

For Immediate Release

March 23, 2011

Contact: Cecilia Adams

606-573-4330, Ext. 2061

cecilia.adams@harlan.kyschools.us

Black Mountain Elementary School visits state capitol; trip made possible by Target grant

Black Mountain Elementary School's fifth grade class travelled to Frankfort, KY on March 17th to visit the Kentucky State Capitol, the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History, the Governor's Mansion, and the gravesite of Daniel Boone.

Black Mountain Elementary social studies teacher Kenny Hughes applied for and received a \$700 Target Field Trip Grant that covered the costs of transportation and dinner at Gatti's restaurant for all 39 students. The class also received a \$100 scholarship from the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History for admission to the history center.

This was the very first time any of the 39 fifth-graders had visited Frankfort, and they were impressed.

Student Jada Cargle commented, "I liked how the capitol dome changed colors and how Representative Rick Nelson allowed us to sit in the House of Representative's seats. I enjoyed the art work and statues inside the capitol building."

Hughes expressed his appreciation for the chance to make history come alive for his social studies class. While touring the sites, Hughes observed that the students "would turn and say 'Hey! We talked about this in class!'"

While at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History, students were excited to discover a piece of local Harlan County history. Student Trevor Nantz said, "I enjoyed the Kentucky Military Exhibit at the history museum because it showcased a couple from Evarts, Kentucky who served in the Vietnam War; Marcus and Martha Davis."

Mr. Hughes also remarked, "The trip was a wonderful experience for my students and I hope they remember it for years to come. I thank the people at Target for the grant they provided for this trip and also Representative Nelson for guiding us around the capitol building."



Black Mountain Elementary School's 5th grade class visited the Kentucky Governor's Mansion while in Frankfort, KY on March 17th.



While touring the Kentucky state capitol on March 17th, Black Mountain Elementary School students had the opportunity to sit at legislators desks in the chambers of the House of Representatives.