Mt. Vernon Message

Welcome back students! CATS assessment begins next week. The testing window for students in P3, 4th and 5th grades is April 15-26. Below are a few tips to help your child be test ready:

• Help your child feel confident about taking the test. Express confidence in your child's ability to do well.

• Have your child go to bed early enough to get plenty of rest.

• Set the clock to alarm a little early in order to allow your child time to eat and dress without rushing.

• See that the clothes that your child likes and feels comfortable in are laid out so that frantic searches are avoided.

• Prepare a good breakfast for your child, but not a heavy one.

• Be sure that your child is not late for school.

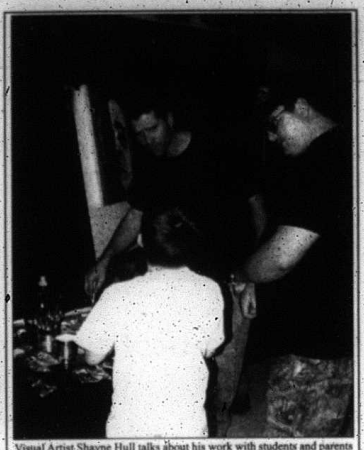
• The test is constructed to be given in a group setting. Children seldom do as well when given the test individually. Therefore, it is very important that your child be in the school Monday to start the test and finish with the other students.

Project Wisdom narrators for last week included: Cora Smith, students; Michaela DeWitt, student; Natashia Catron, student; Allyson Washburn, student; Mary Ann McNew, instructional assistant. Thank you to all who have joined us in this project.

Our quote for this week is "The highest result of education is tolerance." --Helen Keller

Last week's art prizewinner was Joshua Patterson from Mrs. Connelly's classroom. He chose paint as his prize. Congratulations Josh!

Joshua Patterson
Weekly Art Prize Winner



Visual Artist Shayne Hull talks about his work with students and parents at the Roundstone Elementary School "Parent/Student Art Night".

Adams named National Award Winner in History

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Derek Adams of Brodhead has been named a United States National Award Winner in History and Government.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Adams, who attends Rockcastle County Middle School, was nominated for this national award by Ms. Singleton, a teacher at the school.

He will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Derek is the son of Glen and Tina Adams of Brodhead and the grandson of Danny Simpson and Jean Simpson of Crab Orchard and Donnie Adams of Somerset.

Derek Adams

RCMS students work with NASA

RCMS students in Mr. Mattingly's science class are currently participating in two initiatives sponsored by NASA. The first involves students in ongoing climate research. Students work with NASA to study how clouds affect the Earth's energy balance. Part of a long-term satellite experiment, the NASA's Students' Cloud Observations On-Line (S'COOL) activity consists of over 1000 schools worldwide gathering data about clouds.

Students take cloud measurements when the satellite passes overhead. The satellite uses its vantage point from space to provide global data on the Earth's energy balance and how clouds affect it. RCMS and other S'COOL students send their data to a NASA computer. The students' observations are then compared to those from the satellite. This ground truth data helps calibrate the satellite and refine the scientists' computer models.

Sixth-grade students were trained in August on how to collect the cloud data. Since that time students have provided NASA with over 100 valuable data points. In fact, Mr. Mattingly's classes made the top 10 observers list for August.

The second initiative involves preparing satellite mirrors to be launched into earth orbit. As participants in project Starshine, Mr. Mattingly's students received three mirrors that they needed to polish. They began by using aluminum oxide to grind the mirrors flat. Then they used two different sizes of diamond polishing paste to create a mirrored surface. These mirrors are sent back to Starshine headquarters, where they are placed on the surface of a satellite.

The satellite is scheduled for launch in January 2003. After launch, observers all over the world will be able to track the satellite based on the reflection of sunlight off its mirrors. This reflection will enable scientists to determine the height of the satellite, as well as the height of the atmosphere.

These two projects allow students at RCMS to participate in science research at a national level. Congratulations to these students as they participate in the advancement of science!

Roundstone host "Arts Night"

On Thursday, March 28, Roundstone Elementary School hosted the "Parent/Student Arts Night with over 300 participants in attendance. "Arts Night" is an annual event at Roundstone celebrating "March-Youth Art Month." This year visual artist Shayne Hull spent the day with fourth and fifth graders conducting an artist residency. In the evening Hull exhibited examples of his work and demonstrated his painting style while parents and students tested their skills in painting, drawing and clay work.

Shayne Hull lives and works in Louisville, where he is currently the Directoy of Education for the Kentucky Art and Craft Foundation. His paintings have been seen in group and solo exhibitions in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Indiana, Texas and Kentucky, including the Water Tower Annual and "Genesis" at the Gallery on the Square in Frankfort and Kentucky Visions at the Governor's Mansion in Frankfort. He is the recent recipient of an Al Smith Artists Fellowship from the Kentucky Arts Council and is an instructor at Jefferson Community College.

Roundstone hosts several "Parent/Student Arts Night" events throughout the school year which include school-day residencies with students. In the fall "Parent/Student Arts Night" focuses on music, dance and storytelling.

Dean's List at Centre College

Brandi Stearns of Monticello has been named to the fall term dean's list at Centre College, an honor reserved for students who maintain at least a 3.60 grade point average.

Stearns is the daughter of Jerry and Melissa Stearns of Monticello and Garland and Renee French of Mt. Vernon and is a graduate of the Monticello High School.

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