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Lee Athletes Attend Nike Sparq Combine

On Saturday, February 22, 2014 David Tibbs, head varsity football coach at Robert E. Lee High School, along with the assistant coaches, Jake Gray, Dale Spitzer, and Danny Woodard, took a group of Lee athletes to participate in the Nike Sparq Combine, held at Hough High School near Charlotte, NC. Sixteen students participated: Wilson Baxley, Tavian Brown, Kvvian Durrett, Jayquion Fitzgerald, Chase Hartless, Jordan Hearl, Colton Hisey, Iyon Oravitz, Christian Santiago, Zach Simmons, Casey Taylor, Marcus Warren, Terrin Wells, Brendon Witherspoon and Keishawn Witherspoon. Each student was tested in four events: 40-yard dash, pro shuttle, ball throw, and vertical jump. Kvvian Durrett had a throw of 43' -- the best ball throw out of the 1,420 athletes tested. Coach Tibbs commented, "This is the 10th year Robert E. Lee High School has participated in this event. The experience allows our kids to see where they stack up against others in this part of the country and gain valuable exposure to colleges."



Lee athletes participate in the Nike Sparq Combine in North Carolina.



Lee student, Kvvian Durrett is tested in the ball throw event at the Nike Sparq Combine.

Bessie Weller Students Enjoy Cyber Visitor from China

What animals did you see in China today? Can you teach us some Chinese words? How big does the Great Wall look? What do you like to eat there? These are the questions Mrs. Monger's second grade Bessie Weller students were asking as they leaned toward the screen with excitement to see and hear a Skyped message coming directly to them from China. The guest on the screen was the mother of a student teacher, Cynthia Knott. The guest stayed up extra late to speak with the students as the time was 1:00 a.m. in China. All week the students had awaited this special opportunity to talk to someone located on the other side of the world. They had prepared and e-mailed some questions in advance but also enjoyed the fun of speaking directly to her, as she kindly welcomed their questions and shared some fascinating facts about her daily life in a large city in China. The students enjoyed a fabulous and memorable learning experience; celebrating our commonalities and recognizing that our friendships know no borders.



Bessie Weller students engage in a conversation with a guest in China via Skype.