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Superintendent's Message

The theme for the 2001-2002 school year in Rockcastle County is "Every child Successful."

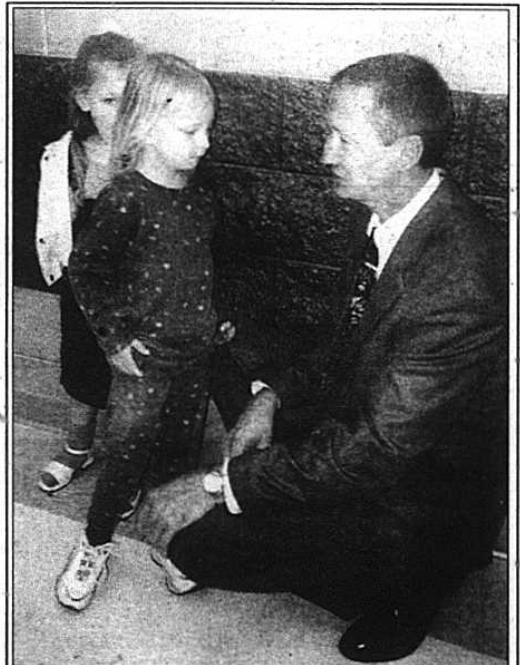
This theme reflects the cooperation and hard work of all education staff and the many parents, community and business members involved in helping students achieve.

These collaborative relationships are very important, especially those that bring together parents and the employees working in America's public schools. Our goal, particularly at the local level where the real action occurs, is to deepen that involvement among all concerned adults in a given community.

Much attention has been given to the concept of a learning community over the past decade as well as to the development of life long learners. Locally, our schools have been working diligently with parents and students to ensure the community is one that grows and learns together. The elementary schools have traditionally been more successful in parental involvement. A continuation of this effort is especially visible through the communication and partnership to develop each student's reading ability. Consequently, there is a greater love for reading and desire for learning at the primary level. The middle school continues this focus with the assistance of parents and other partners within the community. The middle school, high school and area technology centers are currently implementing various strategies as a result of the Gear Up and 21st Century Community Learning Center grants. The funding through these initiatives have allowed the three partners, (students, parents and schools), to extend the school day with evening classes/activities. The school week has been extended with Saturday schedules to further enhance student achievement while cultivating a learning community. Involvement has been a primary ingredient in our recipe for success. We are focused during American Education Week on students, schools, and parents working together. On behalf of Rockcastle County Schools and the Board of Education I encourage everyone to consider this a great opportunity to reach out to your community and neighborhood schools.



School Board members, seated, from left: George W. Griffith, chairman; Terry F. Burton and Michael Burdette. Standing, from left: Martin E. Vanzant and Samuel T. Stallsworth.



Superintendent Larry B. Hammond greets students at the Brodhead Elementary School Open House.

Proclamation

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

November 11-17, 2001

WHEREAS, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility, and equality;

And

WHEREAS, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future;

And

WHEREAS, education employees - be they custodians or teachers, bus drivers or librarians - work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism;

And

WHEREAS, schools are community linchpins, bring together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders and elected officials in a common enterprise;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Larry B. Hammond, Superintendent Rockcastle County Schools, do hereby proclaim November 11-17 as the 80th annual observance of American Education Week.

Larry B. Hammond, Superintendent
Name and Title

Signed this 9th day of November, 2001