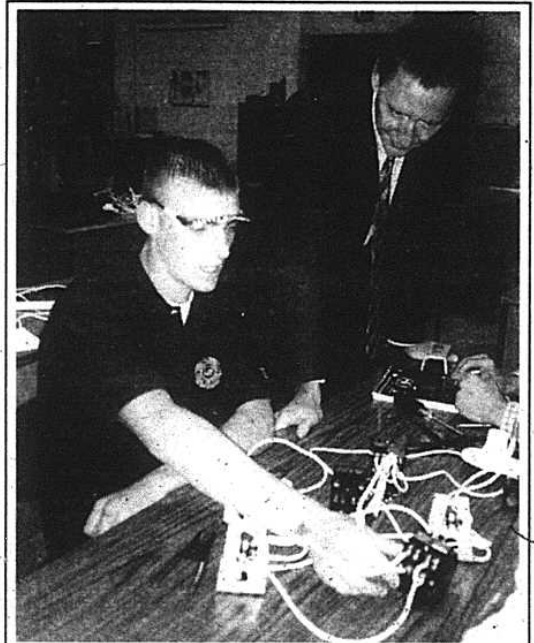


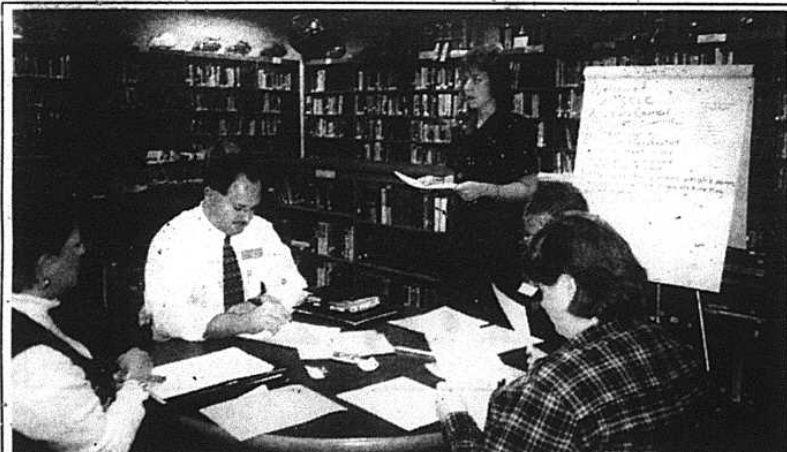
Superintendent's Message

The theme for this year's American Education Week is "Children-Schools-Parents Helping Students Achieve." We understand this to mean the three variables are working collaboratively toward a common goal, student achievement. In Rockcastle County, I feel the theme has turned from rhetoric to action. National attention is focused on education during the week of November 12-18 and Rockcastle County Schools want to draw your attention to some of the positive endeavors within the system. Our schools have contributed articles and pictures to depict some of the ways in which the three variables are working jointly toward the common goal.

Nationally, much attention has been given to the concept of a learning community over the past decade as well as the development of life long learners. Locally, our schools have been working diligently with parents and students to ensure the community is one that grows and learns together. The elementary schools have traditionally been more successful in parental involvement. A continuation of this effort is especially visible through the communication and partnership to develop each student's reading ability. Consequently there is a greater love for reading and desire for learning at the primary level. The middle school continues this focus with the assistance of parents and other partners within the community. The middle school, high school and area technology centers are currently implementing various strategies as a result of the Gear up Grant and the 21st Century Community Learning grants. The funding through these initiatives have allowed the three partners, (students, parents and schools), to extend the school day with evening classes/activities. The school week has been extended with Saturday schedules to further enhance student achievement while cultivating a learning community. Involvement has been a primary ingredient in our recipe for success. We are focused during American Education Week on students, schools, and parents working together. On behalf of Rockcastle County Schools and the Board of Education I encourage all members of the community to maintain the focus and work toward increased involvement in our future, the students and their achievement. Tom Brokaw said, "There is a place in America to take a stand: it is public education. It is the underpinning of our cultural and political system. It is the great common ground. Public education after all is the engine that moves us as a society toward a common destiny...It is in public education that the American dream begins to take shape." Let's make it happen for all.



Superintendent Larry B. Hammond discusses wiring assignment with Rockcastle County Area Technology Center student Thomas Daugherty.



Rockcastle County 21st Century Community Learning Center Advisory Committee participate in mini-workshop.

Rockcastle County Meets Interim Accountability Goal Qualifies for Rewards

Baseline 96-98	52.1
District 98-99	65.6
District 99-00	66.9
Comb. Index 98-00	66.2

KCCT Interim Accountability Cycle District Accountability Results

