

Wednesday Words

Frances Lacy Elementary School

November 20, 2007

“Frances Lacy Elementary School will inspire and prepare students to achieve their potential.”

Math Kangaroo Competition

Sign up for a math challenge! Students in Grades 2 - 12 may take an international after-school math test on Thursday, March 27, 2008, at Lacy. To participate, any student's parent may register the student at www.mathkangaroo.org. Registration for the Math Kangaroo Competition, with a cost of \$20 per student, lasts until December 15th on-line. Last year, Lacy had 42 students to accept this challenge, some of whom placed at the top International rankings! EVERY student who participates gets a t-shirt and celebrates the effort! For further information, go to www.mathkangaroo.org. If you still have questions, e-mail Linda Robinson at lrobinson@wcpss.net.

TV Stars

NBC 17 featured Save Our Stories, a program developed by Media Specialist Lori Brannon, last Friday night. All fifth graders created artwork for new covers for older books of their choice during Art classes. They also typed summaries of the books and short biographies of the authors in Computer Lab. The news story showed fifth graders working on the project and interviewed Jack Kreuger, Charlotte Lowe, Campbell Stone, and Jordyn Sasser. They spoke eloquently about their efforts and represented Lacy well. Save our Stories will save about 100 books from being discarded. Mrs. Brannon hopes the new covers will entice students to check out some of the older books in the Media Center.

"Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World"

Make a note on your calendar that the Cameron Village Library will host a national traveling exhibit entitled "Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World". It's an informational exhibit consisting of six large panels dealing with different aspects of Franklin's life. You can read more about the exhibit at <http://www.ala.org/ala/ppo/currentprograms/benjaminfranklin/franklin.htm>. The exhibit is based on one developed by the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary, and was created by the American Library Association with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities. We are one of only 40 libraries in the country selected to host this exhibit. It will be at the Cameron Village Library for six weeks beginning February 15, 2008. The exhibit will give students the opportunity to explore and to talk about Franklin's life, his contributions to the founding of this country, and his high standards for work, citizenship, and contribution to community. It will look at his background, his self-education, and his philosophical and religious beliefs and their effect on his work and life. It will show Franklin in the context of the eighteenth century and as a product of his times—a brilliant and rather unconventional product of his times—rather than as the venerable bespectacled and grandfatherly figure with whom we are all familiar. The library will also be hosting a kite building workshop, a program about lightning, and a presentation about firefighting and fire safety. Questions? Contact Sue Scott at the Cameron Village Regional Library. (856-6703)

Make-up Picture Day

November 28th is make-up picture day for students who were absent on picture day or who need to have their pictures retaken.

PTA Reflections Program

The Thanksgiving holiday break may give children some time to work on their Reflections entry. For more information, check last week's Wednesday Words.

Study Island

Study Island is a web-based computer program to help children achieve the objectives of the North Carolina Standard Course of Study in Reading and Math. Since it is self-paced, each child can work at his/her own level. All second through fifth graders have a user name (which is usually first name.last name@lacy). The password is lions. If your child has trouble getting on, please call the office at 881-4923 for assistance.

You may also find **WEDNESDAY WORDS** available online at: lacyes.wcpss.net

Wednesday-Friday	November 21-23	Thanksgiving Holidays
Monday	November 26	New Kindergarten parent information session: 9:30 Lacy Media Center
Wednesday	November 28	Picture make-up day

Dear Lacy Lions,

This Thursday is Thanksgiving, and it is a good time to remember the things we are thankful for in our lives. I am thankful for the wonderful people who are connected to Lacy –

all the children who attend Lacy;

all the staff members who put children first;

all of your parents, grandparents and other family members who are your teachers when you are at home;

and all of the faithful volunteers (our parents and community volunteers) who tutor children, make our buildings and grounds beautiful, hang artwork each week, help in our classrooms, have lunch with children, help us in the office, make PTA the best PTA in the school system, etc.

Take a few minutes to think of things you are thankful for, and you will see how fortunate you are. Some people keep gratitude journals and write down things that they are thankful for to help them focus on the good things in their lives. When you are feeling down, you might want to write in a journal or on a piece of paper about some of the good things in your lives. It may help you feel better.

Have a great Thanksgiving holiday!

Love,

Dr. Alford