

### April 19, 2013 –Staunton City Schools Tip Sheet

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#### WARE SUCCESSFUL IN MATH 24 TOURNAMENT

Ware Elementary School's MATH 24 competition team participated in the Regional 24 Tournament held at Wilson Middle School on Monday evening, April 15. Members of the team were Jacob Witt – grade 5, Trevain Zeigler – grade 5, Mallory Sorber – grade 4, Laura Craft – grade 5, Sarah Becker – grade 5, and Ibraheem Da'Mes – grade 5. The team members put in lots of practice time and were all well-prepared for the tournament, competing against approximately 80 students from area school divisions. After two tough rounds, Ibraheem Da'Mes advanced to the semi-final round, where he had great success -- winning the entire competition. "I am so proud of Ibraheem and the entire team for working so hard and being such great representatives of Ware Elementary," said Mrs. Barker, Ware Elementary School Principal.



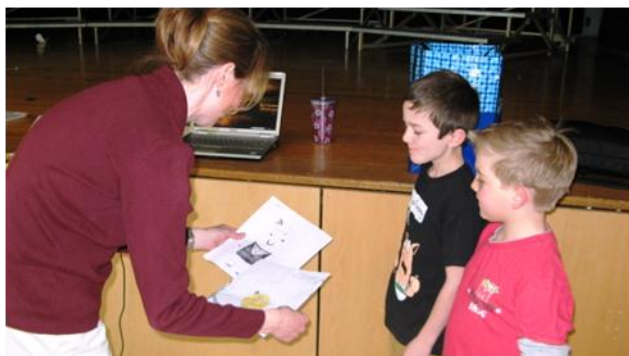
Ware's Math 24 Team: Jacob Witt, Trevain Zeigler, Mallory Sorber, Laura Craft, Sarah Becker and Ibraheem Da'Mes.



Ibraheem Da'Mes shows off the gold medal he won in the Regional MATH 24 Tournament.

### MCSWAIN ENJOYS VISIT FROM AUTHOR

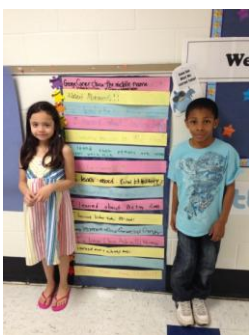
The gingerbread man was loose at McSwain earlier this month and what fun it was! McSwain students had the privilege of visiting with Laura Murray, author of *The Gingerbread Man Loose in the School*. Ms. Murray presented four 45-minute age-appropriate, energetic and educational programs: one for K-2, one for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, one for 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and one for 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Students received a behind-the-scenes peek at being an author and the process of writing a book. There was even time for some to participate in games such as the “Sweet Treats Quiz Show” and “Where in the World is the Gingerbread Man?” Ms. Murray autographed books and took the time to talk individually with students. She received rave reviews from students and teachers alike. Karen Peterson, School Librarian, commented on the day and said, “The excitement was amazing!”



Laura Murray, author of *The Gingerbread Man Loose in the School*, visits with 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, Reece Levin and Addison Kelley.

### BESSIE WELLER STUDENTS “TWEETING” ABOUT CLASS

Third grade students at Bessie Weller have started a mock Twitter feed as a way of expressing their passion about what they are learning in class each day. A set of sentence strips outside of each classroom provides a space where students write a brief message (140 characters or less) daily about something they have learned that day so that others in the school can see what the class is learning. Mrs. Brown, third grade teacher, said, “We decided to use Twitter because it is relevant to the students’ lives and they can use hash tags and other social networking abbreviations to make it more exciting.” Third grade student, Khalil Crawford, said “It’s fun when you get to write down what you learn every day. It helps me to remember.”



Third grade students Natalie Via and Khalil Crawford stand beside the mock Twitter feed board for their class.



Third grade students are working with a mock Twitter feed to post daily class activities.