

Notice to parents of students entering 6th grade this fall

The Kentucky Department of Education requires that any student entering the 6th grade must have a second physical and a current up-to-date immunization certificate.

The physical must be reported on the correct Kentucky form for 6th grade entry. If the student is going to play any type of sport, he/she will also be required to have a physical documented on a Kentucky athletic form. The athletic physical will be accepted as a 6th grade physical.

The immunization certificate must reflect all immunizations that the student has had. Students entering the 6th grade will have to have a second, MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella), a Tetanus-Diphtheria (Td) booster, and the three doses of Hepatitis-B vaccine. The Hep-B vaccine is given over a 4-6 month period; therefore, the student should be taken as soon as possible to start this series. This is the first year that the State Department is requiring students to get the Td booster in the sixth grade.

These health forms must be presented the first day of school this fall.

State cost share program sign-ups announced

The Rockcastle County Conservation District will be accepting requests for financial and technical assistance under the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program continues through February 28, 2003.

The Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost-Share Program was created to help agricultural operations protect the soil and water resources of Kentucky and to implement their agriculture water quality plans. This program was established to assist landowners address existing soil erosion, water quality and other environmental problems associated with their farming or woodland operation.

The 1994 Kentucky General Assembly established this financial and technical assistance program. Kentucky Revised Statutes 262.115, establishes that the program's funds be administered by local conservation districts and the Kentucky Soil & Water Conservation Commission with priority given to animal waste related problems, agricultural district participants and to producers who are landowners. Water Quality plans on file with their local conservation districts. Funding for the program comes from the Kentucky General Assembly through the direct appropriations to the program from the Phase 1 Tobacco Settlement Funds and from funds provided by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

In order for the student to be enrolled, if you child receives these services before school is out in the spring, please send the forms to school so they can be filed in his/her chart. Please do not take the health forms to the middle school during the summer. They may become misplaced. If you want to turn in the health forms before school starts this fall, please turn them in at the Board of Education on Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon.

You are strongly urged to get this matter taken care of as soon as possible. Doctor's offices will be extra busy this summer. You may be unable to get an appointment if you wait too late.

Again, please be aware that students will not be enrolled into the 6th grade without these forms. If you have any questions concerning these requirements, please call either the Middle School (256-5118) or Jeannine M. Parsons, RN, District School Nurse/Health Coordinator, at 256-2125.

Practices eligible for cost share are Animal Waste Control Facilities; Animal Waste Utilization; Vegetative Filter Strips; Sinkhole Protection; Heavy Use Area Protection; Rotational Grazing System Establishment; Livestock Steam Crossing and Riparian Area Protection. Ranking of Applications will be done on the state level by the Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission at the Kentucky Division of Conservation located in Frankfort. Approval of applications is based on a statewide ranking criteria and the availability of funds. Cost share rates are a maximum of 60 to 75 percent of the actual installation cost of the practice not to exceed \$7,500 per year for agronomic practices or \$20,000 per year for animal waste practices.

For more information, stop by the conservation district office located at USDA Service Center, Hwy. 150 in Mt. Vernon Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ph. 606-256-2525, Ext. 1.

Natural Easter Pageant is April 13

Wishing Upon A Star Pageant Productions will hold their first annual Natural Easter Pageant on April 13 at the National Guard Armory in London.

Registration is from 1 to 1:30 p.m. and the pageant will begin at 2 p.m.

"This is a Natural Pageant System," said Heather Zanet, director. "Children will be judged on natural beauty. Beauty modeling - No program and no pageant experience necessary."

Easter week will be the attire for the event which will cover age groups from birth to 11 m, 12-23m,

2y, 3y, 4-5y, 6-7y, 8-10y, 11-13y, 14y & up. Boys 0-2y, 3-5y, 6y & up. (age groups can be combined if less than two).

Prizes will be awarded in each age group and every contestant will receive a gift from the Easter Bunny and fees off the next pageant. Awards will also be made in other categories such as Most Photogenic, Best Dressed, etc.

For more information or to obtain a registration form, call Heather Zanet at 606-877-8919 or e-mail at zanet@col.com or log on to their website at www.godisrael.com/wishinguponastarpageant.



Beverly Harrison with her new Pontiac Grand Am

Mt. Vernon consultant receives Mary Kay Career Car

Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant Beverly Harrison of Mt. Vernon, is on the road to success. In November, Harrison earned the use of a new Pontiac Grand Am.

In keeping with the company's quest to maintain its pre-eminence as a leader in providing women with an unparalleled business opportunity and desirable business incentives, Mary Kay continues to elevate its image by continually upgrading the options available to its star performers. In addition to the Grand Am, Mary Kay also boasts the pearlized pink Cadillac and the Pontiac Wide Track Grand Prix, as part of its notable career car fleet.

"Our automobile incentive program has been an important feature

at Mary Kay for years. It seems only fitting that, as we continue to modernize our image and offer exciting,

innovative sales incentives and products for our sales force, that the career car program would evolve as well," said Tom Whaley, president, U.S. sales.

Harrison took delivery of her new 2003 Grand Am, her first Mary Kay career car, at Watkins, London, Ky., Independent Beauty Consultants earn the use of Mary Kay career cars through outstanding sales and team building. The U.S. Mary Kay fleet, one of the largest commercial fleets of GM passenger cars in the world, includes 8,000 career cars, valued at more than \$140 million.

\$1,000 Reward

For information leading to the arrest and conviction of person or persons who robbed the home of Kenneth Wade Graves in Mt. Vernon on Sat., Feb. 8th.

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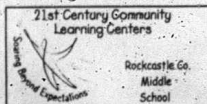


April (Thorpe) Lee, job placement specialist in Bowling Green with the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, received the Japti B. Gold Award, which is given to a member of JPD who has performed above and beyond what is required in order to make employment possible for consumers. She received the award at the 2002 Kentucky Rehabilitation Association Statewide Conference that was held November 19-21 in Louisville. April plans to graduate from Western Kentucky University with a Master's Degree in Mental Health Counseling in May 2003.

Have Dinner On Us!

The Menu

Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Green Beans
Homemade Rolls
Fried Apples
Sponsored by the RCMS 21st CCLC.



ROCKCASTLE COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Tuesday, February 25th, 3:00-6:00

Meet Your Child's Teachers

Pick Up Progress Reports

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*If school is not in session, the Parent-Teacher Conference will be rescheduled *