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TEACHER AWARDS - The Knowledge Center, Inc., the National Core Knowledge Coordinator of West Texas, and the Department of Education at Lubbock Christian University co-sponsored the Distinguished Educator Award For Excellence in Core Knowledge Teaching. Schools in the Lubbock area implementing the *Core Knowledge Sequence* were eligible to nominate one deserving teacher each year.

The award recognizes outstanding teachers who have made exceptional efforts to prepare and present Core Knowledge units to students. The nominees were recognized at a banquet held at Lubbock Christian University on November 3. The finalists included: Holly Jo Camp (Roscoe Wilson), Vickie Cooper (OL Slaton), Debbie Galey (Iles), Brian Gollihugh (CTK), Phyllis Powell (LCS), Krissi Samuels (Rush), Candace Tickle (Waters), and Shay Troutman (Murfee). In addition to the recognition at the banquet, the top two honorees, Candace Tickle (Waters) and Vickie Cooper (OL Slaton), received a cash award and a trip to the 15th Core Knowledge National Conference to be held in San Antonio, Texas.



Teachers and administrators from Lubbock area public and private Core Knowledge schools were in attendance at the banquet. The O. L. Slaton String Ensemble (directed by Dr. Roy Wilson) provided the music for the evening. Oklahoma artist Mike Wimmer served as the speaker for the event. He shared original oil paintings for various projects including his illustrations for books about Will Rogers, Babe Ruth, Charles Lindbergh, and President Theodore Roosevelt.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

COWBOY ART - An exhibit highlighting the life of the cowboy was on exhibit in the Asbury Gallery September 26-October 21. The exhibit included sculptures, paintings, and prints by professional artists Kenneth Wyatt, Bob Chenault, Deborah Taylor, Robert Summers, and William Matthews. Student artwork was also on display. Dr. Michelle Kraft of the LCU Art Department judged the student entries. The winner included 1st-**Adrian Ramirez** (Dupre)-“Longhorn on Green,” 2nd-**Markeese Shed** (Jackson)-“Caballero,” 3rd-**Victoria Flores** (Dupre)-“Bronco Rider,” Honorable Mention-**Adam Hernandez** (Dupre)-“untitled.” The Student Choice Award determined by 4th grade students attending the Western Heritage programs was **Adriana DeLeon** (Dupre)-“untitled.” The Art Trail Choice Award winner was **Sabrina Perez** (Dupre)-“untitled.”



AWARD – Michael Stewart, an 8th grade history teacher at O. L. Slaton Junior High School, received the NOVA Award at the Texas Council for the Social Studies (TCSS) Conference in Galveston, Texas. The NOVA award is presented by TCSS to one outstanding history teacher serving in his/her first three years as an educator. The award recognizes the teacher’s planning, instruction, and service to the profession. Mr. Stewart was recognized with the regional NOVA Award last spring by the Staked Plains Council for the Social Studies.

WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT – A colorful watercolor exhibit is scheduled for October 31-November 29. The third floor Asbury Gallery will feature the highly animated snowmen created by Plains artist Suzy Pal (Powell). In addition to the watercolor paintings, snowmen cards will also be available for purchase. The Asbury Gallery is open to the public Monday-Thursday (9:00a.m.–3:00p.m.), Friday (9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon).



UPCOMING EVENT

CIVIL WAR ARTIFACTS – Don Smarto will be in Lubbock to share Civil War artifacts from his private collection with students at Roscoe Wilson Elementary Magnet School. The presentation is intended as an extension of an initial study of the Civil War period, a 2nd grade topic from the *Core Knowledge Sequence*. The artifacts include photographs, tools, stamps, currency, and other items of interest.



CORE KNOWLEDGE ACTIVITIES

ART AND MUSIC PRESENTATION - Classical guitarist and art collector Christian Thomas Lee spent the week of October 4-7 making presentations in Lubbock area elementary schools. The schools included Christ The King, Lubbock Christian, Idalou, Murfee, Rush, Waters, Wheelock, and Roscoe Wilson. He also made a special presentation to LCU teacher education students. In addition to playing classical guitar, he presented mini-lessons on cubism and impressionism. Mr. Lee also prepared a new session for junior high students on the impressionist music of Claude Debussy, which he hopes to make available to more students in the future.

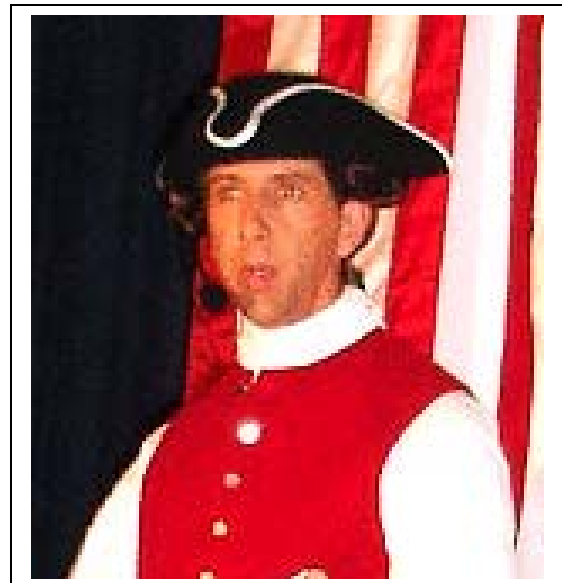


TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS – Lubbock area teachers in Core Knowledge schools were eligible to apply for a \$500 travel scholarship to assist them in attending the 15th Core Knowledge National Conference in San Antonio, Texas (February 23-25, 2006). The grants are made possible through the generosity of the CH and Helen Jones Foundations.

Recipients of the travel scholarships include: Odelia Alaniz (Waters), Brenda Bass (Rush), Brenda Blech (OL Slaton), Kimberly Farmer-Brown (Wheatley), Shannon Bullard (Honey), Angie Canale (Christ The King), Andrea Carter (OL Slaton), Denise Caughron (Murfee), Jenci Chambers (Rush), Sherry Faith (Oakwood), Michelle Garza (St. Joseph), Kathy Hargrove (Whiteside), Amy Hill (Lubbock Christian), Doug Hogan (Wheelock), Sally Kennedy (St. Luke's), Jerard Alfredo Lafuente (OL Slaton), Mitze Lehne (Wheelock), Kathleen Martinez (Waters), Cissy Mendoza (Christ The King), Cynthia Nelson (R. Wilson), Phyllis Powell (Lubbock Christian), Hattye Ramsey (R. Wilson), Myndi Smith (Odessa Christian), Mary Stegemoeller (Idalou), Tina Thompson (Waters), Shay Troutman (Murfee), Traci Walker (Hope Lutheran), and Holly Womack (Honey).

THOMAS JEFFERSON PROGRAM - Bill Perryman of History In Person performed as Thomas Jefferson for intermediate students at six Lubbock schools. These included Dupre, Honey, Iles, Lubbock Christian School, and All Saints Episcopal School. He also performed for students at Abilene Christian School. His performance and Power Point brought Thomas Jefferson to life for the audiences. These

presentations were made possible in part through grants from the CH Foundation, the Helen Jones Foundation, and the Texas Commission on the Arts. Mr. Perryman will return in February to present his interpretation of the Texas hero Sam Houston.



ORCHESTRA STUDENTS – In addition to playing some of the music compositions listed in the *Core Knowledge Sequence*, the O. L. Slaton String Ensemble (8th and 9th grade students) had the opportunity to perform for over one hundred educators and guests at the Core Knowledge Teacher Recognition Banquet held at the Baker Conference Center on the campus of Lubbock Christian University.



ART PRESENTATION – Artist Mike Wimmer made two special presentations to intermediate students at Roscoe Wilson and Murfee Elementary Schools. In addition to sharing his own background and training as an artist, he showed slides of his book illustrations and commercial work. He also responded to student questions



POWER POINTS – Power Point presentations for classroom use have been developed and may accessed at www.theknowledgecenter.org . The initial Power Points include George Washington Carver, Theodore Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt and Franklin D. Roosevelt. The newest Power Points scheduled to be added in December include Architecture of Lubbock and Patriotic Symbols.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 7	Civil War Artifacts with Don Smarto	Selected Schools	2 nd
Jan. TBA	Follow The Leader	LCU	5 th /6 th
Jan. 23-27	Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth	Selected Schools	2 nd /5 th /8 th
Feb. 19-25	15 th Core Knowledge National Conference	San Antonio	Teachers
Feb. 27-Mar. 2	Bill Perryman as <i>Sam Houston</i>	Selected Schools	4 th -5 th
Mar. 1-24	LCU Student Art Educ. Association Exhibit	Asbury	OPEN
Apr. 27	NIE Teacher Appreciation Reception	LCU	Teachers
May 24-Jun. 22	Kay Smith's Watercolor Exhibit	Asbury	OPEN

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