

# Woodville Whistle

Woodville Heights Elementary School

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## Woodville Fifth Grader Places Fourth in Hinds County Spelling Bee

Woodville Heights Elementary School held its Annual Spelling Bee on February 17, 2005. Fifth grader Dominique Robinson took first place in the local bee, qualifying to represent Woodville Heights in the Hinds County Spelling Bee on February 28, 2005, held at Northwest Middle School. Dominique made it to round 6 in the county competition, competing with 51 students in elementary and middle schools from Jackson Public Schools, Hinds County Public Schools, private schools, parochial school

and home schools in Hinds County. Dominique finished in 4th place during the Hinds

County Spelling Bee, surpassed only by three middle school students.



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### March Core Trait Responsibility

Responsibility means being dependable and being accountable for one's own choices, words, and actions. Responsible people keep their commitments, carry out their obligations and duties, are reliable in word and deed, and do not blame others for their mistakes. They act with self-control and pursue excellence.

*"Good people do not need laws to tell them to act responsibly, while bad people will find a way around the laws."* —Plato

*"You can't escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today."* —Abraham Lincoln

## From the Principal's Pen...

Parents can be especially helpful in conveying to children the idea that there are good reasons to learn. Your support is essential to us successfully meeting our goal of **Five weeks to Level Five**. Our state accountability model measures school progress in four areas: reading, language arts, math, and attendance. Please make sure your child is present each day, actively engaged in the learning process, and exhibiting appropriate behavior.

Our staff is committed to your child. We will do all we can to fulfill our school mis-

sion—Woodville Heights Elementary, supported by the district, community, and parents, will provide an atmosphere for each student to develop and reach his or her greatest potential. Here is how you can help us achieve Level 5 status.

### Teach Routines

- ★ Create a family schedule
- ★ Have certain hours and routines for meals, home work, baths, TV, etc.

### Communicate, Communicate, Communicate

- ★ Read notes from school (check your child's book bag

daily).

- ★ Talk about school every day to your children.
- ★ Put important school dates on the family calendar.
- ★ Speak positively about your child's teacher and school.
- ★ Conference with the teacher. Ask how you can help.

### Expect Respect

- ★ Insist that your children talk respectfully to you and others.
- ★ If your child is having problems with any adult, help them practice handling it.
- ★ Praise your child for appropriate behavior. (cont. p. 4)

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## Woodville Hosts Parenting Academy



Woodville Heights Elementary held its first annual Parent Academy on Thursday, March 17, 2005. Parents had the opportunity to participate in sessions geared to help their children in school, including such topics as Math in the

Classroom, Positive Discipline, Transition to the Middle School, Learning through Games, and more.

The faculty, staff, parents, and community worked together for the event. Local businesses provided refreshments and a light dinner. Child care was provided by school staff members so that parents were free to attend sessions.

Special thanks to Wingfield JROTC for their help/participation.

Vendors from near and far participated with exhibit booths set up in the auditorium for parents to view. Some of the vendors were Jackson Council PTA/

PTSA, Houghton Mifflin Textbooks, MS Department of Education, and the MS Forum on Parents and Children.

Families were eligible to win door prizes sponsored by Write-Way and Houghton Mifflin. Ashley Jones, a 5th grader, was ecstatic to hear her name called as the winner of the 13" color television with DVD and an MP3 player donated by the PTA.

According to the evaluations, parents really enjoyed the sessions, and the first annual Parent Academy for Woodville Heights was a real success! Next year the Parent Academy will be held in the fall, as parents requested. Stay tuned!

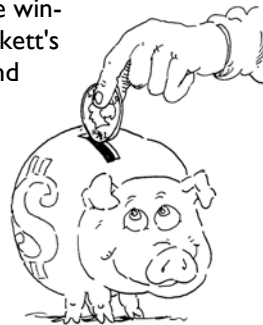


## Woodville Students Fund Cancer Treatment

Woodville Heights Open Doors students sponsored the **Pennies for Patients Campaign** to help raise money to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The campaign lasted from February 1 - 25, 2005.

**Congratulations to Ms. Thomas and her 4th grade class for raising over \$200!** They received a pizza party courtesy of Dominoes and the Leuke-

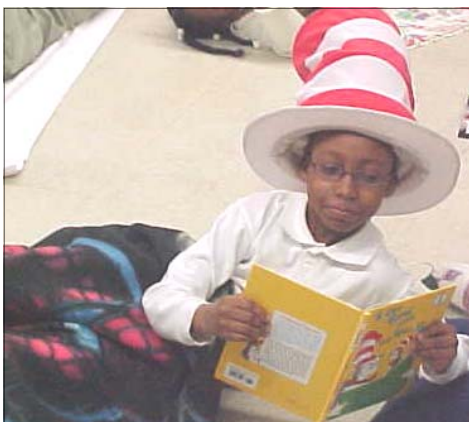
mia and Lymphoma Society. Our second place winner was Mrs. Lockett's 4th grade class and the third place winner was Mrs. Cotton's 3rd grade class. Each class raised over \$150.



Special thanks to the Woodville Heights students and their parents for all the hard work during this campaign. A very special thanks go out to Kijana and Emmanuel Brown who represented with over \$300. You made us proud!

Woodville Heights' total contribution to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society was over \$1300! Way to go Woodville Heights!

## Students Stage Celebration of Seuss's Silly Sonnets



**Left:** Third graders celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by having a party with special treats, activities and "cat-in-the-hat" hats! For extra fun after lunch, they shared some special time on pillows and sleeping bags reading Dr. Seuss books with friends and watching Dr. Seuss movies. They wished Dr. Seuss had a birthday every day!

**Right:** Kindergarten classes celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday at lunch with green eggs and ham!



## Woodville Knights Place in State Chess Tournament



The “Woodville Knights” from Woodville Heights Elementary School placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the **fourth and fifth grade division** of the state scholastic chess tournament on February 5, 2005. Pictured from left to right are: (front row) Dillon Jacque, Aaron Moten, and Rashad Moore and (back row) Shemika Smith, Wesley Davidson, Jada Bass, and Cody Davidson.



“Woodville Knights” from Woodville Heights Elementary School took 6<sup>th</sup> place in the **K-3 division** of the state scholastic chess tournament on February 5, 2005. Pictured from left to right are: (front row) Jonah Dobson and Ashli Sutton and (back row) Jayland Riptoe, William Gladney, and Hal Bronson.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- April 5** Report Cards Issued
- April 15** Donuts for Dads 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
- April 19** Spring Pictures (Please wear your uniform.)
- April 21** Mid-term progress reports issued
- April 21** PTA 6:30
- April 25** MCT Pep Rally
- May 3-5** **Mississippi Curriculum Test (MCT)**
- May 7** Spring Carnival 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- May 17-19** Semester Exams
- May 23** 5th grade Promotion Program and Fun Day
- May 24** Last Day for Students (60% Day)

## From the Principal's Pen (continued from page 1)

★ Accentuate the positive.

### **Be a teacher yourself!**

- ★ Read with or to your child daily.
- ★ Monitor your child's homework.
- ★ Expose your child to new things. Visit museums, local exhibits and cultural events to build vocabulary and experiential background.

### **Fuel the brain!**

- ★ Provide nutritious meals.
- ★ Avoid sweets and artificial flavors in foods

(BBQ or hot chips, chocolate, starchy foods, etc.). These products tend to promote over-active behavior.

- ★ Eat more fish and vegetables to increase concentration.

### **Get involved!**

- ★ Be part of the PTA. New board members needed. Nominations at the April 21<sup>st</sup> PTA Meeting.
- ★ Volunteer in your child's classroom.
- ★ Eat lunch with your child.

★ Send educational material/games or treats to your child's class.

Thank you for supporting Woodville Heights.

Working together we can lay the foundation for a fabulous future for your child(ren).



## Our Mission

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