

# Wednesday Words

Frances Lacy Elementary School

January 2, 2008

*"Frances Lacy Elementary School will inspire and prepare students to achieve their potential."*

## **Nominate Your Teacher: RBC Tribute to Teachers**

Everyone knows how hard teachers work to help our children. Now you can thank them through RBCs *Tribute to Teachers* program. Visit [www.rbccentura.com](http://www.rbccentura.com) for more information and to make your nomination. Give your teacher the extra credit he/she deserves.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lacy Book Drive – January 7 – 15**

Please begin sending in all books for the Book Drive on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Books may be brought to teachers any day until Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Please consider donating books of all elementary school reading levels that may be used by the Lacy teachers and Media Center to supplement their current collections. The books will help the teachers as well as the ESL students and those students who need reading materials. Call Kim Whitley at 781-3181 or [kmwhitley@nc.rr.com](mailto:kmwhitley@nc.rr.com) with any questions.

## **Tremendous Christmas Outreach Generosity**

Special thanks go out to those students, families, staff and community sponsors that were extremely generous with their donations of clothing, toys, books, bikes, food cards and money for seventy Lacy Lions and their siblings for Christmas.. Everyone's support was appreciated! This year we also had help from the AAA office on Blue Ridge and Stanford White, an electrical and structural engineering consulting firm. Thank you to parents and staff who went shopping, made deliveries, and helped with some last minute requests. I have been asked to pass on the hugs, notes and words of thanks shared with helpers and me when we had the opportunity to deliver these gifts. Anyone who made a donation that would like a receipt for tax purposes can call Sue Edwards at 881-4925

## **Kindergarten Kindness**

In December all kindergarten classes participated in two activities to reinforce the character trait of kindness. After reading the book, *The Mitten Tree*, students collected four large bags of gloves and mittens for children and adults in our community who need help staying warm this winter. These items were delivered by Mrs. Edwards to the Raleigh Rescue Mission for their shelter residents and homeless families that request help with winter clothing and to the Cornerstone Center which provides support to homeless males. Kindergarten students also showed kindness to children at the Duke Children's Hospital in Durham. Students had to earn \$5 at home which was used to purchase unstuffed toy animals. Each student then stuffed an animal and put a foam heart inside to symbolize their act of kindness and support for others. Mrs. Sadin and Mrs. Wade delivered the 145 stuffed animals to Duke on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **First Graders Help Others**

Mrs. Burdette's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class collected, sorted, and packaged personal care items for homeless people in colorful paper bags students had decorated. These 40 gift bags were delivered and greatly appreciated by the Cornerstone Center, which provides health care, job referrals and shower facilities to homeless men in Raleigh.

### LOST AND FOUND IS FULL!!!

We need to “down size” our lost and found collection now. Students and parents will want to check the items on the table display in the main hall from Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11th. Items not claimed will be donated to a charity on Friday afternoon, Jan. 11th. Please label all sweaters, lunchboxes, etc with your child’s first and last name.

### December Service Project: Mrs. Holman’s Class

Mrs. Holman’s class had a very successful bike project! It is amazing how beautiful the old bikes looked after cleaning them up and adding horns, baskets, and red Christmas bows. Thanks to the students and parents in Mrs. Holman’s class who helped with the project. Thanks also to Todd at All-Star Bike Shop on Ridge Road who serviced several used bikes for free (including replacing inner tubes), the Angus Barn for the donation of sweet potatoes and gingerbread cookies, Chuck at All-Star Bike Shop who donated a bike for one of our Lacy families, and room parents, Jonna Maurer and Mary Nell Thompson, and their husbands for doing this project. A picture and information was included in the News and Observer over the holidays.

### Leadership Team Meeting

Our Leadership Team meets each month, and the next meeting is January 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 in the Media Center. All parents are welcome to attend.

You may also find WEDNESDAY WORDS available online at: [lacyes.wcpss.net](http://lacyes.wcpss.net)

Thursday	January 3	PTA meeting: 6:30 PM
Monday	January 7	Leadership Team meeting: 3:30 PM
Monday-Friday	January 7-11	4 <sup>th</sup> grade Writer-in-Residence
Monday-Friday	January 7-11	Book Drive
Sunday	January 13	GWIS 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> grade girls: NCSU vs. UNC
Tuesday-Thursday	January 15-17	COGAT: 3 <sup>rd</sup> graders
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 18</b>	<b>Teacher Workday</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 21</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
Friday	January 25	Hoops for Heart: Ms. Paul
Wednesday	January 30	New Kindergarten parent information session: 9:30 Media Center
Thursday	January 31	All 2 <sup>nd</sup> grades to Poe Center