

# THE INFORMANT

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**HISTORY IN PERSON** - Bringing history to life is the a goal of educator Bill Perryman. Mr. Perryman of History In Person will spend a week making presentations at selected schools. Dressing in period costume, he will portray a variety of historical figures including Sam Houston, Thomas Jefferson, Paul Revere, Ben Franklin, and Abraham Lincoln. The presentations also include a Power Point slide show to enhance the production for students and teachers.



**PreK SEQUENCE** – A travel grant was provided to eight Lubbock ISD educators to attend a Core Knowledge Getting Started professional development session in Phoenix, Arizona. Teachers and administrators from Ballenger, Martin, Mahon, and Stubbs Early Learning Centers attended the event in January to learn more about the PreK Sequence, which is utilized in the SOAR PreK programs in LISD. The group met to determine what additional Core Knowledge PreK modules might be offered as appropriate training for PreK teachers.

**ACTIVITY REPORTS** – The annual Core Knowledge activity reports are due April 10. A template will be sent to principals. The reports will cover topics of study, culminating events, special presentations, special speakers, and instructional materials and equipment related to Core Knowledge implementation.



**SEQUENCE PLANNING** – With Lubbock ISD planning to implement CSCOPE K-12, there is a need to review the *Core Knowledge Sequence* as it relates to CSCOPE and expectations for common formative assessments and benchmarks. A team of teachers will meet this summer to review the scope and sequence and determine the appropriate placement of Core Knowledge topics for the upcoming school year. This group will interface with Kathy Rollo, the LISD

Executive Director for Professional Development.

# CORE KNOWLEDGE NEWS

**STORYTELLING** - Master storyteller Jim Weiss shared his talents captivating students of all ages from PreK to middle school. Mr. Weiss spent a week in Lubbock sharing fables, cultural tales, stories about historical events, and mysteries with students in an effort to enhance their language arts classes and inspire them to read beyond the classroom. His presentations were scheduled at Centennial, Murfee, Rush, Wheelock, Roscoe Wilson, Lubbock Christian, Hutchinson Middle School, and St. Luke's Preschool.



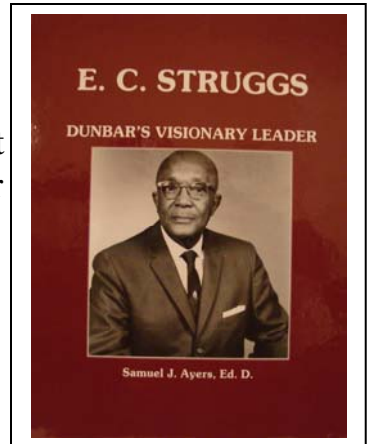
**ART PRESENTATIONS** – Museum quality art was shared with elementary and middle school students. Christian Thomas Lee made presentations at Centennial Elementary School and Hutchinson Middle School in October. He discussed elements of art and showed examples of fine art (paintings, jewelry, fashion design) from his collection. Mr. Lee asked students to think twice before dismissing art because it does not initially appeal to them. Instead, Lee encouraged students to take the time “read art” in an attempt to appreciate a specific art piece and the creativity of the artist.

**DON SMARTO** Don Smarto made a photography presentation at Hutchinson Middle School. The program was attended by all students taking photography classes. He highlighted composition using famous photographs as examples. He also showed the students how cameras developed through history displaying cameras from his personal collection. Mr. Smarto is an award winning cinematographer for his documentaries. Don Smarto also made a presentation on the Civil War for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at O. L. Slaton Middle School. His Power Point presentation was enhanced with authentic Civil War artifacts from his personal collection.



# EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT NEWS

**STRUGGS BOOKS IN LIBRARIES** – Professor E. C. Struggs served as the principal of Dunbar Junior Senior High School for thirty years (1930-65). During that time, he was instrumental in obtaining full accreditation for the school, secured used uniforms and equipment for the football team from Texas Tech, and served as the school leader as the campus moved into a new location in 1936 and again in 1959. HMr. Struggs career was closely aligned with the history of Dunbar. Sam Ayers researched and wrote the book, and Judith Struggs (E. C. Struggs' daughter, provided valuable documents and photographs). Professor Struggs' life and achievements are highlighted in this biography available in Lubbock area public and school libraries.



**ARTIST SPEAKS TO STUDENTS** – Mike Wimmer delivered the commencement address at the LISD January graduation ceremony held at Monterey High School. A total of eighty students representing Coronado, Estacado, Lubbock High, and Monterey received their diplomas. The award winning artist and illustrator also made presentations to all the art students at Lubbock High School and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Hutchinson Middle School. In addition to highlighting his training, research, and the painting process; Mr. Wimmer stressed the importance of passion, practice, perseverance,

and dedication in order to achieve success. Mike Wimmer has created illustrations for Disney, TV Guide, Procter and Gamble, AT&T, and American Airlines. He has illustrated book covers and several children's books. He also paints portraits and murals.

**SCHOLARSHIP** - Heather Bullock is the spring 2010 recipient of the Helen Jones Core Knowledge Scholarship. She graduated from Goddard High School in Roswell, New Mexico in 2008. Heather is a sophomore early childhood education major at Lubbock Christian University. She is a member of the LCU Student Senate, and serves as chairman of the Campus Experience Committee. Also, she is the reigning Miss Roswell, and will compete for the Miss New Mexico crown in June. Heather volunteers at Adoption Covenant here in Lubbock in hopes to further her platform, "Advocating Adoption." She plans to graduate in May of 2012 and work in the Dallas area where she will begin her Master's degree.





**RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL** - The fourth graders at Murfee elementary stepped into medieval life in an annual Medieval Feast and Faire. Preparations included hand crafting stalls and wares that were later traded as the students reenacted a medieval market. Students dressed in costumes ranging from acrobats and merchants to priests and peasants. These fourth grade lords and ladies then feasted while enjoying entertainment from Texas Tech fencing and madrigal groups. A grand time was had by all... Huzzah!

**RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL** - Roscoe Wilson students concluded their study of the Renaissance with their annual Shakespeare Festival. Their study began with the Islamic scholars who helped to translate Greek and Roman works, progressing through Italy (Medici Family, Catholic Church, Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Martin Luther/Protestantism) and the Reformation (printing press, Galileo & Copernicus, Ignatius of Loyola and the Council of Trent). The unit of study concluded with the Golden Age of England with Henry VIII, his 6 wives, and Queens Mary and Elizabeth. All students attended the festival in Renaissance attire and enjoyed Renaissance festivities including food and drink. Students selected a king and queen representing the Kingdom of Wilson. There were student performances and an entertaining jester. The O.L. Slaton Madrigal Choir also provided an impressive performance.



## 2010 SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS SPRING 2010 EVENTS

### Bill Perryman of History In Person

March 22	9:30 Christ The King (TBA)	1:30 Murfee (Ben Franklin)
March 23	9:30 Lubbock Christian (Sam Houston)	1:30 Iles (George Washington)
March 24	9:30 Waters (Thomas Jefferson)	1:30 Wheelock (Paul Revere)
March 25	9:30 Honey (Abraham Lincoln)	1:30 Centennial (Abraham Lincoln)
March 26	9:30 Bowie (Abraham Lincoln)	1:30 Rush (Ben Franklin)

**School Core Knowledge activity reports are due on April 10.**

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