

Minds in the Middle

After an extra long Christmas break, we are finally back! As of now, we have accumulated 9 snow days. Remember that this coming Monday is a holiday and school will not be in session.

Congratulations to Jackson Bray, Teddy Stallworth, Mary Brinson, and Cody Moore. These students made the District 11 Honor Band. Remember that our band is still collecting Pepsi notes in order to receive new equipment. Please help out with this project.

Our apologies to Cody Moore and Stephanie Perez. Cody's name was accidentally left off our list of honor roll students for the 2nd grading period. Good work Cody! Stephanie Perez's name was omitted from the honor roll list not only for the 2nd grading period but also for the 1st grading period. Stephanie had straight A's last seven weeks. Congratulations!

Our school newspaper, *The Rock 'n' Roll News*, went on sale Wednesday. The paper is available for 25 cents.

Our 6th grade boys basketball team came away with a win last Saturday. This Saturday, they will compete against South Laurel at Southern Pikes. Thursday evening the 7th and 8th grade teams will be playing at RCMS against Lloyd Middle. Next Tuesday, they will compete at Mount Middle School. The 7th graders defeated Northern Pikes last Monday evening.

The staff would like to thank the 8th grade Beta Club for the donut breakfast they were treated to before Christmas break.

This Friday, there will be an After School Party in the cafeteria from 3-5:00. Students who wish to stay must have a note from their parent and permission from their team.

The 21st Century Community Learning Center activities have resumed. This Thursday evening will be Pizza & a Movie Night. Next Tuesday, January 16, is the rescheduled date for the Open House & Chili Supper. The supper is free and available from 5-6:00. Everyone is invited to see what the students have been doing in 21st CCLC. Monday from 5-6:00 we will begin a special series on diabetes education. For more information, contact Anthony Coffey at RCMS, 256-5118. The 21st CCLC staff and students enjoyed a trip to Christmas Island at Burnside and Finley's Fun Center before Christmas break. Seventy people attended.

Students enjoyed the annual Career Expo on December 6. Each team is selecting one group who showed outstanding participation during this event. The winning group from the Entrepreneurs team included Megan Griffin, Aimey Bussell, Larry Lawson, David Stewart, and Luke Ott. The Advertisers team selected the group of Courtney Corridor, Andrew Isaac, Megan Aderkin, Josh Bell, and Charles Lovell. Other winning groups will be announced later.

Students should be brushing up on their spelling skills. Each team is preparing to have team spelling bees. On January 29th, the winners from each team will compete in a school wide spelling bee.



Beth Guinn - Brenda Bullock's P2 Classroom

Mt. Vernon Message

Special Events: Friday, January 12 is the day for FRCL Library Good Behavior Video Awards.

Just a Reminder: There will be no school on Monday, January 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday. Artist of the Month: This month's artist is Beth Guinn from Mrs. Brenda Bullock's P2 classroom. Her picture is "Rainbow Tree" an abstract symmetry print. Congratulations Beth!

Thoughts by Judi Conrad, Kentucky PTA President: The following are some thoughts expressed by Judi during her meetings and workshops.

I thought that they would be appropriate for all of us.

* I promise to make this school year a positive experience for all children.

* I will set a good role model example in my respect for school officials, teachers and those who mentor to children.

* I will be fair to others and reach out to make sure I am including everyone.

* I will treat all children as I would my own.

* I will work to make my school a

true place of welcome.

* I will work with other schools to share.

* I will confront bigotry where I see it, hatred when I hear it and exclusion when I observe it.

* I will commit myself to work with those groups and partnerships who truly wish to work together and set a good example of cooperation not one of "promotion of themselves in the name of others."

* I will remember to say "please" and "thank you."

* Greatness is not found in position, power, possessions or prestige. It is found in goodness, service and character. (Author unknown) Will you join me, in setting a good example for all our children? They are watching, and they are learning from what we do and say.

Thought for the week: It's the little things we do and say that mean so much as we go our way. A kindly deed can lift a load from weary shoulders on the road. Willa Hoey

School Menus

Rockcastle County Schools
Menu
January 15-19, 2001

Breakfast

Monday: No School - Martin

Tuesday: breakfast pizza or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.

Wednesday: Egg/chicken biscuit or cereal, biscuit/jelly, juice and milk.

Thursday: Pancake syrup or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.

Friday: Oatmeal and biscuit or cereal, biscuit/jelly, juice and milk.

Lunch

Monday: No School - Martin

Tuesday: Chuck wagon on bun or sandwich, spicy fries, dill pickles, dessert and milk.

Wednesday: Pizza or burrito with cheese, garden salad, corn, pineapple chunks and milk.

Thursday: Chili and crackers, sandwich, veggies and dip, fresh fruit and milk.

Friday: Chicken 'n dumplings, glazed carrots, green beans, biscuit, dessert and milk.

* **Chafalads are available at the middle and high school daily.**

Fish Fry

North Atlantic Cod
Lil's Place

Main St • Livingston

Sat., January 13th

Begins at 3 p.m.

Adults \$5 • Children \$2.50

Academic Honor Roll

Katy Powell, daughter of Jesse and Loretta Powell of Berea, has a 3.9 GPA at Rockcastle County High School. She plans on attending Eastern Kentucky University and major in a forensic field or medical field. Katy is a member of the Dance Team and is co-captain. She has been in the band for four years, is a member of the National Honor Society, and is also secretary of FCA. She was also a member of All-Regional Band 2000.

UK offers tuition break to non-resident graduate students

In order to attract more high-caliber graduate students at the national and international level, starting in the fall semester of 2001, new non-resident graduate students at the University of Kentucky who meet certain academic requirements will be able to attend UK at the much lower in-state tuition rate.

The Kentucky Graduate Scholarships will carry a value of \$7,220 each academic year based on projected 2001-2002 tuition and fee levels of \$1,973 per full-time semester for resident graduate students and \$5,581 for non-resident students.

To be eligible for the merit scholarships, applicants must have earned a bachelor's degree with an under-graduate grade-point average of 3.25 or higher on a 4.00 scale and have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25 on any prior graduate studies.

The Graduate School must receive a completed application for admission by June 15, 2001. All non-resident applicants will be automatically considered for the award. No separate application is required, said Michael Nietzel, Graduate School dean.

The scholarship program represents a major effort by the University of Kentucky to recruit and educate graduate students of the highest caliber," said UK President Charles T. Whittington, Jr. "I am extremely pleased with this bold initiative."

The scholarships will advance two important goals simultaneously: recruiting the world's best graduate students and encouraging them to stay in the Commonwealth and become part of Kentucky's economic growth and technological developments," Dean Nietzel added. "These scholarships should enable UK to enhance its reputation as one of the nation's leading institutions for comprehensive graduate education."

For further information about the Kentucky Graduate Scholarships, call the Graduate School, (859)257-4613, or visit the school's Web site at <http://www.rcs.uky.edu/KGS.html>

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