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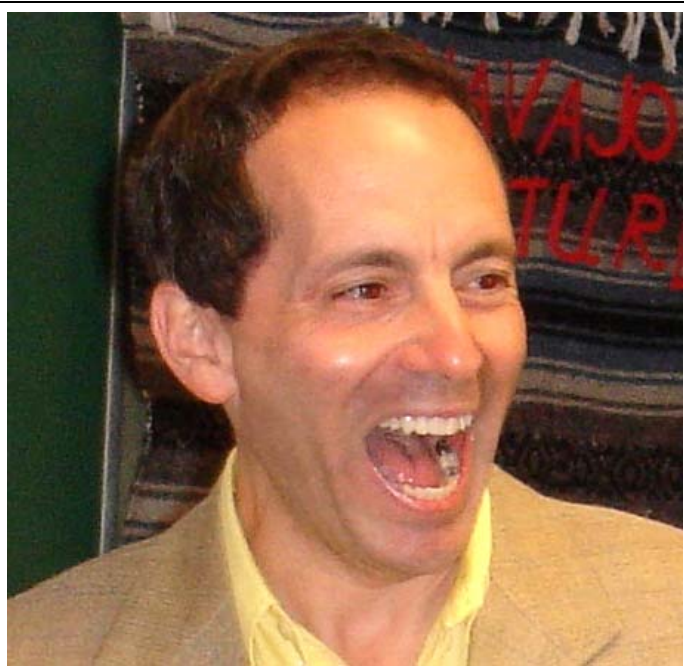
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MIKE WIMMER PRESENTATION:

Mike Wimmer is an Oklahoma artist and illustrator. He has completed commercial art projects for major corporations, illustrated children's books, and completed beautiful paintings for private collections. On December 15, he will make presentations to students at Hutchinson Middle School and Murfee Elementary School. During the presentation, Mr. Wimmer will share information about his background, training, inspiration, and various painting techniques. The

presentations are made possible in part through grants from The CH Foundation, The Helen Jones Foundation, and South Plains Service.



STORYTELLER – Jim Weiss will return to Lubbock January 16-18. He has received national recognition for his book recordings and been invited to perform at the White House on two occasions. Jim Weiss will present two programs at each elementary school (one for primary and another for intermediate) and one program at middle schools for the 6th and 7th grade students. Mr. Weiss is scheduled to perform for the following schools: Murfee and Ella Iles (16th), O. L. Slaton and Hutchinson Middle Schools (17th), Roscoe Wilson and Rush (18th). The presentations are funded in part through the CH and Helen Jones Foundations.

NEWS AND EVENTS

TEACHER RECOGNITION: Martha Kirk teaches 4th grade writing and social studies at Idalou Elementary School. In October, she was recognized in the “Teacher Spotlight” by the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*. She was also recognized with the Rising Star Teacher Award for Region 17. The award was presented in Austin by the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (TAGT) and was based on her commitment to gifted and talented education.



SCIENCE AWARD: Amy Hill, 4th grade science teacher at Lubbock Christian School was named the 2006 Outstanding Elementary Science Teacher. The award was sponsored by the Science Teachers Association of Texas (STAT) and was funded by the Texas Medical Association. The award was based on outstanding service in the science community through work with students, curriculum development, and as a teacher leader. The recognition was presented at the Science Teachers Association Convention in



Wichita Falls on November 10. Mrs. Hill will work with two other award winning science teachers to develop curriculum materials on Core Knowledge related topics concerning the human body. She was recommended for the award by her principal, Mr. Mark Breaux, and by the Texas Tech University/Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

NEW EXHIBITS: A series of student exhibits are planned for the Asbury Gallery in 2007. The exhibits will feature the art, photography, and creative writing of selected students from Core Knowledge classes. The exhibits will be open to the public Monday through Friday. The gallery will also be a part of the First Friday Art Trail events (2005 Avenue T at 20th Street).



CORE KNOWLEDGE ACTIVITIES

GEORGE WASHINGTON: While portraying George Washington, Bill Perryman told of Washington's crucial role in fighting for, creating, and leading the United States of America in its earliest days. He explained that Washington was a surveyor, farmer, and soldier who rose to command the colonial forces during the American Revolution. Washington held the American Continental Army together during the frigid winters of 1777 and 1778, eventually leading them to victory over the British. Bill Perryman also told how George Washington became our first president in 1789 after the new United States Constitution was ratified. Students at Lubbock Christian, Bowie, Rush, Wheelock, O. L. Slaton, and J. T. Hutchinson all Seemed to enjoy the presentations. Bill Perryman of History In Person did an amazing job in portraying our first president and the "Father of our Country", while reinforcing student learning about the history of our country. The programs were made possible through the CH and Helen Jones Foundations.



TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS – Lubbock area teachers in Core Knowledge schools were eligible to apply for a \$500 travel scholarship to assist them in attending the 16th Core Knowledge National Conference. The conference will be held in Washington, D.C. February 22-24, 2007. Teachers are expected to attend professional development sessions and share information and materials with their colleagues. Travel Scholarships were awarded to Dianne Ashby (Waters), Brenda Bass (Rush), Kathleen Buxkemper (Christ The King), Brenda Carter (Wheelock), Estella Doyal (Hope Lutheran), Mary Ellen Garcia (Murfee), Gabriel Gonzales (Christ The King), Kristen Holman (Honey), Nancy McReynolds (Honey), Kathy Pearson (Murfee), Shelly Reid (R.

Wilson), Angelica Rodriguez (R. Wilson), Michael Stewart (O. L. Slaton), Tammy Stewart (Bowie), Mary Street (Oakwood Methodist), Kara Swindell (O. L. Slaton), Tina Thompson (Waters), Cindy Todd (R. Wilson), Sharon Wood (Rush), and Tammy Wood (Bowie). The travel scholarships were made available through the generosity of the CH and Helen Jones Foundations.



SCHOLARSHIPS: The 2006 Helen Jones Scholarship recipients are Nicole Smith and Angela Demarco. Both of the recipients are students in the Department of Education at Lubbock Christian University.

Nicole Smith is a graduate of Seminole High School. She is a sophomore at Lubbock Christian University completing a bachelor's degree in education. Once her certification requirements are complete, she plans to teach in an area elementary school and begin work on a master's degree.

Angela Demarco graduated from Huntsville High School. She then attended York College in York, Nebraska before transferring to Texas Tech University to earn her bachelor's degree. She is currently an 8th grade teacher at Hutchinson Middle School. Ms. DeMarco is completing her master's degree at Lubbock Christian University and completing additional courses in photo-journalism to assist her in teaching elective courses. The Helen Jones Scholarship recipients attend Core Knowledge related events and assist with various local projects related to Core Knowledge.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Other Core Knowledge events scheduled for the spring semester include the following:

- December 15 - Mike Wimmer's art presentations (Murfee and Hutchinson)
- January 5 - Photography Exhibit at Asbury Gallery
- January 16-18 - Jim Weiss's storytelling presentations (Murfee, Iles, Hutchinson, O. L. Slaton, Roscoe Wilson, and Rush)
- February 2 - Art Exhibit at Asbury Gallery
- March 2 - Photography Exhibit at Asbury Gallery
- March 5-6 - Bill Perryman's presentations as Col. William Travis (Christ The King, Hutchinson, Lubbock Christian and Idalou)
- March 26-27 - Don Smarto's Civil War presentations (Hutchinson)
- March 27 - Western Heritage program (Hutchinson)
- April 6 - Creative Writing and Photography Exhibit at Asbury Gallery

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