

Marie Roberts-Caney

Redskin NEWS

April 2016

Principal's Message

Testing is just around the corner!

I stress attendance in every message and do so again because success will only come if WE (students & staff) are all here every day working toward our common goals. These goals, our core beliefs, and core values, as well as our Mission Statement can be viewed on the MRC web page. Parents/guardians, please take a few minutes to view and give feedback. If you will be attending kindergarten registration, please bring birth certificate, immunization record, current physical, eye and dental exam, and social security card. If you have a child entering kindergarten that has not attended pre-school please come to registration. We look forward to welcoming our new kindergarten students next year.

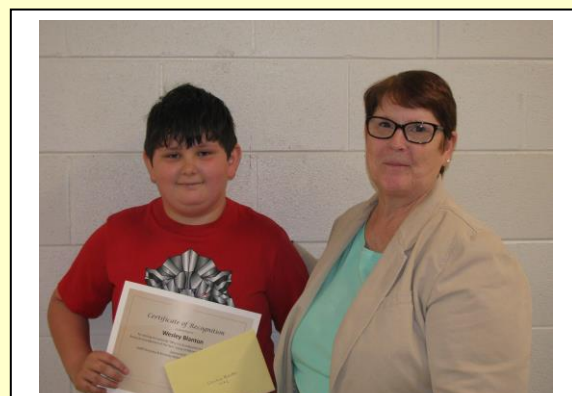
Calendar of Events

- April 4 School picture money due
- April 4 Spring Fling
- April 6 Challenger Center Field Trip
- April 11-13 Don't Call Me Names Character Ed. K-3rd
- April 14 Birthday party for April
- April 18-22 MAP testing 3rd – 6th
- April 26 Accelerated Reader Field Trip
- April 28 Zoo Field Trip Mrs. Fugate's Class
- April 29 Manner's Banquet 6th Grade

Kindergarten Registration April 15 & May 13

Special Canine Visits MRC

Little Brownie, the beagle, made friends with the members of Ms. Caudill's and Ms. Bryant's third graders during the KY River Regional Animal Shelter Pet Care and Safety Presentation Tuesday morning. Little Brownie and his human companion Mrs. Carol Fields-Shepherd taught everyone about properly caring for a dog.



**Wesley Blanton wins
"AARP Grandparent of the Year"
essay contest"**
Shown with KY Retired Teacher Representative
Karen Griffith

2015-16 MRC Site Based Decision Making Council

Darwin Noble –Principal
Marlene Hamilton –Teacher
Tammy Keene – Teacher

Mary Kay Caudill – Teacher
Jamie Mullins-Smith –Parent
Chris Banks -Parent

Students at MRC Raise Awareness about Child Abuse

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and the MRC Family Resource Center continues to sponsor activities to support children and their families.

The week began with mounting the "Pinwheels for Prevention" on the railing outside the school. The pinwheel, which is the national symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention, reminds us of childlike notions and stands for the chance at the healthy, happy and full lives all children deserve. Adults often don't realize when they're hurting children. Parents may become abusive as a result of their own past experiences, their lack of parenting skills or the stress on them or their family. Help is available and abuse is preventable.

During art classes, Jackie O'Neill, MRC Family Resource Center Coordinator, spoke with students about child abuse prevention. Mr. Hollan and Mrs. O'Neill ask the students to create posters, with their family, which show some of the many aspects of child abuse. This activity encourages families to talk, have fun and spend time together. Making time for children helps them feel loved, safe, worthwhile and confident. These posters are lining the hallways. All posters are being displayed, and adults and students are enjoying reading and looking at the artwork.

Everyone gets angry sometimes. But if you find yourself losing control or lashing out: Stop, take a time out and choose your words carefully. You can improve the lives of children by what you do and say. Helping children feel better about themselves creates a strong community.



MRC Library News

Read Across America at MRC

Students at Marie Roberts-Caney have been celebrating Read Across America Week. This nationwide celebration of reading revolves around the remembrance of the renowned children's author Dr. Seuss, whose birthday was in early March. As part of the celebration the students participate in dress-up day to coordinate with specific Dr. Seuss books. The students really enjoyed being able to wear their pajamas to school!

The most exciting part of the celebration was having guest readers in the classrooms. Special guests included a host of parents, grandparents, and community stakeholders. We really wanted to thank Patrick O'Neill, Alonzo Fugate, Janet Stevens, Kris and Wilma Wells, Nurse Dessi Steinmetz, and Mrs. Donna Fugate for their entertaining and educational oral readings.

We were honored to have County Clerk Mary Lois Stevens as a special guest reader. The students loved talking to the local politician. Mr. Meadows read You're Only Old Once to Mr. Fugate's class while Mr. Gibson entertained Mrs. Taulbee's class with Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?.

Thanks again to all of the special guest readers!



Parent Kris Wells reading to Ms. Caudill's Class

Nurse's Corner

Protect Yourself and Your Family From Mosquitoes Around Your House.

The Breathitt County Health Department advises the public to begin preparing for summer mosquito season by ridding their environments of potential mosquito breeding areas. Besides being a nuisance, some mosquitoes are known to carry the Zika virus.

We should pay close attention to areas and objects around our homes that can hold water and support mosquito breeding. "Birdbaths, clogged gutters, flower pots, tin cans, old tires, buckets and unused swimming pools to name a few.

Clean and scrub pet watering dishes weekly, and dump water from overflow dishes under potted plants and flower pots