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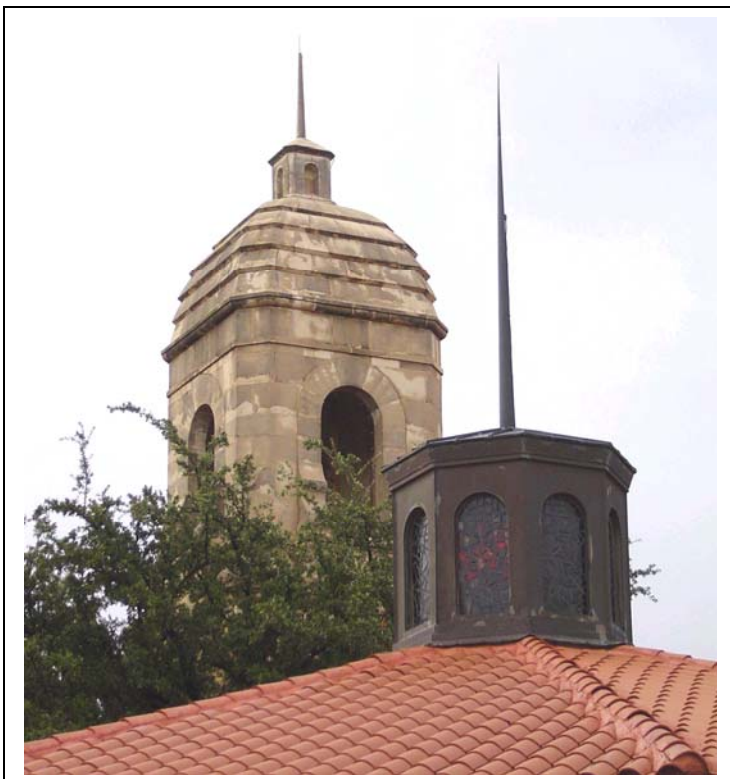
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UNIT WRITING INSTITUTE – The Core Knowledge Summer Unit Writing Institute will be held June 6-10 at Dupre Elementary School. Teachers will complete integrated units. These units will also be eligible for unit presentations at the Core Knowledge National Conference in San Antonio.

PreK TRAINING – Three of the Core Knowledge PreK professional development modules will be offered in Lubbock. The Getting Started module will be offered June 6-7 at Dupre Elementary School. The Autonomy, Social Skills, and Work Habits module will be offered June 8-9 at Dupre Elementary School. The Assessment and Planning to Address Children's Learning Needs is scheduled July 25-26 at Dupre Elementary School.



PHOTO/ART EXHIBIT - This exhibit features photographs and student art highlighting the architectural element most closely associated with houses of worship – steeples, spires, and towers. They represent both small and large churches from the Llano Estacado (eastern New Mexico and West Texas). The exhibit is housed in the Asbury Gallery (3rd floor) located at 20th and Avenue T) through June 15.

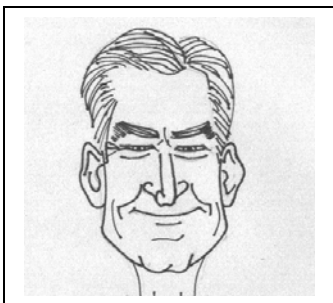
Dr. Michelle Kraft, LCU Art Professor, served as the exhibit judge. In the art division, student awards were as follows: 1st Place-Everardo Martinez (Cavazos), 2nd Place-Argenis Gutierrez (Dupre), and 3rd Place-Holt Lamberson (Murfee). The adult photography division awards were

as follows: 1st Place – Amy Thomas, 2nd Place-Emily Young, and 3rd Place-Jordan Cunningham (Hutchinson). The First Friday Art Trail Choice Award (voting by exhibit visitors) went to Victoria Flores (Dupre).

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

GARDEN DEDICATION - The dedication of The Roscoe Wilson Magic Garden took place on Friday, April 22 in conjunction with Earth Day. The fenced garden contains five raised beds that will be planted and maintained by the students and teachers of Roscoe Wilson to enhance the study of Core Knowledge science topics. Future plans include the addition of bleachers for classroom use and a beautification project utilizing tiles created by students in art class. The garden was created through the joint efforts of Tree Grace Farms, McClain & Yu Architects, The Junior League of Lubbock, ACME Brick, Nash & Associates and the Roscoe Wilson PTA.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION – Tree Grace Farms and The Knowledge Center collaborated on an Earth Day/Plant Science event at Iles Elementary School. Fourth grade students from Murfee Elementary School rotated through learning stations where Iles students served as presenters. The students learned about worms and composting, organic gardens, and sampled fruits and vegetables. They also received a cantaloupe seed in a mug to grow at their home during the summer. Jennifer Smith of the South Plains Food Bank also spoke to the students. Other sponsors for the event included TreeGrace Farms, Lubbock Eye Center, American State Bank, Plains Capital Bank, and MRI Central.



ASBURY GALLERY – Arrangements have been made to feature a variety of exhibits in the Asbury gallery throughout the summer and fall. The gallery hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00-3:00 and Friday 9:00-noon. The gallery is also open for the First Friday Art Trail 6:00-9:00 on June 3, July 1, August 5, and September 2.

Through June 17

July 1-August 5

August 15-September 23

September 26-October 21

Steeple and Spires: Pointing to God (photographs and art)
 Caricatures by Sam Ayers
 Featuring Lubbock area educators
 Watercolors by Suzy Pal (artist from Plains, Texas)
 Western Art by Kenneth Wyatt and student artists



CORE KNOWLEDGE ACTIVITIES

SECOND GRADE AND PreK MATERIALS – A generous grant from the Hudson Foundation has provided copies of the new Core Knowledge Second Grade Teacher’s Handbook, Second Grade Text Materials, and Second Grade Art Prints to twenty public and private Texas schools. Lubbock ISD schools receiving copies of the materials included Bowie, Dupre, Honey, Iles, Murfee, Rush, Waters, Wheatley, Wheelock, and Roscoe Wilson. Other Lubbock area schools receiving copies included Idalou, Lubbock Christian, St. Joseph (Slaton), and Christ the King. Hurst-Eules-Bedford ISD schools receiving materials included Hurst Hills, Shady Oaks, and Wilshire. Other schools receiving copies included Abilene Christian, Odessa Christian School, and East Texas Christian Academy. PreK story cards were also provided for Murfee, Waters, Whiteside, Abilene Christian and San Angelo Christian Academy.

FRANKIN ROOSEVELT EXHIBIT – A photo exhibit highlighting the life and achievements of President Franklin D. Roosevelt will be on display in the Lubbock Christian University Library (Pioneer Gallery) through June 9. The photographs are on loan from the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and the Harry S. Truman Library. A collection of biographies about FDR are also on display.



TEACHER OF THE MONTH – Dee Ann Margrave was recognized as the May Newspapers In Education Teacher of the Month sponsored by the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*. Mrs. Margrave graduated from Texas Tech University and has taught in Slaton ISD and at Iles and Tubbs Magnet Schools. She currently teaches sixth grade at Roscoe Wilson Elementary Magnet School, which was the first Official Core Knowledge School in the Lubbock area.

REGIONAL AWARDS – The Staked Plains Council for the Social Studies (SPCSS) recognized three area teachers for excellence in teaching. Michael Stewart (O.L. Slaton) received the NOVA Award for the Outstanding New Social Studies Teacher. Ed Perkins (O.L. Slaton) received the Outstanding Middle/Junior High Social Studies Teacher Award. Denise Smith (Murfee) named the Outstanding Elementary Social Studies Teacher. All three teachers were nominated by SPCSS for state level recognition consideration. O.L. Slaton Junior High School and Murfee Elementary School are both Core Knowledge schools.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR TEACHERS

June 6-10	Summer Unit Writing Institute	Dupre	K-8 Teachers
June 6-7,	PreK Getting Started	Dupre	PreK Teachers
June 8-9,	PreK Autonomy-Social Skills-Work Habits	Dupre	PreK Teachers
July 25-26	PreK Assessment and Planning	Dupre	PreK Teachers
Aug. TBA	Overview Training for New Teachers	TBA	Teachers
Aug. 15-Sept. 23	Suzy Pal Art Exhibit	Asbury	OPEN
Sept. 12-16	Storytelling with Jim Weiss	Selected Schools	K-7th
Sept. 26-Oct. 21	Western Heritage Exhibit	Asbury	OPEN
Sept. 28-29	Western Heritage Program	Asbury	4th
Oct. 4-7	Art/Music with Christian Thomas Lee	Selected School	4th-6th
Oct. 31-Nov. 18	Suzy Pal Snowmen Art Exhibit	Asbury	OPEN
Nov. 1-4	Thomas Jefferson with Bill Perryman	Selected School	4 th -5 th
Jan. TBA	Follow The Leader	LCU	6 th
Jan. 23-27	Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth	Selected School	2 nd /5 th /8 th
Feb. 19-25	15 th Core Knowledge National Conference	San Antonio	Teachers
Feb. 27-Mar. 2	Sam Houston with Bill Perryman	Selected School	4 th -5 th
Apr. 27	NIE Teacher Appreciation Reception	LCU	Teachers

WEBSITES – A website for The Knowledge Center, Inc. is currently available at www.theknowledgecenter.org. Information about Core Knowledge activities in the Lubbock area is available at www.cktexas.org.

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