

Mt. Vernon Message

Our Family Resource Center is sponsoring two events this week. Family Art Night for P-2 students and parents on Monday, January 28 at 6:00 p.m. and Family Night for 3rd-5th level and P-1 students and parents will be on Thursday, January 31 at 6:00 p.m. Project Wisdom narrators for last

week included: Katy Howard, student; Dana Bullock, entry-level student; Jan Bullock, student and Robin Ramsey, fourth grade teacher. Thank you to all who have joined us in this project. Our quote for this week is "She who gives thanks for little will always find she has enough."

Free session will help students, parents fill out financial aid forms

Students and parents can get free help filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the form required for most state and federal student financial aid programs, at College Goal Sunday. The event will be held Sunday, February 10, at 17 sites in 15 cities across Kentucky. These sites are Ashland Community College; Western Kentucky University; Campbellsville University; Eastern Kentucky University; Thomas More College; Hazard Community College; Hopkinsville Community College; Lexington Community College; Central Kentucky Technical College; Greens Academic Auditorium; St. Stephens Church in Louisville; Madisonville Technical College; Morehead State University; Kentucky Wesleyan College; Paducah Community College; Alice Lloyd College; and Prestonsburg Community College. People planning to attend should arrive by 2 p.m. local time. All sessions will end at 4 p.m. College Goal Sunday is sponsored by the Kentucky Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators in cooperation with the Kentucky

Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). KHEAA is the state agency that administers grants, scholarships, work-study, savings and Federal Family Education Loan Programs (FFELP) to help students pay for college or technical training.

Families attending College Goal Sunday need to bring their completed 2001 IRS 1040 tax return and any other 2001 income and benefits information. If families have not yet completed their taxes, they should bring all the information needed for filing plus their tax forms. Financial aid professionals will help them use that information to complete the FAFSA. They will not help families fill out tax forms.

For more information about KHEAA financial aid programs and services, contact the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, P.O. Box 298, Frankfort, KY 40602-0298, call (800)928-8926, extension 7381, fax (502)696-7373, or visit www.kheaa.com



Sgt. Doran G. Sparks and 85 other men from the 1st Battalion 14th Infantry left their home in London last week. They will head out for Europe for the next six months. Doran is the son of Edna and Ted Dufur of Mt. Vernon. Doran graduated from Jackson County in 1992 and has been in the National Guard for 10 years and currently works at Mt. Vernon Plastics. Doran and all the other soldiers will be in our hearts and prayers for a safe return home to us.

With loving support,
Your family,
Vernice and family and friends
from M.V.P.

Sizemore enrolls at Clear Creek

Brian Sizemore, of Mt. Vernon, recently enrolled as a student at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College in Pineville, where all students major in Bible.

Sizemore is the son of Homer and Hertha Sizemore. He and his wife, Cathy, have two children.

A Kentucky Baptist Convention Institution, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College exists to provide educational preparation for adults called of God into Christian service.

Minds in the Middle

Congratulations to our spelling bee winners. These students defeated all other students on their team. Enterprises-Dustin Agee, Voyagers-Erik Jordson, Shooting Stars-Hill Owens, Adventurers-Ashley Roder, Challengers-Lori Ann Miller, and Comets-Amber DiDante. These six students competed against each other on Thursday to become our school champion. Lori Miller was the winner and will now compete in district competition. This Thursday evening will be the final home game for our

Rockers and will be 8th grade honors night. Our 8th grade cheerleaders, dance team members, and boys basketball players will be recognized along with their parents. The basketball teams will be taking on Southern Palms. The teams will compete at Corbin on Monday evening. The end of the grading period has been moved back to February 5th due to our snow days. Students need to be working hard if they have uncompleted assignments. We would like to thank Megan

Thompson for leading our school in the pledge of allegiance each morning. She is doing a great job!

Remember that our 21st Century Community Learning Center activities are in full swing. You may contact Jason Cogier for any information regarding these on-going programs. We are also still offering tutoring on Wednesday mornings. Congratulations to Justin Albright. He and his family attended the GEAR-UP parent night and were the winners of a brand new computer system!



The annual schoolwide spelling bee took place at RCMS last Thursday. These students defeated the students on their team in order to compete. Participants were: Erik Jordson, Dustin Agee, Amber DiDante, Hill Owens, Ashley Roder and Lori Miller. Lori was the winner and will now compete at the district Spelling Bee.



The GEAR-UP program at RCMS held parent night last week. Students' families completed surveys from which prize winners were drawn. Hamilton Dykes won a \$25 gift-card for Wal-Mart, Michael Lovell won a \$50 gift card and the grand prize winner was Justin Albright who won a complete home computer system.

SBDM Minutes

RCIS - SBDM Minutes

December 18, 2001

The RCIS SBDM Council met in special session on Tuesday, December 18, 2001, 3:30 p.m. in the school's conference room. Members present were: Teachers Connie Riddle, Dana Singleton and Travis Brenda; Parents Paul Abney and Cindy Andenkin; and Principal John Hale. Also present were: Jill Ponder, Janet Wells and Betty Jo McKinney.

1. Call to Order: Mr. Hale called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. Approve Agenda: The Council reviewed the agenda. Item 3, consultation, was moved to Item 5 position with other items moving up in order. Respectively, Connie Riddle made a motion to approve the agenda. Dana Singleton seconded. The agenda was approved by consensus.

3. Technology Budget: Janet Wells, Chair of the Media & Technology Committee, presented members with details of several proposals for technology expenditures, minutes from the December 6th Technology Committee meeting, and the Technology Committee's recommendations related to the requests. The committee minutes reported the balance of \$46,662 as of October 5, 2001. Proposed expenditures totaled \$41,975.90, broken down as follows: Vocational \$600; Math Department \$18,925.95; Science Department \$3,947.95; Yearbook \$1,297; Microsoft Office \$650. The Technology Committee recently funded each of these requests.

In response to questions from Dana Singleton, Ms. Wells explained that each math teacher would be getting one new computer to run an accelerated Math Program. She said teachers already have one teacher workstation. Ms. Wells also said the new computers for the library would replace all library workstations, but that three of the best (old) ones will also be kept and updated. Dana Singleton made a motion to approve the Technology Committee's recommendations. Travis Brenda seconded. The Council unanimously approved.

4. Youth Service Center Grant Application: Jill Ponder, Youth Services Center Director, presented two versions of a YSC budget for 2002-03 school year. One version showed a one half time Program Assistant; the other showed a full time position. The total budget amount was \$82,740. The half time assistant budget version would leave \$28,151.79. The full time version would leave \$18,717.18. The amount of grant received is related to the numbers of students enrolled in the school who

qualify for free or reduced lunch. Next year there will be an increase of \$3,300. Mr. Brenda questioned whether a 195 day position could be considered (instead of 205 or 185 days). Paul Abney asked, "Is the need (for a full time assistant) there?" Ms. Ponder said there is work to be done in the summer. She gave for example the Bridges program. She said she could handle this, but there are things to do. The Director's position is 240 days. Mr. Hale mentioned some 200 kids we need to work with (on attendance). Betty Jo McKinney said more program information would be helpful for approving a budget for \$82,000. The group discussed the timeline for obtaining approval from the district board. Mr. Hale suggested the council could schedule another called meeting on January 7th to approve the budget and the program's work plans, and take it to the District Board at a later meeting. Cindy Andenkin gave a second. The council approved by consensus.

5. Consultation on Staffing: At 4:00 p.m., Travis Brenda made a motion to go into closed session for consultation on selection of staff for the one semester English position left vacant by a leave of absence which was granted to Wanda Burdine. Connie Riddle gave a second. The meeting closed by consensus.

At 4:12 p.m. Paul Abney made a motion that the council return to open session. Dana Singleton seconded. The meeting resumed by consensus. Mr. Hale announced his recommendation of Angela Baker for employment for the one semester English position.

6. Adjourn: Connie Riddle made a motion to adjourn. Cindy Andenkin seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Jo McKinney, Secretary
John Hale, Principal

Broadhead Elementary

November 12, 2001

Present: Caroline Graves, Patsy Alcorn; Charles Bullen, Kristi Reynolds, Kathy Dyhouse. The minutes from the October meeting were reviewed, updated and approved by consensus.

The second formal reading of the revised 2001 SBDM council policy and by-laws was done and approved by consensus. These will now be presented to the entire staff and will then go into effect.

Ms. Caroline shared attendance figures with the council noting that BES was up 3 from the first month. Ms. Caroline explained the new standards being used for scoring all subject areas: Multiple-choice answers will be worth 0 or 1 point. Open response answers will be

scored from 1-4 but they will also count double.

The science audit was completed and after viewing these results future plans for the science curriculum will be discussed.

The results of the math audit were shared with the council and several suggestions were made for future consideration to help improve our math scores. Outside help for training and additional materials were part of the suggestions made. After much discussion it was the consensus of the council for the staff at BES to develop their own curriculum. Some conferring with the middle school may be needed to develop the particular areas our students will need to meet the requirements going into 6th grade.

Ms. Caroline received the consensus of the council to use KETS money (\$40,000.00) to purchase new workstations for all 21 teachers plus additional stations.

Teams will be formed to meet after school to analyze test data and report back to entire staff with a focus on a consolidated plan-looking towards 2014.

The reading grant with Dr. Slaten's help is progressing as planned.

Open response training will be done at recess one day a week. A motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Dyhouse and seconded by Patsy Alcorn. The vote was unanimous.

Caroline Graves, Chairperson
Shirley O. Martin, Secretary

School Menu

January 28-February 1, 2002
Breakfast
Monday: French toast sticks with syrup or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.
Tuesday: Sausage biscuit or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.
Wednesday: Egg cheese biscuit or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.
Thursday: Gravy n' biscuit or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.
Friday: Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.

Lunch
Monday: Chuckwagon on bun or sandwich, french fries, cold slaw, pudding pop and milk.
Tuesday: Soup, and sandwich, veggies and dip, crackers, fruit and milk.
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, corn, bread, cookie and milk.
Thursday: Manager's choice or
Friday: Chili-chips and cheese or sandwich, potato wedges, glazed carrots, fruit dessert and milk.

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