

Tiger Pause

BES had 217 visitors for our annual Thanksgiving lunch last week. The special was delicious! Thank you cafeteria staff for preparing the wonderful meal and thanks to the volunteers for helping serve.

The fifth grade performed at the PTA meeting last Tuesday. Students from the classes of Mrs. Pasy Alcorn, Mrs. Katreka Cash, Mrs. Vicki Scott and Kevin Mullins performed Native American and Colonial culture through music and dance. Thank you to the parents/guardians for allowing their children to participate.

The kids did a fantastic job.

We are participating in a food drive this holiday season. If you would like to donate to God's Meal Barrel, there is a collection barrel at the front entrance of the school. The following items are needed: stuffing mix, cake mix, cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, pork and beans, corn and brown gravy mix. Forward in the Fifth and the Parent Information and Resource Centers invite parents to participate in a free parent conference. Powerful Parents - A Child's First and Best Hero will be held on Saturday, December 13, from 9 to 3:30 at the Jackson County Area Technology Center in McKee. There is no cost to parents and child care and lunch will be provided. There will be a wide variety

of door prizes, including a grand prize computer system. This day, filled with fun and learning, is a great opportunity for parents. To register for or to get more information on the conference, call Satika Morgan, BRC at 758-5312.

Mrs. Jenise Coffey's Counselor's Corner is full of courteous, well-behaving students. The following children do a good job representing the young people of today: Paisley Saylor, Tina Hayes, Matthew Hayes, Cody Jones, Leah Hughes, Kendra Dees, Trevor Burris, Brandon Burkhardt, Michaela Woodall, Trevor Warren and Skyler Carrillo.

Congratulations to primary teacher Angie Adams on the birth of Destiny Hope, born November 11, and was 20 1/2" long.

Math-A-Thon money is due on Monday, December 1st. Please turn in your collections to Ms. Satika. The monthly lunch menu can be found on the BES website www.bes.rockcastle.k12.ky.us

The SBDM and PTA meetings have been moved to the second Tuesday (Dec. 9) in December. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving! Remind yourself of the many things you have to be thankful for -- most of all -- your children.



217 visitors, including family and community members, enjoyed Thanksgiving lunch with students at Brodhead Elementary last week.



Fifth grade students performed at the BES PTA meeting last week.

Minds in the Middle

School will not be in session on Thursday or Friday due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We will not be having any 21st CCLC activities on Wednesday afternoon. These cancellations will include the anger management class.

Congratulations to our cross-country runner Blake Parsons. Blake was named to the KTCCCA 6th Grade and Under Team for 2003. Blake was one of only ten runners in the state to be named to this all-state team.

The Enterprises would like to recognize Devin Davidson as their Student of the Week. Devin was nominated by his peers because of his numerous wonderful qualities. Congratulations Devin!

The Parent Teacher Group (PTG) will meet on Monday, December 15th. We are recruiting new members and encourage all parents to attend.

Entries for the 4-H Speech Contest are due this Wednesday. The 7th grade teams enjoyed a trip to the Kentucky Horse Park on Friday. The students viewed the play

Nightfall. Any students who are entering the conservation contest on Kentucky wildlife need to have their essays turned into the office by this Wednesday.

RAP will be held next Wednesday, December 3rd. The topic will be emotions.

The boys basketball team will take on North Laurel at home on Monday. The games will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Any students who are participating in the ACT Prep class and missed the second session (reading) may attend the make-up session on Thursday, December 4.

YSK Update

Attention parents! Forward in the Fifth and the Parent Information and Resource Centers are having a Winter Conference for Parents. The meeting will be on Saturday December 13, 2003 at the Jackson County Area Technology Center in McKee. This is a free conference. Childcare and lunch will be provided. Registration forms are available at our office. Stop by or call (256-5484) for more information.

Mt. Vernon Message

Upcoming Events:

Our library is sponsoring a School Book Fair December 1-5. Students may purchase books during their regularly scheduled library time. They may make additional purchases throughout the week if they bring more money. Classes are competing to win a popcorn and movie party. One primary and one intermediate class with the most sales will win the party.

Monday, December 1 is "Hats Off to Reading" day. To jumpstart our book fair, students may wear their favorite hat.

Special Projects:

Mrs. Asher and Mrs. Ramsey's fourth grade classes celebrated National Young Readers Day last week. The theme for their day was "Hunting for Good Books". Students were

camouflage and brought in tents to read in. Students enjoyed reading and sharing books as well as listening to some awesome guest readers. Guest readers for the day were: John McQuary, Sharon Lovell and Bruce Ross. Students would like to thank the guest readers for taking time to come and share the joy of reading with them during their special celebration.

Project Wisdom readers for last week are as follows:

Sarah Woodall, student
Holly Ham, student
Mitchell McClure, student
Kayla Lay, student
Tammy Schrader, art teacher, was our mystery reader.

Our quote for the week is "Let us reflect on our many blessings, for they are more plentiful than our misfortunes."

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4H Youth Development

John McQuary
Rockcastle County Extension Office

4H Speech Contest

The Rockcastle County 4H Council will hold their annual speech contest at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2003, at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Just as last year, the contest will be held as a joint project with the school. Through 4H, winning speakers will have the opportunity to advance to area and state competition.

Any boy or girl, age 9-19, may participate in the 4H Talk Meet Program. (The participant does not presently have to be enrolled in a 4H club.) The top speeches from each grade will compete against other youth of their own age category and not necessarily against their grade. The age category is determined by their age as of January 1, 2004.

4H'ers cannot use the same speech this year in the county speech contest if he or she won with that speech at the county, area, or state level last year.

Junior age categories are 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, and talks are to be 3 to 5 minutes long. Senior age categories are 14, 15, and 16-19, and talks are to be 5 to 7 minutes long.

Each contestant will be introduced, along with the title of their talk, by the room chairman. After being introduced, the speaker will present the talk. The speaker should not repeat the title of their talk.

Each representative for the county speech contest should be aware that if they win first or second place in their age category they will have the opportunity to go to the area contest which will be in April of 2004 in conjunction with the Area Demonstration Contest and Variety Show.

For more information contact John McQuary by calling Rockcastle Extension Service at 256-2403.

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Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Youth Group

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Do You Know?

A Play About the true meaning of Christmas

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at

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