

Minds in the Middle

Congratulations to the 4-H Poster Contest winners at RCMS: Holly Brown, Brittany Blair, Tasha Blanton, Josh Linn, Michael Lovell, and Chandra Sexton. The 4-H Speech Contest will be held on Tuesday, December 4th. Any students who are interested in participating need to contact our Youth Services Center by Friday, November 30th.

We are very proud of our Y-Club members who participated in the Annual Kentucky Youth Assembly in Frankfort. The group returned to RCMS on Thursday afternoon. Look for an article next week recognizing their outstanding achievements!

The girls basketball team has extended their jacket order deadline to next Wednesday. The price of a jacket is \$55.00 and a \$25.00 discount must be made at the time the jacket is ordered. They are available in youth and adult sizes. Many of our staff have these jackets and love them. They make great Christmas presents.

Congratulations to the girls basketball teams. The 7th and 8th grade teams are both conference champions. Also, the 7th and 8th grade football teams both came away with conference championships at the end of this season. Not only did RCMS lead the conference teams in academics, we are once again beating them in athletics.

Robinson Scholar applications should have been turned in to Mrs. Cromer to be completed and mailed. Those are being mailed Thursday afternoon in order to meet the postmark deadline.

This Saturday, GEAR-UP will be sponsoring a trip to the Eastern Kentucky University football game. Permission forms should have been turned in by the Friday.

On the Friday, there will be an after school party from 3-5:00. The cost is \$3.00. Students must have parental and team permission in order to attend.

Monday will begin our boys basketball season. The first game of the annual Thanksgiving Tournament will be held at RCMS. Second round games will be held on Tuesday evening.

The 21st Century Community Learning Center baby-sitting certification class that had been scheduled for this Saturday has been postponed until December 1st. Students must be pre-registered in order to attend. There will be no 21st CCLC activities next Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving holiday. This Thursday, we are offering a Holiday Feast Cooking Class from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Mr. Jason Sims is our new P.E. teacher. Many of our students are familiar with Mr. Sims, as he completed his student teaching assignment at RCMS last spring. Welcome Mr. Sims!

Remember that we are out of school next Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

HONOR ROLL

1st Seven Weeks

Entrepreneurs Team: Zachary Adams, Jacob Alcorn, Chris Ayers, Toni Lynne Baker, Jessica Barnes, J. J. Barrett, Brook Blount, Casey Bowles, Holly Brown, Yancey Burchett, Leslie Burdette, Zack Burkhardt, Cody Carpenter, Stephanie Carr, April Chesnut, Brandon Childress, Lata Childress, Marissa Childress, Jay Cobb, Whitney Fry, Tim Harding, Annie Hasty, Devin Hasty, Kim Johnson, Anjelica Jones, Abe Kirby, Brooke Kirby, Andrew Laswell, Kyle Lear, Dewey McFerron, Beverly Miller,

Lewis Mink, Zephrell Mitchell, Brian Mize, Rebecca Mounce, Nathaniel Mullins, Daniel Myers, Christy Napier, Brian Owens, Kayla Owens, Dustin Poynter, Sarah Rowe, Christy Scott, Morgan Thacker, Tyler Vaughn, Cody Wilson, Jake Woodall.

Voyagers Team: Courtney Bullock, Courtney Bustle, Sara Cain, Gary Caldwell, Joey Chastain, Francesca Childress, Beth Cromer, Jessica Cummins, Brandon Edister, Rebekah Gevedon, Dustin Hale, Courtney Hopkins, April Johnson, Dustin Johnson, Johnny Jones, Erik Jordison, Adrienne Lovell, Megan Lovell, Blake McKinney, Zac Miller, Sally Mize, Josh Moberly, Christopher Mullins, Brandon Owens, Amy Poynter, Brittany Pruitt, Christy Randolph, Emily Renner, Dakota Smith, Josh Weaver, Cate Williams, Nicki Wynn.

Shooting Stars Team: Megan Alcorn, Danielle Alexander, Jamie Alexander, Karla Ashley, Bailey Bishop, Josh Blair, Amanda Bryant, Danny Clark, Michael Clark, Megan Bradley, Ainsley Bussell, Kyle Bussell, Shawn Childress, Victoria Clontz, Rebecca Cummins, Drew Davidson, Brandon DeBorde, Laura DeKawue, Brittani Gregory, Megan Griffin, Brandi Harris, Ashley Hayes, Justin Hensley, Harry Hunsacker, Alicia Johnson, Dustin Johnson, Billy Jones, Morgan Kinzer, Matthew Martin, Stephanie Massey, Jesse McCauley, Lorrie McClure, Casey McClure, Erica McKinney, Emily Mink, Ashley Mullins, Joshua Owens, Lisa Northern, Jai Owens, Becky Prewitt, Megan Rader, Emily Reisinger, Jacob Renner, Steven Renner, Bethany Smith, Clint Walker, Josh Willis.

Adventurers Team: Amy Anderkin, Laina Baldwin, Curtis Burton, April Bullock, Curtis Burton, David Carpenter, Lara Cash, Coby Childress, Kim Cottrell, Cheri Cunigan, Jessica Evans, Steven Eversole, Josh Garrison, Bryan Gilbert, John Holsom, Doug Harding, Team Holden, Joey Howard, Gwendolyn Hunter, Chris Hurst, Jacob Jones, Mackenzie Marie, Kelli Martin, Izak McQueary, Amanda Miller, Veronica Miller, Leanna Mink, Lynn Miracle, J.L. Polly, Jenna Poynter, Hillary Proctor, Josh Renner, Anna Reynolds, Ashley Riden, Coby Robinson, Lisa Robinson, Brandy Scalf, Kelsey Slep, Heather Spires, Ashley Stewart, Kayla Stewart, Bethany Taylor, Dustin Vanwinkle, Michael Vanwinkle, Emily Whitaker, Kayla Whitaker, Robyn Wilson, Rachel Wright.

Challengers Team: Justin Albright, Samantha Allen, Samantha Anglin, Daniella Arnold, Amanda Blankenship, Elizabeth Boba, Christine Bryant, Sarah Bullock, Michael Campbell, Allison Carter, Hannah Chism, Angela Coffey, Brandon Duffan, Kayla Felner, Stacie Garrard, Rebecca Graves, Ashley Harrison, Allison Hedrick, Cody Lester, Melinda Lindsey, Michael Lovell, Angela McKinney, Lori Miller, Karen Mink, Jessica Robinson, Tyler Shearer, Ashley Smith, Shawnette Smith, Wendie Stewart, Renee Taylor, Dustin Thomas, Chris Winkler, Andrea Witt.

Cameo Team: Derek Adams, Nicole Adams, Jody Alexander, Megan Anderkin, Jessie Ashler, Kayla Barnett, Ashley Bullock, Courtney Corbett, Trenton Griffith, Carter Hammond, Kayla Hayes, Mara Hensley, Heather Hopkins, Brittany Kinzer, Kevin Mason, Kate Mullins, Sarah Myers, Brittany Smith, Gabe Stallworth.



MVES CKMEA 2001



Lauren Graham, Katy Mattingly, Rachel Woodall, Cody Kirby and Logan Kinzer rehearse at CKMEA.

Honors Chorus at CKMEA

On Friday, November 2nd, seven fourth and fifth grade students represented Mt. Vernon Elementary School at the Central Kentucky Music Educator's Association Elementary Choral Festival in Richmond. The festival included a day of vocal instruction, with conductor Janet Graham and a culminating performance that evening.

Music teacher Jamie Cornelius states, "I feel that this festival is such an important aspect of the music curriculum. Our students gain a wealth of musical and social knowledge from CKMEA. Although it is a tremendous amount of work, the students grow from the experience in a way that a regular 'school instruction' cannot give."

Students from throughout Mt. Vernon's fourth and fifth grade classes auditioned during music

class, and 17 were chosen on the basis of vocal singing, tone quality, performance, grade point average and behavioral attributes.

The students representing MVES were: Adrienne Childress, Megan Perkins, Katy Howard, Bethany Clontz, Devin Davidson, Courtney Ham, Nikki Wilson, Chelsea Whiteley, Morgan Campbell, Ronnie Laimhart, Rachel Woodall, Meghan Nation, Logan Kinzer, Lauren Graham, Katy Mattingly, Brooke Martinez and Cody Kirby.

We would like to thank Mrs. Melinda Kinzer for helping coordinate the trip, Mrs. Connie Graham and Mrs. Rhonda Childress for taking us to eat and Mr. Davidson, Mr. Hammond and the Rockcastle County Board of Education for allowing us to attend each year.

Bullock presents

Nathaniel Bullock, of Mt. Vernon, was among 48 Eastern Kentucky University Honors Program students who made presentations at the National Collegiate Honors Council's 36th annual conference in Chicago Oct. 31-Nov. 4.

The Eastern students, accompanied by 19 faculty mentors, were involved in 17 panel presentations. Both the number of students and the number of presentations easily led all other participating schools. The theme for the conference was "Fields of Discovery."

The panel discussions included "Neural Nets and the Future of Technology," "Venus and Mars in 2050: The Implications of Gender Differences on the Future," "Covering the Bloody Field: Does the Media Go Too Far?" "Developing Motivation and Reaping Rewards," "The Natural World of Emerson and Dickinson," "Female Genital Mutilation: Custom or Choice?" "The American Dream: A Rich Field for Inquiry," "Discovering Meaning and Message in 1980s U.S. popular Culture," "Should Descendants of African-American Slaves Receive Reparations?" "Discovering the Impact of Violence on Our Youth," "Charles Darwin and the Problem of Inheritance" and "Casualties of America's War on Drugs," among others.

In addition, the students enjoyed several cultural diversions, including a play, a visit to the Oceanarium and a visit to the special Van Gogh/Gauguin traveling art exhibit. Eastern's extensive participation in the conference was made possible in part by funds from the Paul S. McBrayer Endowed Scholars Program and a gift from Jane and Charles Boyer, Prospect.

The McBrayer scholarship fund was established by former players to recognize the high standards that Coach McBrayer set for his student athletes on and off the basketball court.

McBrayer coached at Eastern from 1946 to 1962. Jane Boyer is a member of EKU's Board of Regents and the Boyers are long-time supporters of EKU's Honors Program.

EKU's Honors Program is designed for intellectually promising students who seek a strong grounding in the liberal arts along with their more specialized major. The 28-credit-hour program includes course work in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences, with em-

phasis on effective communication, development of critical thinking skills and integration of knowledge across academic disciplines.

Students with excellent academic backgrounds are invited to apply to the program. National Merit finalists and semifinalists are automatically accepted. In addition, students with high school grade point averages of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale and with at least a score of 26 on the American College Test will be given priority.

Other students demonstrating the potential for outstanding academic performance also will be considered. For more information about the program, contact Dr. Bonnie Gray, director, at 859-622-1403.

Tiger Pause

Please join us for our November PTA meeting on Tuesday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. The Broadhead Family Resource Center Advisory Council will also meet on this night at 6:15 p.m.

Remember to mark your calendars. School will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

BES students are currently participating in the St. Jude's Math-A-Thon. Show your support for our students and for a good cause if you are asked to sponsor someone.

A special thanks to several of our parents who have recently participated in a parent forum for our math and science audits here at BES. We appreciate your time and dedication.

RCMS at KYA

By Josh Blair
KYA Media Corps

For over two months now, Y-Club members at RCMS have been working hard preparing for the Kentucky Youth Assembly 2001 which was held in Lexington and Frankfort, November 11-13th. Our bill authors have been straining their eyes as they have researched for material to use in writing bills. This year's authors were: sixth graders, Jessica Cummins, John Mark Davis, Zac Miller and Daniel Myers; seventh graders were Anna Reynolds, Rachel Wright, Jerrica Poynter, Meredith Robinson, Megan Griffin, Ainsley Bussell, Joshua Nation and Justin Lear; eighth graders were Danielle Arnold, Heather Hopkins, Jessica Ashler and Ashley Bullock. Our Lobbyists, Morgan Kinzer and Drew Davidson, have been right beside them, looking over their shoulders and writing their own speeches to

persuade delegates to vote for our bills. Our Media Corps representative (yours truly) has also been working hard to write an article explaining how we have prepared for KYA and that KYA is not all fun, but that it does take a tremendous amount of work. Our candidates, Ty Bottoms for Governor and Allison Carter for Lieutenant Governor, have been practicing their speeches in front of people and working on their campaigns. All the other forty-plus delegates have been working on pro/con speeches for bills they like or dislike.

We also have been spending a great deal of time with our advisor, Mrs. Hale, going over all the rules, Parliamentary Procedure, and code of conduct at KYA learning how we can be the best delegation there. We have had meetings before school and after school and during school; overall, we have been having fun doing this.

School Menu

Rockcastle Schools Menu
November 19-21, 2001

Breakfast

Monday: Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast, juice and milk.

Tuesday: Pastry or cereal, toast, jelly, juice and milk.

Wednesday: Popover or cereal, toast, jelly, juice and milk.

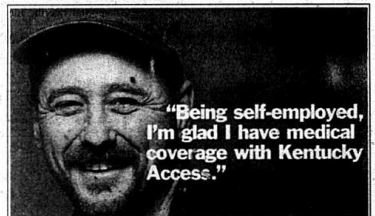
Lunch

Monday: Hot dog on bun or sandwich, potato rounds, carrot sticks 'n dip, peaches and milk.

Tuesday: Manager's choice.

Wednesday: Turkey 'n dressing with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauces, roll, dessert and milk.

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AUCTION at J&J Auction

Special Christmas Auction
Saturday, November 17th • 6:00 p.m.



LOCATION: Highway 150, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, west of Mt. Vernon past the Jct. of Hwy. 150 and 461.

Partial list of items: Large selection of Christmas items including trees, indoor standing decorations, lights, ornaments and other Christmas decorations. Also included in this sale will be hand tools, dolls, angels, oak magazine tables, cherry telephone stands, marble stands. There will be a lot other items the day of the sale.

We accept consignments! For more information contact

Jeff Smithern at 606-256-3343 or

Jeff Bullock at 606-256-9874

Special Auction - Nov. 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Hundreds of Box Lots & Antique Furniture

Jerry Ham, Auctioneer

Jeff Smithern, Auction House Operator

Mt. Vernon Message

Three special events are planned for Thursday, November 15th. During the school day, students will attend a program by the Crusaders. The Crusaders have visited our schools for many years presenting lessons and puppet shows with moral themes. After school, parent conferences for primary students will be held 3:30-6:00. The primary art prize will be displayed on the walls.

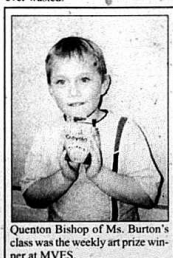
On Monday, November 19th, our Family Resource Center is sponsoring Family Art Night for 5th grade students and parents. This will begin at 6 p.m.

Project Wisdom narrators for last week included: Claudinnia Cash,

Rockcastle Board of Education; Kathy McKibben, Rockcastle County Youth Librarian and Mary Jane Hysinger, Title One teacher. Thank you to all who have participated in this project.

Last week's art prize winner was Queen Bishop from Ms. Burton's class. Congratulations Burton.

The quote for the week is: "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."



Queen Bishop of Ms. Burton's class was the weekly art prize winner at MVES.

Yard Sale

Home of Sue Hamm

Hwy. 1250

Sat. 9 to 2

More winter stuff

Rain or shine