

### November 30, 2012 –Staunton City Schools Tip Sheet

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#### **MCSWAIN JOINS IN WORLD RECORD**

More than 2,600 schools and organizations representing some 30 countries from around the world registered for this year's sport stacking event, 2012 STACK UP!, held on Guinness World Record Day, November 15. Among that group were twenty-nine students from McSwain Elementary who participated in various up and down stacking activities for 30 minutes.

Sport stacking is a cup stacking activity which helps students to develop hand-eye coordination and equal performance on both sides of the body. The activity helps to train the brain for activities such as playing a musical instrument or using the computer, where the use of both hands is important. Sequencing and patterning are also elements of sport stacking, which can help with reading and math skills. Physical education teacher, Barbara Maclam said, "This is an enjoyable activity that can be done year round. There are endless possibilities to promote teamwork, brain function, and fun through cup stacking."



McSwain students participate in 2012 STACK UP! on November 15, Guinness World Record Day.

### WARE STUDENTS LEARN AT NATURAL BRIDGE

Ware Elementary School's second grade classes recently traveled to Natural Bridge to further their studies on the Native American unit. While there, they visited the Native American Monacan village, exploring how they lived, their use of natural resources and tools, etc. Supporting studies regarding life cycles, students rotated through the hands-on butterfly exhibit and viewed the chrysalis and emergent butterflies. Students toured the Bridge area and were able to see where George Washington is reported to have carved his initials in 1750.



Mrs. Swink's 2nd grade class from Ware Elementary pauses for a photo during their visit to Natural Bridge.



Ware student, Lilianna Vandevender, learns about the life cycle of butterflies.



Ashlyn Hunt holds a butterfly at the exhibit at Natural Bridge.

### BESSIE WELLER HONORS ARMED FORCES

On Monday, November 12, Bessie Weller's 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students honored all branches of our nation's Armed Forces with a patriotic musical, performing for the student body during the day and again that evening for parents and community members. Local Veterans were in attendance at both shows. "It was a wonderful performance and an excellent way for the students to honor those who serve in our Armed Forces," said Mr. Bryant, Principal at Bessie Weller.



Bessie Weller students perform a patriotic musical in honor of our nation's Armed Forces.



Bessie Weller student, D.J. Depriest, portrays Abraham Lincoln in a recent patriotic musical performance.