

## Minds in the Middle

Thank you students for your excellent attendance this year! Research shows that attendance is the single-most important factor in school success.

This Thursday, our 6th grade peer mediators will be in an all-day training in the mediation process. The students were selected this week by their peers to serve as mediators. On Friday, the 7th and 8th grade mediators will have a half-day refresher course in mediating.

In correlation with this, conflict resolution was our advisory topic for the week. We teach students that the best solution for a conflict is a win/win one. Everyone is satisfied with the way things turn out and they have worked together to solve their problem. We encourage parents to help reinforce this skill when conflicts arise at home.

Next Friday, September 5, will be picture day. We ask that everyone try their best to be at school! These are the pictures that will appear in the yearbook, so dress your best.

Thursday the Berea College Educational Talent Search participants

will be meeting in the Challenge room.

Next week, we will be taking applications for the yearbook staff. These applications may be picked up in Ms. Comer's office before school.

Our football and girls basketball seasons are well underway. We wish them a great season! We extend congratulations to Mr. Cogner and his family. They have a new addition to their family: Travis Reese Cogner.

**Youth Services Center Update**  
Welcome to the start of another wonderful school year! The Youth Services Center is located at RCMS and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The office serves all middle school students and families and other hours may be scheduled by appointment. Youth Services works with community members, school agencies and local businesses to remove barriers to education. Please call the office or stop by to discuss your child's needs. School volunteers are always welcomed and needed. If interested, please complete the necessary paperwork and get registered!

## Library News

Things are rolling right along at the Rockcastle County Library. Several new books have been added to the adult and children's area. They include, for adults: *Between Sisters*, by Kristin Hannah; *Come Arranged*, by Anne Perry; *Dead Ringer* by Lisa Scottoline; *Fori Matter* by Martha Grimes; *The Killing Hour* by Lisa Gardner and *Sense of Evil* by Kaye Flooper.

There are some easy reader titles we would like to let you know about that are housed in the children's library. They are: *The Old Woman Who Named Things*; *The Relatives Came and Little Whistle*, all by Cynthia Rylant; *Moore Bear's Bargain* by Frank Asch and *Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes.

Some juvenile fiction books that have been added are: *Janie* by Barbara Park; *The Captain's Dog* by My journey with the Lewis and Clark Tribe by Roland Smith; *Quit It!* by Marci Bynalick; *The Mask* by Madeline Dorr and *The School Mouse* by Dick King-Smith. A new series we are introducing is *MythQuest*, written by various authors and the new *Remington* series is

out -- *Begin Again* by K.A. Applegate.

We encourage you to stop in and check these new items out and offer your suggestions and comments about what you like to read. This helps in making selections for the variety of collections that we have. The library is equipped to get books through interlibrary loan if we do not have the book you are looking for. We are here to serve you and your reading needs, whether it is informational or recreational. The career center houses a number of career books and college information, which is definitely a resource for the youth of the community.

Let's not forget the regular programs that take place at the library. Story Hour is every Tuesday at 1 p.m. for the preschool children of the community. We also have plans in the works to have more programming as opportunity and time permits. The bookmobile service continues to run out in the county. Just call and ask to speak to Ms. Pam Chaliff if you wish to be put on the schedule.

Why don't you make the connection?

Connect at your library.

## Mt. Vernon Message

For the week of August 28, 2003:

Thanks to all the parents and grandparents who brought their children to our open house on August 19.

Project Wisdom is underway again this year. Each day, a student reads a given passage that challenges us to make good decisions. Each Friday, there is a mystery reader.

Readers for the first two weeks of school are as follows:

Leon Davidson, principal; Charles Carter, assistant principal; Cindy Andersen, counselor; Linda Roark, counselor; Mary Woodall, secretary; May Arnold, nurse's assistant; and Hope Kenfro, resource teacher.

Last week's readers were: Sara Baker, Beth Guinn, Heather Bullock and Ryan Roberts, students and Jamie Cornelius, music teacher, was our mystery reader.

If you are interested in becoming a reader, please call Cindy Andersen at 256-2953 for more information. Our first arts block rotation is complete and the art prize winner is Erica Croucher. She chose a colorful folder as her prize. Congratulations, Erica.

Our quote for this week is "Little successes pave the way for bigger successes." Mary Kay Ash.

Five new staff members have joined us at Mt. Vernon Elementary. We are proud to have them with us this year.

Ms. May Arnold is our school nurse and Mary Woodall is our school secretary. We have three new resource teachers: Jamie Bryant, Bobbi Mason and Carri Vanzant-Lowery.



Carri Vanzant-Lowery



May Arnold



Bobbi Mason



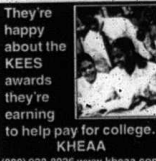
Erica Croucher  
Art Prize Winner



Jamie Bryant



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## Revival & Homecoming

### Climax Christian Church

September 8-14 • 7 p.m.

Evangelist: Harvey Spry

Special Singing Nightly

Singers (Not in Order)

Monday - Arnel & Mable Davidson

Tuesday - The Ballingers

Wednesday - Bethel Christian

Thursday - Level Green Christian

Friday - Walt, Deloris & Beulah

Saturday - Spry Family and The Ballingers

Sunday - Chester Azbill Family, Mabel & Arnel & Others

Homecoming - Sept. 14th



Join us for Preschool Play at the Park

At the city park at 9:30

August 27

September 10

September 24

A half hour of directed play sponsored by Rockcastle Co. Health Dept.

## CLOSING

McClure's Electronics in Mt. Vernon is closing due to illness.

Please pick up all items by September 10th.

Not responsible for items left after Sept. 10th.

Open Mon.-Thurs., 9 to 3, until Sept. 10th

Call 256-4366 for more information

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