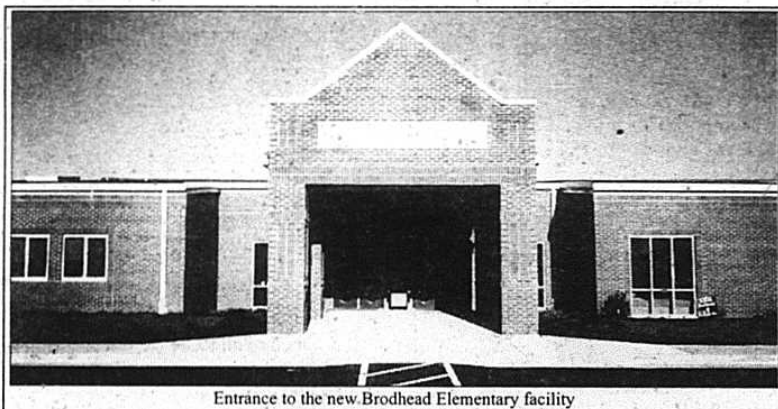


"A Journey to Discover New Beginnings"

Brodhead Elementary School students and staff have been faced with many new challenges during this school year. They also have had the opportunity to start on a journey toward a new beginning for Brodhead Elementary School.

A few things we have new in our regular school day are a computer lab and a keyboard lab. Both of these are used to enhance student learning and to build their abilities to learn at higher levels.

One of the other newest beginnings is a special after school program. Students that are exit-level primary, 4th or 5th grade are able to participate in Brodhead Elementary School after school clubs. We have three clubs which are Survival of the Fittest, BEST Fitness, and Exceptional Science Searchers. All of these clubs are designed to be fun and exciting while focusing on important content that our students need to know and be able to do.



Entrance to the new Brodhead Elementary facility



Students learn piano playing strategies through peer instruction while strengthening mathematical skills and science abilities.



Interior of new computer lab at BES where students not only learn keyboarding skills but word processing, spreadsheets and numerous other aspects of computer technology.

Full of Alternatives

The Rockcastle County Alternative School was established in the summer of 2000 with the goal of helping unsuccessful students realize success not only in school, but also in the work place. We are a small school with a maximum number of students being set at 30. We offer assistance to students who are grades 6-12 and primarily work with students who have trouble in one of three areas. These areas are: attendance, academics and behavior. We do review other situations where our program may or may not be the best placement for the student.

However, each student who is referred to our program has his/her situation thoroughly examined to find the areas where the most help is needed. If the committee feels that our program can help the student, a plan for success is written and implemented.

Once a student is enrolled in RCAS, they face a variety of class offerings including several elective classes in addition to the required curriculum. Our motto for this year is TEAM FOCUS, which is an acronym for Together Every Achieves More Finding Our Children Unique Solutions. We find that many children need extra attention. In a small setting like ours, the adult to student ratio is approximately 1:5, which enables our staff to focus more on the individual needs of our students including positive re-enforcement. We also find that by working together we can make a difference in our student's lives.

Our curriculum has grown this year to include two online educational programs, *Skillstutor.com* and *Electronic Community Schools*. Each of these programs focuses on the basic skills needed to be successful in school and to become a competent member of society. For example, a student can take classes in Life & Job Skills or in Employability skills where they learn how to complete applications, how to search for the right career, how to work well with others and how to have a successful interview. We also invite different members of our community in to discuss their career with the students. This allows our students the opportunity to learn about the jobs available and, more importantly, the educational requirements to obtain the job.



Students construct model bridges to test weight and strength