

Website offers more than just English, math help

BY TASHA VANZANT

If you've ever wished that you could have a private tutoring session without the interruptions that sometimes occur at school, now you can. The Skills Tutor program serves such a purpose.

Mrs. Trina Bustle, the 21st century coordinator, purchased a 3-year subscription to the Skills Tutor web-site for the students at RCHS.

"Originally, I first bought the program for after school hours, but I thought in-school hour teachers would benefit from it, too," Mrs. Bustle explained.

With the help of AA teachers, all students are supposed to be put into the program's list of registered users.

"Not all the students have been put into the program, but the homeroom teachers are working on it," said Mrs. Bustle.

So, if you can't yet get into the program, be patient.

The program offers a variety of study areas such as: Vocabulary

Building, Grammar and Usage, Word Problems, Geometry, Clear Writing and Paragraphs, and Life Skills.

"Skills-Tutor is not grade based, but skill based," said Mrs. Bustle. So, students may work in areas that are not taught in their classes, using the program to review or to work ahead.

"Teachers can get online, and assign tasks to their classes," Mrs. Bustle said. This option will be available as soon as all RCHS students are on the list of registered users.

The Skills Tutor program is also being used for tutoring that takes place after school.

According to Mrs. Bustle, some students and teachers have the misconception that there is no more tutoring on Tuesday afternoon.

"There's still tutoring, but it's in the computer lab on the computers instead of with teachers."

Currently, few people have made use of the program. However, Mrs.

Bustle feels that "If the teachers and students would really use the program, it would really be helpful."

7 Steps to Connecting to Skills Tutor

1. Access the site: <http://www.skills-tutor.com>
2. Click on Registered Users.
3. In the box labeled User, type your User name.
4. In the box labeled password, type your password.
5. In the box labeled site, type rockcastle01 and click on Log In.
6. After logging in, you will have the option of taking an assignment or changing your password. You are encouraged to change your password the first time you use the Skills Tutor program.
7. Make certain you hit the Log Out bar before you shut down your computer.

FEA, Ethical Explorers offer many opportunities

BY JARROD BURDETTE

If you're interested in becoming a teacher, or learning better decision-making skills, Rockcastle County High has two new clubs to offer. Special Education Teacher Mrs.

Judy Bradley and 21st Century Learning and Academic Specialist Mrs. Trina Bustle pieced together a club for students who want to become teachers. FEA (Future Educators of America) provides middle

and high school students with the opportunity to explore teaching as a career option.

"A group of our staff members thought it would be nice to grow your own teachers," explained Mrs. Bustle.

It allows students to realize the nature of education and the role of a teacher and also provides them

the opportunity for scholarships.

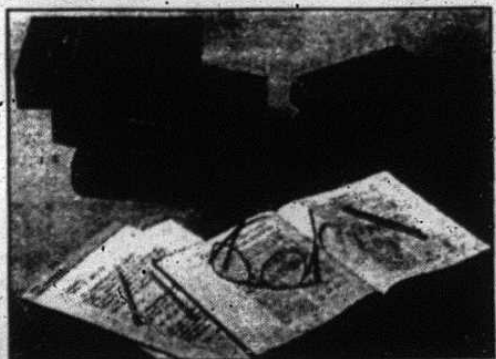
"I think it's a great opportunity for those who are considering a career in teaching," said Josh Mullins, a freshman.

Ethical Explorers, the other new club sponsored by Dana Singleton, is designed for students who are seeking to become more mature and responsible adults. This club helps the student make the decisions that are best for them and others.

Students who are seeking more information pertaining to either club, or are interested in becoming a member, can speak to Mrs. Trina Bustle or attend the next meeting from 3-5pm after school. FEA also meets from 11:50-12:45 in the library on club days. Ethical Explorers meet from 1:20-2:00.

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Education is growth.
Education is not a preparation for life,
It is life itself."

—John Dewey

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