

Tiger Pause

Brodhead Elementary Intermediate students who participated in Kentucky Assessment last spring, celebrated their performances on Friday, October 31. BES students scored 101.3 on the 2002-03 test, which placed them as one of the top ten schools in the state.

Students celebrated with cake and ice cream and an afternoon of fun. The students and staff did the limbo, hocky pocky and the bunny hop. Together, they also learned the cotton-eyed Joe and the congo. They all had a fabulous celebration of their hard work. Congratulations kids!

Thanks to everyone who participated in our eyeglasses collection. BES students brought in 117 pairs of glasses, various eyeglasses parts and several cases. These glasses were donated to the Brodhead Lions Club. The 4th grade (green pod) was the winning pod. BES PTA will treat them to ice cream for their efforts.

Please remember to be saving your glasses for next year's drive.

The SWAT team (purple pod) which consists of the classes of Mrs. Jeleta Bradshaw, Mrs. Melissa Fairchild, Mrs. Angie Adams and Mrs. Kelli Asher, visited the Center for Rural Development in Somerset on Friday, November 7th. Students saw the play "Santa and the Unhappy

Elf," and enjoyed it very much. BES PTA thanks everyone who helped with the fall festival. The 20 plus volunteers helped to make the event a success. Thanks to Citizens Bank for donating suckers for our sucker tree.

Mrs. Jenise Coffey, counselor, listed Mackenzie Moore, Jeriah Hamlin, Kaci Wilmont and Alyssa Cox in the Counselor's Corner last week. These students were recognized for having good manners and being good listeners.

Please remember throughout the school year if you have a change of address, telephone or name, we need to update your child's office card. Also, if you want to add or delete those that may pick your child up, you can do so at any time. This information is important if we need to contact you. Thanks.

Yearbook orders are still being taken. The yearbook will be in full color this year. The cost is \$10 and you must pay with your order.

The PTA meeting will be Tuesday, November 18th at 7 p.m. The 5th grade (yellow) pod will be performing.

Thanksgiving lunch at BES is Wednesday, November 19th. Please let the school know if you plan to attend and have not turned in a survey.



Above: Caroline Graves, BES principal, and students having fun in the gym during the celebration of their top ten placement. Below: BES students celebrating their 2002-2003 Assessment scores with cake and ice cream. BES placed in the top ten in the state.



Kenton Adams, representing the fourth grade, and Amy Nicely, PTA President, showing the 117 pairs of glasses that BES collected for the Brodhead Lions Club.

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Academic Honor Roll



Jennifer Durham, daughter of Jimmy and Joy Durham of Berea, had a 4.025 GPA at Rockcastle County High School. She is vice-president of FBLA, a member of FCA and the Wildlife Christian Church. Jen plans on attending the University of Kentucky and major in Animal Science.



Several parents of Brodhead Elementary students and local community members have been participating in a computer class taught by Mrs. Jennifer Brock. The class is meeting once a week for 2 hours at BES in the computer lab. Participants are enjoying refreshments and special treats from sponsors such as Forward in the Fifth and CAP Outreach Sharing. The Brodhead Family Resource Center and Forward in the Fifth are sponsoring the class at no cost to participants.



Brodhead Elementary School was honored to have active U.S. Army Specialist Ernest Mobley of the 217th Quartermaster Unit out of Danville as an Ameri-Corp Guest Reader on Tuesday, November 11th, Veterans Day. Specialist Mobley has been serving in Tikrit and Balad, Iraq, but is currently on emergency family leave, and will be returning to Iraq on Monday, November 17th. Specialist Mobley read to the entire school via closed circuit television as part of the daily news broadcast. Pictured above with Specialist Ernest Mobley, is the BES Shooting Stars news crew: Starla Clouse, Kyle Messina, Casey Crank, and Shanlee Burton.

Up, Up and Away to KYA

By Hannah Ponder
KYA Media Corps Team
Rockcastle County Middle School Y-Club members have been working hard to prepare for the Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA) 2003. We began early in September with a parents' meeting to share information about KYA, give out the loads of forms we had to complete (that's a lot) and to apply for scholarships.

Our next meeting was for all members who were interested in being bill authors, lobbyists, clerks, pages, candidates, media corps reporters or in the Judicial program. Over 50 students came to this training. 28 of them will be taking eight bills from RCMS to KYA. Our candidate for the State Leadership Team this year is Cristy Olivia Napier. Darrin McKinley will be the Executive page and Zachary Davis will be KYA's Executive clerk. Matthew Miller and Brooke Bowlin, as lobbyists, will be lobbying for and against bills. Jessica Cummins and Gary Keith-Caldwell will serve as advocates to the model Supreme Court. Yours truly, will be a member of the KYA media corps team. I will not only be reporting on every aspect at KYA, but also helping to produce an assembly paper, and television or radio broadcasts.

Our delegates have eight very interesting bills to present this year. Each bill author's goal is to have his

her bill ranked high in committees, pass through the House and Senate and flow on to the Governor's desk to be signed into law. Our 6th grade or Premier delegation, has three bills, ranging from topics to establishing credit unions within Kentucky high schools, to banning peanuts and peanut by-products from being used in school lunches, to requiring CPR certification for Little League coaches. Our 7th and 8th graders have five bills to present. One of their most controversial bills is "a bill relating to drug testing of public school employees in the Commonwealth of Kentucky." Currently, Oregon and Tennessee have this law. Our delegates feel this is a needed law in Kentucky, along with the seven others they are taking.

Delegates will have a full schedule for the three-day conference (November 9-11). Accompanying the 75 students will be Y-Club advisors, Mrs. Nancy Hale, Mrs. Kathy Bobo and Mr. Tracy Gabbard. Other adults who will be serving as chaperones are: Carolyn Turner, Janet Vaughn, Carolyn Hunt, Allison Reynolds, Ann Pittman, Kristi Reynolds, Tamara Clontz, Anita Nation, Stella Young and Tommy Adams.

We hope to have a great time at KYA, so look for a follow-up article reporting on the outcome of the Assembly.

RGHS Class of '93 Reunion

The RGHS Class of 1993
is in the process of planning their 10 year class reunion. Anyone who hasn't been contacted about your current address, should call Scott Mays, 758-9089 or Renee Bowman Turner, 758-9828

Puppeteers visit Roundstone

On Thursday, October 27, the Squallis Puppeteers visited Roundstone Elementary as part of Arts and Humanities Month observance. According to puppet master Jess Myers, "We are a constantly evolving troupe of puppet enthusiasts who make our own puppets, write our own plays and orchestrate our own music." The Louisville-based Squallis Puppeteers have been performing and teaching puppetry for children and adults since 1997.

During the school day, the Puppeteers worked with the fourth and fifth graders, demonstrating the use of large free-standing puppets and small hand puppets while explaining that puppetry is not only a form of theater but also an excellent process for focusing creativity. "Some children, have difficulty performing in front of large groups. Puppetry is an opportunity for those children to express their creativity publicly," explained co-director Nora Christensen.

The art of puppetry is a very old form of theatre and contains the same

content and elements as traditional theatre productions. The use of movement, voice and expression are all necessary for a puppet play," continued Myers.

An evening performance for Parents' Student Arts Night at Roundstone Elementary included activities that allowed students to become a puppeteer. Students selected a puppet, picked a card describing a vocal adjective or emotion and then presented their puppet through song using their voice to express the emotion. "This is the kind of arts residency we appreciate at Roundstone," stated Lisa Nee, principal. "A residency that incorporates content, instruction and a product with parent participation becomes a thought-provoking experience for all participants."

Squallis Puppeteers have worked with the Louisville Zoo, The Portland Museum, The Speed Art Museum, Kentucky Opera, World Arts Youth Festival and the Kentucky Shakespeare Festival.



Jess Myers and Nora Christensen of Squallis Puppeteers encourage Roundstone students Shelby McKinney and Travis Todd during Parents' Student Arts Night.

Mt. Vernon Message

Our Family Resource Center is preparing for the annual Kenna's Kitchen Thanksgiving meal. Flyers will be sent home soon. If you would like to participate in this event, please contact our FRC coordinator, Mrs. Regina Hall-Brown or Vicki Chastner at 256-5173.

Project Wisdom Readers for last

week were: students Cassie Robinson, Everett Wilson, Nicholas Thomason, and Harold Woodall, P3 teacher, was our mystery reader.

Art prize winner for this rotation is Zachary Horn from Mrs. Webb's classroom. Congratulations Zachary! Our quote for this week is "You only duty is to do the best you can."



Zachary Horn
MVES Weekly Art Prize Winner



Eric McCracken
MVES Weekly Art Prize Winner

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