

RIF honors school

Reading is Fundamental, Inc. (RIF), the nation's largest children's and family literacy organization, and Coca-Cola North America, today announced the official kickoff of Rockcastle County Schools as a recipient of a 2002 Ingenuity Grant, part of their "Reading Takes You Places" partnership. Project Director Rebecca Isaacs and Dr. Robert Popp, who will evaluate the program, met July 29th in Washington, D.C., with RIF staff and a team of research and evaluation experts to launch their new literacy program.

Reading is Fundamental and The Coca-Cola Company have entered into a three-year partnership to enhance RIF's ability to provide essential literacy services to at-risk children nationwide and to increase public awareness about the importance of reading for children and families. The partnership provides funding for RIF to make competitive grants available to support creative literacy programs developed and implemented at the local level. RIF's 1,600 multi-site programs are eligible for these grants, with Rockcastle County Schools being one of 19 grant recipients selected nationwide this year by RIF's panel of experts.

"RIF is grateful to have this opportunity to support innovative ideas for the development of motivational

education projects," said Carol H. Rasco, President and CEO of Reading is Fundamental. "With the generous assistance of Coca-Cola, Rockcastle County school children will be able to experience a fun, new method of learning that they couldn't receive through their standard school curriculum."

The 25,000 Ingenuity Grant awarded to Mt. Vernon Elementary School, in collaboration with the public library, basic arts coordinator, community educator coordinator, Even Start program, Family Resource Center, local Kiwanis group, Christian Appalachian Project, Adult Literacy program and local newspaper, will create a camp environment to support an early childhood summer literacy initiative.

The five and six-year-old students attend a summer camp during which they will move through the thematic stations to increase phonemic awareness, and improve reading, writing, and listening skills. There will also be activities that provide large and small motor skills, such as outdoor play and team games.

During the two-week camp, parents will join their children each Friday at the camp. They will participate in activities and workshops designed to promote involvement in

their children's literacy experience. In addition to the camp there will be parent/child activities held during the school year that will involve reading readiness workshops as well as other family services. Staff members for Camp Learn-A-Lot include: Judy Maples, Camp Director; Shelley Parkerson, Curriculum Counselor; Sherry Cash, Academic Counselor; Janice Davidson, Instructional Counselor; Mary Ann McNew and Sandy Johnson, Arts and Humanities; Janet Mullins, Recreation and Darlene Mays, Transportation.

Benefits of the Ingenuity Grants include increasing knowledge in the field of reading motivation, strengthening the engagement of volunteers and community members in children's literacy initiatives, and most importantly, contributing to children's success in becoming motivated readers. The wider benefit for the Ingenuity Grants is that they will be models for reading initiatives that can be duplicated at the state or national level.

Through the three-year, \$18 million "Reading Takes You Places" partnership, The Coca-Cola Company is supporting RIF's efforts to give children in some of the nation's highest-need communities access to the joy and power of reading. Launched in June 2001, the four-point initiative includes distribution of 10,000 Classroom Collections of new, high-quality hardcover

children's books for selected RIF programs serving kindergarten through third-grade children; a fleet of Story Travelers, 15 mobile literacy awareness vehicles that promote the value of reading across the country and the RIF Reading Planet (www.rifreadingplanet.org), an interactive website for parents and kids.

Camp Learn-A-Lot

Camp Learn-A-Lot, a literacy-based summer camp at Mt. Vernon Elementary School, is a ten-day adventure into reading and writing for young students entering first grade. Camp instruction is conducted by four Reading Recovery teachers and instructional assistants trained in early reading strategies.

The Camp Learn-A-Lot program is made possible through a grant partnership of Reading is Fundamental (RIF) and the Coca-Cola Company. Ingenuity Grants. This partnership provides funding for RIF to make competitive grants available to support creative literacy programs developed and implemented at the local level. Ingenuity programs are awarded to RIF multi-sites to develop demonstration programs that generate research or program models that strengthen community-focused reading programs, enhance community outreach and foster significant collaboration.

The impact expected from participation by students, parents and local partners in Camp Learn-A-Lot consists of developing a love and appreciation of reading, increases academic achievement, increases parents use of resources related to their own educational and employment skills. Local partnerships include Mt. Vernon Signal, Kiwanis Club of Rockcastle County, Basic Arts Program, Even Start, Mt. Vernon Elementary Family-Resource Center, Rockcastle County Public Library, Christian Appalachian Adult Literacy Program, Rockcastle County Community Education Program, Rockcastle County School District, America's Promise.

According to Judy Maples, Camp Director, "Camp Learn-A-Lot began as an idea to bridge the kindergarten experience of learning to read with the more formal atmosphere of first grade. By providing students with opportunities to focus primarily on reading and writing skills, we have already observed a marked improvement in the kids' appreciation for the need to read."

Camp Learn-A-Lot ended July 26.



Rockcastle County High School graduate and Transylvania Senior Cory Bailey has been recognized as a Senior Challenge Participant.

As part of the Senior Challenge, members of the senior class raised \$14,878 to fund a scholarship for an incoming freshman. To be recognized as a Participant, students must pledge one hundred dollars to the scholarship fund. This year, an impressive 56 percent of the Transylvania senior class participated in the Senior Challenge. Bailey is the son of Mary Mathis, of Mt. Vernon.

Cope attends summer school at NASA

This summer, 18 teachers and administrators traded-in their chalkboards, hall passes and dismissal bells for wind tunnel tests, acoustic lab and aeronautics-related briefings at a two-week NASA Educator Workshop (NEW) at NASA's Langley Research Center, Hampton, Virginia. The educators were invited to attend NEW in state teams of four members.

Among the participants was a team from Kentucky. Richard "Joe" Cope, a writing teacher at Rockcastle Middle School, was a member of the team. "My time at NASA Langley was more than beneficial to both as a writing teacher and as a person interested in science," said Cope. "What we saw at NASA was very exciting and certainly cutting edge."

The NEW program was designed to increase student enthusiasm for math, science and technology by immersing educators in an exciting program that can be integrated into their curriculum. In a unique combination

of scientific and technological hands-on activities, the workshop introduced the teachers to cutting-edge NASA projects and a variety of facilities at NASA Langley. They attended seminars by NASA researchers, engineers and technicians and studied topics ranging from aerodynamics to interplanetary exploration.

In keeping with NASA's mission, "to inspire the next generation of explorers," the NEW participants have accepted the challenge to integrate NASA materials into their next class of students and to share their summer experience at NASA with fellow educators in their schools, divisions and state.

NEW is founded by the NASA Education Enterprise and is a collaborative effort of NASA's Langley, Office of Education and the National Science Teacher Association. Teams were selected from Langley's five-state service region, which includes Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina and South Carolina.



Joe Cope

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Meeting Location - Rockcastle County High School

SPECIAL MEETING

DRAFT AGENDA

August 13, 2002

6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Silent Prayer
- Roll Call
- Reading of Board Team Commitments

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION

- COMMUNICATIONS:** Recognition of Rockcastle County High School Athletics Program

4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS

- Approve minutes of the July 9, 2002 regular monthly meeting.
- Approve bills for payment
- Approve Emergency Substitute Teacher application: Jonathan Burdette; Melissa Gail Renner
- Approve School Trips:

Date	School	Grade	#	Location
09/07/02	RCMS	6	30	Berea College

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION

- Review/approve Superintendent's Individual Professional Growth Plan

6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW

- Review Monthly Financial Report
- Review Superintendent's Personnel Actions Report
- Review KSBA District Board Member Training Report

D. Review Board Policy 05.11

- Review Procedures 05.11 AP.11 and 05.11 AP.21
- Other

7. ADJOURNMENT

SCC classes

Somerset Community College will be holding open registration for students wishing to take classes at Rockcastle County High School. Registration will be held at Rockcastle County High School on August 14, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (EST). The following classes will be available this fall at Rockcastle County High School:

- BIO 101-E382 Basic Ideas of Biology - I
- CIS 160-E382 Intro. To Computers - R
- COM 181-E382 Basic Public Speaking - W
- ENG 101-E382 Writing 1, I
- HIS 108-E385 History of US through 1865 - M
- MAH 083-E382 Intermediate Algebra - R
- MT 107-E382 Contemporary College Algebra - M
- PY 110-E382 General Psychology - R

School news

deadline is noon Tuesday

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Thurs. 9-2
Fri. 9-12

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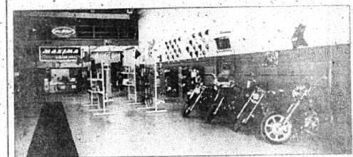
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Tuesday, August 13th

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