

Owens attends 16th Annual COOL

Rockcastle County High School graduate Jamie Owens of Mt. Vernon, a junior at Berea College, was one of nine Berea students to attend the 16th Annual COOL (Campus Outreach Opportunity League) Conference recently held at Harvard University. The Berea students are members of Students for Appalachia or Bonner Scholars, programs at the College's Center for Excellence in Learning Through Service. Jamie presented a

workshop on Berea College's mentoring programs and also participated in a day of service at the Roxbury YMCA.

Over 1200 college students representing all 50 states and several foreign countries attended the workshop and heard speakers on the conference theme "The Path of Service Leads from Charity to Justice."

Jamie is the daughter of Ron and Janice Owens of Mt. Vernon.



Students at MVES worked in the landscape around the school.

Minds in the Middle

We would like to thank the many people who visited our building last Thursday. In the gymnasium, the 6th graders had their Social Studies fair displays, the 7th graders had a display regarding their study of Egypt, and the 8th graders ancestry quilts were on display. If you did not yet get to see the quilts, they are now on display in the library.

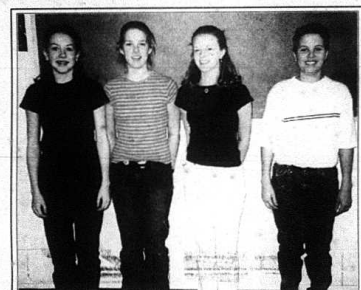
Congratulations to our 8th grade class. The group will graduate Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the gym.

Remember this Thursday will be *Movin' to the Middle*, our special night for the 5th graders. From 6:30-7:30 p.m., students can learn more about the activities going on at RCMS, meet the staff, and enjoy free stuff!

Our awards programs are being held this week for each team. Wednesday morning we had the Comet awards at 9:00 and the Challengers at 10:00. The 7th grade awards programs were Thursday morning with the Shooting Stars at 8:20 and the Adventurers at 9:15. The 6th grade Enterprises awards program will be Friday morning at 9:05 and the Voyagers program will be at 10:05.

On Friday, the 6th and 7th graders will have an opportunity to spend time in their new teams. At 1:45, they will be going to meet those teachers that they will be having next fall.

Have a great summer filled with lots of quality family time together!



The Rockcastle County Middle School Beta Club would like to thank those who served as officers for the 2000-01 school year. Amy Parsons, president; Jamie Ellison, vice-president; Brittany Perkins, secretary and Jordan Hall, treasurer. The Beta Club was made up of about 35 honor students this year.

Mt. Vernon Message

Special Events: Awards Day will take place on Friday, June 1. Primary students will receive awards beginning at 8:30 a.m. Fourth and fifth grade students will receive awards beginning at 9:45 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend.

Our last day of school is Saturday, June 2. Students will be dismissed at 10:50.

The E.S.S. Program will be June 11-22. Class begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m. Breakfast and lunch

will be provided. Please bring your child in if they miss the bus.

Mrs. Julie Asher's and Mrs. Robin Rumsey's fourth grade class recently touched up the landscape in front of MVES. With funds provided with a grant from School-to-Work, the classes were able to purchase the needed tools, mulch and annuals and perennials to plant in the existing landscape. The classes have been studying economics, careers, and plant science and have learned about many different aspects of each of these. The students are very proud of their work and are glad to see that they have made a difference in beautifying our school.

Students planned the layout for the flower gardens along with their teachers and with the help of the art teacher Mrs. Tammy Schrader. The students had to use lots of muscle power to load and unload mulch.

Art Prize: Jennifer Whitaker was the weekly art prize winner for the week of May 18, 2001. She chose crayons for her prize. Jennifer is in Mr. Davidson's fifth grade classroom. Congratulations, Jennifer!

Last week's art prize winner was Kim Hall. She chose a folder for her prize. Kim is in Ms. Brewer's P-3 class. Congratulations, Kim!

Lawson named 13th regional winner in Sportsmanship

Ashley Lawson has been selected as the 13th regional winner in the KHSAA Sportsmanship Recognition Program. Ashley and her parents will be attending an Awards Dinner on May 20 at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington.

Each of the 16 regions will have a female and male representative attend the awards dinner.

There will be an overall female winner and male winner that will receive a \$2,500 scholarship.

The program is open to seniors that have participated in athletics and cheerleading. A male and female is recognized from each school. These are entered into regional competition. The regional winners will be entered into consideration for the scholarship, where a male and female will each receive a \$2,500 scholarship. Derrick Bussell was recognized as the male winner at Rockcastle Co. High.

School.

Each student must develop a portfolio containing the following information:

Verification of no game disqualification for un-sportsmanlike conduct;

Verification of a minimum of 2.5 cumulative G.P.A.;

Three letters of recommendations/reports from coaches/administrators promoting the student as exhibiting the traits of good sportsmanship;

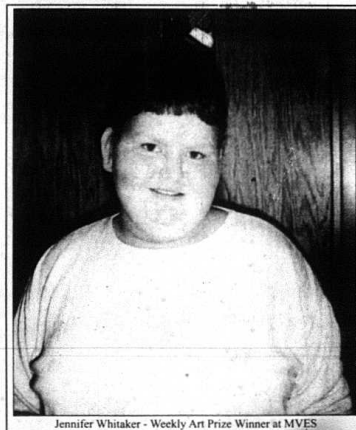
Leadership roles within the community and the school.

Write a two page response to a case study, expressing the student's view of the role of sportsmanship in athletics.

The case study assigned this year was for the student to write an article for the school or community newspaper about the importance of sportsmanship at your school's athletic events.



Kim Hall - Weekly Art Prize Winner at MVES®



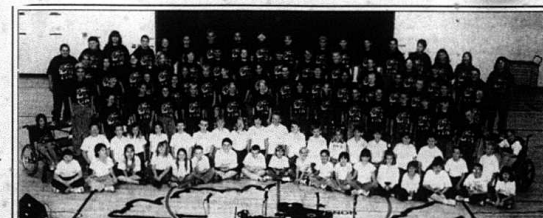
Jennifer Whitaker - Weekly Art Prize Winner at MVES



Curtis Burton displayed his information regarding the country of Germany during the 6th grade Social Studies fair. This was just one of the many excellent displays presented last Thursday. The students presented many types of foods, costumes/pictures, and other information after researching a variety of countries.



RCMS is very proud to be able to offer Band to 6th, 7th and 8th graders. The bands presented wonderful programs for the public and the student body. Thanks to Mr. Greg Daugherty for the excellent job he does with our band program.



On Thursday, May 24th, the Mt. Vernon Elementary School Pentatonics presented their spring concert. This year's concert was entitled "From the Inside Out," and emphasized character issues such as honesty, respect, responsibility, as well as other important moral values.

The chorus also had the opportunity to sing with two of our P-2 classes during the program. We would like to thank Mrs. Clontz and Mrs. Cable's classes for helping us!

The chorus is under the direction of music teacher Jamie Cornelius.

In the top photo is the MVES Chorus and in the photo at left is Laura Childress performing the song "Fandango" on the piano during the concert.