

Mt. Vernon Message

Upcoming Events: Students will return to school on Monday, January 6, 2003.

Mt. Vernon Elementary School Site Based Decision Making Council will meet on Monday, January 6 at 5:00 p.m.

Special Projects: We have just completed our annual Scholastic Book Fair. The theme for this year's reading event was "reading Roundup." The fair was held in our Library Media Center with Mrs. Sharon Lovell and Mrs. Janice Dooley acting as bookfair leaders. We are pleased with the success of this year's fair. All proceeds will be spent towards instructional materials for our classrooms.

We would like to thank these community businesses for sponsoring classroom libraries by purchasing books: Dowell & Martin Funeral Home (Ashes' class); Bishop's Top Guns and Lake Lanville Boat Dock (Runaway's class); Cummins' Lumber Mill (Cummins' class); Lovell's Gun Repair (Alexander's class); Community Trust Bank (Pfeiffer's class); and A Cut Above (Carter's class). We would also like to express our appreciation to the numerous parents who sponsored their child's class by purchasing books for the classroom.

A family event drawing was held. Parents who attended the Reading Roundup Book Fair were invited to enter for a drawing for free books. Five winners were chosen by random drawing. Those winners were Aaron Pevley from Mrs. Larkley's class; Jacob Milburn from Mrs. DeBorde's class; Laiken Coffey from Mrs. Burton's class; Austin Stewart from Mrs. Phillips' class and Amy Johnson from Mrs. Bullock's class. Each winner had his/her choice of a free book valued up to \$5.00.

We would like to express our appreciation to Mrs. Thana Comnelly and her drama students for their motivating skits for our Reading Roundup Book Fair. Those "cowboy actors" are pictured.

A special thank you goes to Mrs. Lois Baker and Mrs. Mary Sue Harty for donating their time to assist with our book fair. We appreciate their

volunteer work for MVES.

Project Wisdom readers for last week are as follows: Kaylee Vanwinckle, Alexandra Martin, Katie Cowan and Sarah Woodall, all students. Faith Spores, Instructional Assistant, was the mystery reader. Thanks to all who have participated in this project.

Our quote for the week is "We must help each other be strong and kind. We must love one another. We must celebrate together, be sad together and work together."



Zachary McCracken, Jonathan Scaif, Sharon Hall and Dillon Holden



Carly McClure, Megan Powell, Brian Morrison and Anthony Prewitt



Scholastic Book Fairs also gave sixteen free posters of MVES students who had maintained perfect attendance through December 11. Those students are pictured with their free poster. Winners were Whitney Harrison, Toby Lawson, Charles Brandon McFerrin, Brian Morrison, Jonathan Graves, Cody Cromer, Adrienne Childress, Allison Burdette, Marvin Carpenter, Heather Clontz, Brent Callahan, Kim Chesnut, Rebecca Barron, Jacob Tyler Bullock, Chelsea Brown and Nathan Allen.

Minds in the Middle

Congratulations to all of those students who had perfect attendance for the second grading period. We recognized these students Monday afternoon during our attendance program. Nicholas Kirby won a five CD Carousel Changer and several other students also won prizes. Mrs. Tammie Gabbard's class won the award for the best homeroom attendance, followed by Mr. Gabbard's and Mrs. Burton's homerooms. All three classes were made up of sixth graders. In this case, we are challenging our older students to follow the lead of our younger ones.

We had a great time Tuesday evening at our 21st Century Community Learning Center Open House. Everyone particularly enjoyed the band and chorus concerts, and the free chili supper. We appreciate all those 21st CCLC teachers for their hard work this semester!

If you missed the band and chorus performances, they will be presenting their program again this Thursday morning at 9:00. We would like to thank all of the local businesses who helped to support our RCMS Staff party. Everyone had a great time!

The 4-H speech contest was held first in the 11-year-old division, with Lauren Graham placing second. Among the 12-year-olds, Carrie Hunt finished in first place and Rae Cowan in second. Drew Davidson was first in the 13-year-old division and Beth Pulliam was second. Anthony Cook also came away with a first place speech in the 15-year-old division.

YSC Update

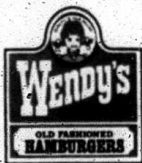
YSC would like to say THANK YOU to all who sponsored a child for Christmas. Community, faculty, businesses, and churches together are making a difference in the lives of students in Rockcastle County. Again Thank You!

Parental involvement produces higher grades and test scores, better attendance and more homework completed, higher graduation rates and increased enrollment in education after high school. Statistics like these prove that parental involvement is critical to the education of students. Volunteers are always welcome and encouraged. If you can't volunteer during the regular school day, don't be discouraged. Volunteering can be done during the evenings and weekends. Chaperones are needed for after school activities. Contact the school for ways to volunteer. A volunteer is anyone, anytime, any place who supports school goals and children's learning. Be a volunteer today!

In This Season of Giving...

We'd like to give you our heartfelt thanks. Merry Christmas!

from
Danny and Gaylen Settles
and all the employees at

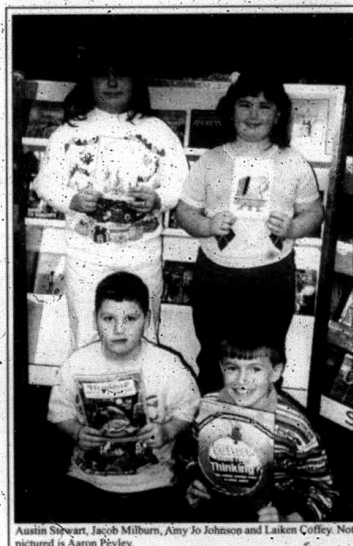


Front row from left: Ernest Cromer, JoAnn Robbins, Carrie Noe, Anita Bradley, Abby Durham, Angie Mullins and Sherri Glover. Back row from left: Juanita Stewart, Estill Hopkins, Shirley Scaif, Lesley Alexander, Brandi Caryer and Danny Settles.

Wendy's will close at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve and close Christmas Day. Reopening day after Christmas regular hours.



Richard Barron, Whitney Harrison, Amanda Peters and Kayla Lawson



Austin Siebert, Jacob Milburn, Amy Jo Johnson and Laiken Coffey. Not pictured is Aaron Pevley.

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