinney, Wesley Falin, Matthew Faulkner, and Jason Leger. Back row, from left: Matt Cromer, Tim McClure, Matt McClure, and J.J. Clark.

FFA excels at Region

By Bryanna Buschell and Rebekah Lyons.

On October 19, the Rockcastle Co. FFA Chapter competed in KY River Region Contest. These contests are held once every fall at Eastern Kentucky University. We competed in several contests such as Freshman Parliamentary procedure, Jr. and Sr. Division Tractor Driving, and Land Judging.

The Parliamentary procedure team did an excellent job placing first. The 10 freshmen conducted a regular business meeting with their knowledge of the opening and closing ceremonies of the FFA. They also study the book, *Roberts Rules of Order*, to help them conduct the meeting in an orderly fashion.

In the tractor safety division, Jason Leger and J.J. Clark showed how to drive and operate a tractor safely. J.J. placed fourth in the senior division and Jason placed fifth in the junior division, and Jason McKinney served as an alternate. This contest is designed to teach students proper tractor safety. We're hoping that this competition will decrease the number of farm accidents in the future.

Competing in the Land Judging contest were: Matt Cromer, Tim McClure, Wesley Falin, and Matt McClure. With this being an extremely hard contest, we're proud to say that we placed second in the region. Wesley Falin was the HIGH INDIVIDUAL in the region. In the Land Judging contest, four people complete and evaluate a specific site on its production potential. The team will go to the state contest in Hardinsburg.

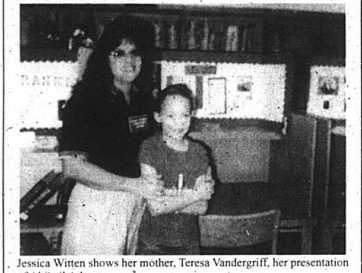
Congratulations to all those who attended and competed. You all did great.



Christopher Mullins shows his mother, Janice Mullins, his presentation of Thomas Jefferson.



Christy Scott shows her mother, Charlene Scott, her presentation of Benjamin Franklin.



Jessica Witten shows her mother, Teresa Vandergriff, her presentation of Abigail Adams.

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Tiger Pause

The Fall Festival was a GREAT success! Volunteers you were WONDERFUL! Our school motto is true: "Working Together Works." Congratulations to Mrs. Cash and Mrs. Buschell and their classes for winning the poster contest. These two classes will receive a banana split party.

Our next PTA meeting is December 14. The deadline for annual orders is December 15.

Congratulations to Mrs. Cash and her class for winning the membership drive contest. They will receive an ice cream party.

The thermometer is rising. Stop in and have a look at our walls. Check out our progress on Campbell's labels. General Mills/Betty Crocker box tops and our playground equipment fund-raiser.

Box top winners for the month of October are Zachary Harper, Kayla Frederick, Cody Brown, Kayla Reynolds, Andrew Sowder, Jacob Lovell, Chyenne Hensley, Monica Childress, Gary Caldwell, Boone Saylor, Megan Randolph, Jessica Houk and Carri Hunt.

The Brodhead Family Resource Center Advisory Council will meet Thursday, November 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Students collecting money for the St. Jude's Math-A-Thon fund-raiser need to turn money in by Friday, November 17.

Remember there is NO SCHOOL Thursday, November 23 or Friday, November 24, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday Break.

FFA holds Greenhand Event

By Bryanna Buschell, Rebekah Lyons, April Gibbons and Eric Adams.

What is a Greenhand Ceremony? A greenhand ceremony is a very special time in a FFA member's life. This is a time in life where they show the people in the community, school and the FFA how hard that they worked their first year. This night 68 freshmen and sophomores received their first of four degrees in the FFA. Some also participated in the Quiz and Creed contest.

The first contest of the night was the FFA Creed Speaking Contest where they recite a five paragraph outline of what FFA members believe in. This is also the Greenhands first public speaking contest. The Creed Speaking contest had five participants: Heather Adams, Jessica Denny, Josh Hayes, Torre Reynolds and Stephen Powell. The Creed contest was a very close contest, but Heather Adams won it with Josh Hayes placing second and Torre Reynolds placing third. We would also like to thank our judges who judged our Creed contest, they were Marc Adams, William Leger, Matt

Chalfiff and Jeff Lyons.

The other contest is the Quiz contest where several members participated. This is where the Greenhands are asked questions about the history of the FFA. The Quiz contest was also a very challenging contest. Josh Hayes won with Nathan Doan placing second and Heather Adams placing third.

We were honored to have a State FFA Officer to speak at the ceremony. Marc Adams, our State Reporter from Lee County, gave a very inspiring speech to get our Greenhands pumped up and ready for future contest and events.

Near the end of the night all greenhands were officially inducted into the National FFA Organization and got their certificate and their first pin of many. Congratulations to Heather Adams and Josh Hayes. Thanks to all who attended and a special thanks to all the parents and Alumni members who were also there. A very special thank you to all these Greenhand recipients whom worked so hard and were able to come.



Heather Adams receiving her Greenhand Certificate from the 2000-2001 Officer Team and Mr. Jeff Hayes.



Torre Reynolds reciting the FFA Creed.

School Menus

November 20-24, 2000

Breakfast
Monday: Pancakes and syrup or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.
Wednesday: English muffin or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.
Thursday: Thanksgiving - No School.

Lunch
Monday: Sloppy Joe on bun or sandwich, french fries, grapes/melon and milk.
Tuesday: Hog dog on bun or tuna salad on bread, potato rounds, carrot sticks with dip, peaches and milk.
Wednesday: Turkey and dressing with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, roll and milk.
Thursday: Thanksgiving - No School.

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