

Minds in the Middle

The monthly SBDM council meeting will be next Tuesday, January 21, at 4:00.

School will not be in session on Monday due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

During next Wednesday's RAP session, *Team Building* will be the topic of discussion.

We are now offering a Chess Club to all students as part of our 21st CCLC activities. The club meets on Wednesday afternoons.

The FCA would like to thank Kevin Griggs, youth minister from First Baptist Church, for presenting their devotional on Tuesday.

The Y-Club had great success with their annual food drive. Many RCMS students and staff donated to the cause with proceeds going to the Food and Clothing Mission in Mt. Vernon. Mrs. Singleton's class collected the most among the homerooms. A special thanks to the office staff for their support.

The fierce competition between the men and women in this office begot several families with the women collecting over 900 items and the men collecting over 500 items. Way to go students and staff! Thanks for your generosity.

Before Christmas several of our Y-Club members made a paper chain for the school. Each link contained a member's wish for the world for the new year. Here are a few of those.

Everyone who has the chance to hear the Word of God.

The end of poverty.

The gift of knowledge.

A drug-free world.

Laughter to those who are sad.

The right to an education.

Companionship to the lonely.

A cure for cancer for those who have been diagnosed.

God. For people who have hard times.

A warm home.

No nuclear weapons.

A loving family.

Jobs for the jobless.

An end to world hunger.

Peace between the countries.

Obama, found and bound.

For every person to be happy.

Freedom from disease.

A clean environment.

YSC Update

There are several things that you can do to help your child get ready

for college today! Middle school is not so soon to start thinking about earning scholarships and preparing for college. Believe in your child. Work as a team with your child and together to select high school course choices. Support their involvement in clubs, activities, and other after school programs. Promote learning in the home by providing a good study environment and helping to build discipline and good study habits. Don't assume that you can't afford college! There are many grants, loans, scholarships, and work study programs available. Take advantage of your child's school counselors to find out all you can about options for higher education.

4-H Poetry Contest underway

By John McQuerry

Co. Ext. Agent for 4-H/Youth Dev.

The Rockcastle County 4-H Council is sponsoring a new contest for 4-H'ers. The first-ever 4-H Poetry Contest is currently underway and will continue through January 31, 2003. All county 4-H youth are encouraged to participate. Following are the rules for the contest:

1. Any 4-H student, 4th through 8th grade may enter a poem.

2. Poems must be the work of the 4-H member entering the poem.

3. Poem can be about any subject, (Not deemed to be offensive.)

4. One poem per person.

5. Poems must be the original work of the 4-H'ers.

6. Youth name, birth date, full mailing address, grade, school and teachers name should be written or typed on the back of the poem.

7. Poem must have a title and be neatly printed or typed on regular

size copy or typing paper.

8. Junior poems (4th & 5th grades) should be 3-24 lines in length.

9. Middle School poems (6th, 7th, & 8th grades) should be 3-28 lines in length.

10. Junior 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be chosen from each grade, per school.

11. First place Junior winners will be judged for one overall county champion.

12. Middle School 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be chosen from each grade, per school.

13. Middle School 1st place winners will be judged for one overall county champion.

14. Plaques will be awarded to overall 1st place winners. All participants will be awarded ribbons.

For more information, contact John McQuerry at the Rockcastle Co. Extension Service at 256-2403.

Thank You

The City of Brodhead wishes to thank everyone who participated in decorating for the Christmas season.

Winners for best decorations were as follows:

Homes

1) Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ward

2) Mr. and Mrs. Preston Parrett

3) Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norris

Floats

1) Mrs. Roberta Taylor & Family

2) Rockcastle Co. High Y-Club

3) Rockcastle Rehab.

And, a special thanks to everyone who helped with the parade, especially Tim Albright, Anita Shackleford and Victoria Dunn.



Congratulations to members of the RCMS Band who were selected as participants in the 2003 Bluegrass All-Regional Band Clinic held in Middleboro, Ky. this past weekend. Students were selected by audition and given the opportunity to work with other musicians from 30 other countries in the region. Guest conductors for the event were Dr. Ric Best, retired Associate Director of Bands at the University of Tennessee and current advisor to the president's new "No Child Shall Be Left Behind" education campaign, along with Dr. Richard Miles, Director of Bands at Morehead State University and current president of the Kentucky Music Educators Association. Pictured above front row from left: Scott Cain, Josh Ott and Jonathan Baldwin. Back row from left: Greg Daugherty, RCMS Band Director, Jamey Robinson and Cody Moore.

At State Level

RCMS to participate in reading and math tests

Rockcastle County Middle School has announced it will participate in the 2003 state National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). RCMS is one of only 249 schools in the state asked to participate.

The 2003 state NAEP assessment, which requires about 90 minutes of a student's time, is designed to measure what students know and can do in reading and mathematics. Students will be asked to read literary experience, to gain information, and to perform a task. They will respond to multiple-choice questions in reading and they may also be asked to create their own responses, which may consist of writing short answers or more sentences.

In mathematics, students will respond to multiple-choice questions and will also create their own responses, which may consist of a variety of formats, including writing a sentence or more, drawing a diagram or showing how they derived their answers.

NAEP protects the confidentiality of students, teachers and schools that participate by not collecting student, teacher or school names. The assessment is designed to report on the academic performance of large groups, based on state representative samples of fourth- and eighth-grade students. NAEP provides results for major demographic groups, including gender and ethnicity and states that meet NAEP reporting criteria are able to compare their results with both national results and the results of other states.

For more than thirty years, NAEP has been the country's only nation-

ally representative and continuing survey of students' educational achievement. Because the national NAEP samples were not designed to support the reporting of state-level results, state NAEP was introduced in 1990 to provide participating states reliable data concerning the achievement of their students. The project is

authorized by Congress, directed by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics and developed by Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N.J. Westat, Inc. of Rockville, MD conducts sample selection and data collection.

Mt. Vernon Message

Upcoming Events: There will no school on Monday, January 20 due to Martin Luther King Day.

Watch for midterm reports for 4th

School Menu

January 20 - 24, 2003

Breakfast

Mon., Jan. 20: No school.

Tues., Jan. 21: Manager's choice.

Wed., Jan. 22: Cinnamon roll or cereal, toast/jelly, juice, milk.

Thurs., Jan. 23: Egg cheese biscuit or cereal, biscuit/jelly, juice, milk.

Fri., Jan. 24: Peanut butter/jelly sandwich or cereal, toast/jelly, juice, milk.

Lunch

Mon., Jan. 20: No school.

Tues., Jan. 21: Manager's choice.

Wed., Jan. 22: Pizza, garden salad, corn, fruit, milk.

Thurs., Jan. 23: Corn dog, macaroni 'n' cheese, cold slaw, pork 'n' beans, jelly, milk.

Fri., Jan. 24: Fried chicken, country gravy, mashed potatoes, biscuits, cinnamon apples, milk.

and 5th grade students to be sent home on Tuesday, January 21.

Special Events: Our Family Resource Center sponsored a program for our students on Friday, January 10. The Steven Mills family performed a variety of acts for our children, from juggling to unicycle riding. It was a fantastic show.

Project Wisdom readers for the last week of school before Christmas were as follows: Cindy Anderkin, counselor; Ashley Lewis, Corey Johnson and David Johnson, students and Sharon Lovell, librarian, mystery reader.

Thanks to all who have participated in this project. Our quote for this week is "Little by little, on walks far" - Peruvian Proverb.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CUMBERLANDS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS.

FUNDING: Workforce Investment Act(WIA) Title I - Youth

ACTION: The Cumberland Workforce Investment Board (Cumberland WIB) is soliciting proposals for youth workforce development services to be provided to Cumberland Workforce Investment Area youth and young adults 14-21 years of age. This RFP incorporates the mission and objectives of the Cumberland Youth Career Development System (YCDS) and other workforce initiatives. The Cumberland WIB will accept proposals that incorporate summer youth employment opportunities into a full menu of youth services and activities. Under WIA summer youth opportunities cannot be offered as a stand-alone program but must be integrated into a comprehensive array of year-round youth activities. There will be two (2) proposals one for in-school youth and one for out-of-school youth. Please specify if request is for an in-school, out-of-school or both. Approximate funding levels are in-school youth \$1,500,000, out-of-school youth \$1,000,000.

DATES: The closing date for receipt of applications is March 14, 2003, by 4:00 CT. All applications received after this date will be considered as funding becomes available.

ACTIVITIES: 1) Tutoring, study skill training, and instruction leading to secondary school completion, including dropout prevention strategies; 2) Alternative secondary school offerings; 3) Summer employment opportunities directly linked to academic and occupational learning; 4) Paid and unpaid work experiences, including internships and job shadowing, as provided in 20 CFR Part 664.460 and 20 CFR Part 664.470. 5) Occupational skill training; 6) Leadership development opportunities, which may include such activities as positive social behavior and soft skills, decision making, team work, and other activities, as provided in 20 CFR 664.420 and 20 CFR Part 664.430. 7) Supportive services; 8) Adult mentoring for a duration of at least twelve (12) months, that may occur both during and after program participation; 9) Follow up services; 10) Comprehensive guidance and counseling, including drug and alcohol abuse counseling, as well as referrals to counseling, as appropriate to the needs of the individual youth. (WIA Part 129(c)(2) and 20 CFR Part 664.410); 11) Outreach/recruitment/eligibility determination; 12) Assessment; and 13) Case management/intensive job placement.

APPLICANTS: Agencies or individuals interested in obtaining an application shall submit an inquiry by fax or mail to: Darryl McQuaha, Lake Cumberland Area Development District, P.O. Box 1570, Russell Springs, Kentucky 42642; (Fax: 270-866-2044). For further information call 270-866-4200. The RFP and proposal forms will also be made available after January 21, 2003 on the LCADD web site at <http://lcadd.org/WIA/> and at the reception desk in the LCADD/WIA Department, 2384 Lakeway Drive, Russell Springs, Kentucky.

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