



Pictured is Mrs. Skyler Bradley's second grade class at BES.

To Represent Kentucky

Local student selected as Youth Correspondent

Shelby Ponder, of Brodhead, a student at Rockcastle County High School, has been nominated to represent Kentucky as a National Youth Correspondent to the 2013 Washington Journalism and Media Conference at George Mason University.

Ponder has been awarded the opportunity to join a select group of 250 students from across the country to participate in an intensive week-long study of journalism and media. Ponder was

chosen based on academic accomplishments and a demonstrated interest and excellence in journalism and media studies.

National Youth Correspondents participate in hands-on, experiential learning through decision-making simulations that challenge them to solve problems and explore the creative, practical, and ethical tensions inherent in journalism and media. The experiential portion of the program is complemented by

speakers who are well-known leaders in the media community. Presenters include prominent journalists, CEO's of major media outlets, researchers, and recent college graduates successfully entering the field. Last year's conference included Hoda Kotb, Chuck Todd, Brian Lamb and Neil Leifer.

With distinguished faculty, guest speakers, and direct access to elite D.C. practitioners, the Washington Journalism and Media conference offers aspiring

Tiger Pause

Members of the Brodhead Elementary community service group have been organizing the sale of candy grams producing a special celebration for students on Valentine's Day. Candy grams are treat bags with a including a personal note that may be purchased for \$1 distributed to students on Valentine's Day. Students receiving bus transportation home are not allowed to travel with balloons or flowers/breakables, as these can present a hazard during their passage home. The deadline for Candy Gram sales will be Friday, February 8th with delivery to students on February 14th.

Brodhead UNITE club recently raised money to donate to Hurricane Sandy victims. UNITE members challenged Brodhead students to purchase rights to wear their favorite hat for \$1. Brodhead UNITE raised a total of \$147.00 and donating the total to the American Red Cross Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief.

Justin Bryant from Mrs. Beth Jones class will represent Brodhead Elementary in the district wide Spelling-Bee on Friday, February 15, 2013. Justin won the school-wide Spelling-Bee, last Thursday in a heated battle with Autumn Courtney, Brianna Owens, Faith Harris, Blake Holcomb, and Dallas Bussell. Mrs. Beth's class, along with Brodhead Elementary, would like to wish Justin good luck in the Spelling-Bee.

Friday, January 18th
marked the 100th day of

school. Celebrations took place in a variety of ways across Brodhead Elementary. Mrs. Skyler Bradley's second grade class celebrated in style. To celebrate 100 days of learning success, the students designed their own outfits that displayed 100 things. The students used their creativity and imaginations on the creation of their outfits. The outfits ranged from stylish tank tops with glitter flow-ers to white T-shirts that displayed delicious treats. .

Fourth and fifth grade students are starting Major/Minor classes. These enrichment classes, designed to meet the personal interests of students include micro-economy, web design, technology, story publishing, fitness, musical instruments, PRIDE/community service, fractured fairy tale monologue, library media, and news communications. Tiger Pause will begin highlighting the student exploration taking place in these classes beginning next week.

Caldecott Challenge successful at MVES

What an exciting few weeks we have had in the library media center here at MVES. Over the past fourteen days, we challenged our patrons to become Caldecott Kids by reading as many Caldecott award and/or honor books as they could during the Caldecott Challenge period. (Caldecott books are picture story books that have received recognition for their quality pictures.) The challenge was totally voluntary, yet we had 63% of the entire school to participate from grades 1-5.

The top three Caldecott Classes have earned a pizza party and a free book for their classroom libraries from our fall Scholastic Book Fair. From the K-1 grade levels the class that read the most Caldecott books was Mrs. Paula Davis' 1stgrade class. Mrs. Davis' class read a total of

364 Caldecott books. From the 2-3 grade levels, Mrs. Cecilia Floyd's 2nd grade class read 387 Caldecott(s), and from the 4-5th grade levels the Caldecott Class award was earned by Mrs. Wendy King's 5th grade class for reading 505 Caldecott titles during the challenge.

Our patrons read a total of 2, 657 titles during the fourteen day challenge—an average of more than 190 Caldecott titles were read per day! The top Caldecott Kids were Paige Cash from Mrs. Isaacs' 1st grade classroom (K-1 grade levels), Emily from Mrs. Floyd's 2nd grade classroom (2-3 grade levels), and Alexis Stewart (4-5th grade levels) from Mrs. Sheila McQueary's fifth grade classroom. Connor McGuire read 31 Caldecott books and Alexis Stewart

read 56 Caldecott titles. Paige Cash read a total of 60 Caldecott books during the Caldecott Challenge! Paige read the most Caldecott titles school wide. She is the daughter of Curtis and Ginger Cash. Each Caldecott Kid will receive

a gift certificate for a free book of their choice from our Scholastic Book Fair scheduled for the week of December 3-7th.

We would like to extend our appreciation to all who participated in the Caldecott Challenge.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ

1 can sweetened condensed milk
1 cup chopped dates
1 cup chopped pecans
1 1/2 stacks Ritz Crackers®
Combine condensed milk, dates, and pecans. Cook over very low heat until mixture thickens—15 to 20 minutes. Let cool. Put spoonful on Ritz cracker. Bake at 350° for 8 minutes. Let cool.

TOPPING: (makes enough

for two batches)
1 stick margarine, softened
1 box (8 ounce) cream
cheese
4 teaspoons vanilla
1 box (1 pound) powdered
sugar
Mix margarine, cream
cheese, vanilla, and pow-
dered sugar until smooth.
Put on top of cooled date
mixture. Refrigerate to set
up frosting. Makes 5 dozen.

PRALINE CHEESECAKE
1 cup graham cracker
crumbs
1/4 cup butter, melted
3 boxes (8 ounce each)
cream cheese, softened
1 cup firmly packed brown
sugar
3 large eggs
1 cup whipping cream
2 teaspoons vanilla
1/2 cup firmly packed
brown sugar
1/4 cup pecans, chopped
1/4 cup butter (for topping)
Preheat oven to 450°. In a
small bowl, combine
crumbs and melted butter.
Press firmly into the bottom
of an ungreased 9 x 13 bak-
ing pan; set aside.
In a large bowl, beat cream
cheese at medium speed
with an electric mixer until
smooth and creamy. Gradu-
ally add the 1 cup brown
sugar. Add eggs one at a
time, beating at low speed
until just blended. Add
whipping cream and vanilla.
Beat until smooth. Pour
mixture into prepared crust.
Bake for 10 minutes. Re-
duce oven temperature to
250°. Bake for 65 to 75
minutes, or until center is
set. Cool for 10 minutes.
Let cool completely.
In a small saucepan, com-
bine the 1/2 cup brown
sugar, chopped pecans and
the butter for topping. Cook
over medium heat until thick
and well blended, stirring
constantly. Let cool for 10
minutes. Spread evenly over
top of cooled cheesecake.
Garnish with pecans, if de-
sired. Refrigerate at least 2
hours before serving. Store
in refrigerator.



February 1-3, five RCMS students attended the Kentucky YMCA Go For It conference. Go For It is an inspirational and motivational experience that builds servant leaders through skills development. Through in-depth guided discussion, small group activities, and team building, teens hone leadership skills to be effective servant leaders in their home, school and community. Those who attended included: Cole Ballinger, Mikaela Sadler, Evan Hendrickson, Caleb Ballinger and Jackson Cromer.



The RCMS UNITE club officers accepted the award for the 2012 Outstanding Middle School Club for the Cumberland Valley area. This is the fourth year in a row that the RCMS club has won this honor. The club was presented \$750 by UNITE to assist in promoting a drug free life in our school and community. Receiving the award from the Operation Unite Youth Program Coordinator Mikkah Rogers are RCMS Unite Club officers Caleb Ballinger, Tiffany Fain, Abby Brav and Jackson Cromer.

