



The Principal's Perspective: Happenings at Johnson Elementary

Year Begins With Several Activities



Twelve students from our 4th and 5th grade classes competed in the **2012 Johnson Spelling Bee**. FTIS Superintendent, Mr. John Williamson served as our guest pronouncer and watched Olivia Smith edge out Ben Starzec and Clara Bushman for 1st place. Olivia will soon take the online spelling test in hopes of qualifying for the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee. Good Luck Olivia! Pictured are all spelling bee participants.

The **2012 Johnson Geography Bee** was held January 10th with longtime moderator David Orne presiding over the event. Top finishers included 4th grader Thad Long—1st place, 5th grader Adrian Mills—2nd place, and 4th grader Riley Hay—3rd place. Thad will now take a written assessment in an effort to qualify for the state competition to be held March 30th in Bowling Green. Good Luck Thad!

Pictured are all the geography bee participants.



All our students enjoyed a visit from author **Louise Borden**. Mrs. Borden talked to our students about the steps involved in writing a book (from an idea to the reader), shared many interesting facts about her life, and where she got the ideas for her stories. Thank you to Mrs. Eubanks for setting up this visit and to our PTO for providing the funds for this outstanding opportunity for our children. Mrs. Borden is pictured signing a copy of one of her books for Lauren. Mrs. Borden also commented several times on the outstanding behavior of our children—thanks parents!!

The **Fifth Grade Leadership Team Members** were elected in December by a vote of their peers. Several students gave speeches to their classmates explaining why they would be the best candidate for their position. 2011-2012 Leaders: President-Austin King, VP-Audrey Gray, Sec/Treas-Betsy Sellers, Class Reps-Adrian Mills, Emma Banks, Tom Kelso, Rachel Ray, Vicky Alcorn, and Mallory Hill. They are currently planning our first event—Johnson Movie night coming in a couple of weeks. Watch for more information about the date and time.

