

FYI

For those of you who don't already know, there's no school Monday, February 19: It's President's Day!

December 14, the Spanish Honorary Society took a field trip to EKV to see *Las Aventuras de Don Quijote*. New members were initiated December 15...

FCA is still holding its Monday night meetings. The next one will be February 26, at 6:00 PM in the auditorium...

National Honor Society's Teachers vs. Preachers basketball game will be March 26. They'll also be taking up money during 1st block February 26-March 9 for leukemia. The winners receive a pizza party...

Y-Club is preparing for KUNA in March...

ROTC will compete in a qualifying match for nationals March 17. If they qualify they head for nationals in Atlanta June 9-11...

Key Club will be having a food drive sometime in the near future, and Beta Club hopes to do some landscaping for the school by planting flowers...

FCCLA's regional competition begins in April...

FFA will be busy with National FFA Week, February 19-23. Their regional contest will be at EKV March 8 where they will compete in a variety of competitions.

Scheduling is in the works. Students should look for a list of course offerings @ February 28 and scheduling to begin in March...

AND THAT'S ALL!!

Closing day in question

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Volleyball part of effort to comply with Title IX

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Title IX requires equality between boys and girls in sports. However, RCHS was not meeting this requirement because no sport was offered for females in the fall.

"It was because of this that the volleyball class was established," explained volleyball coach Cathy Short.

There were very few limitations as to who could take the class. Coach Short said that any female who wanted to play was accepted, excluding seniors. However, there were some students who wanted to sign up for volleyball, but were unable to do so because it interfered with their schedule.

According to Coach Short, these students will still be eligible to participate on next year's volleyball team.

"Since this sport isn't focused on during student's earlier school years, many of their skills are still raw," Coach Short said.

However, she's been impressed by the natural abilities of many of her students.

There was no hurry to get the team started this year because they won't be competing until next year.

In order to prepare for the competitions that the team will be participating in during the following year, Coach Short is drilling her current students.

"During the semester, the girls will be taking performance exams, and do some role playing as refs so that they'll be prepared for the competitions next year."

Though volleyball has not been popular in Rockcastle in the past, it seems to be catching on.

"It was a good opportunity for girls who wanted to play a sport, but weren't interested in the ones being offered," said sophomore Tammy Dees. "We've learned a lot, not only about the game, but about people."



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Members of Ms. Cathy Short's 3rd block volleyball class take time out from practicing their skills.



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