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# Media Center Newsletter

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## The Success of the Poetry Slam

On Friday, May 1st, Frank McClarin hosted its annual Poetry Slam. A total of sixteen contestants entered the contest. The guests judges where: Ms. Robin Cornell, Project Manager, Ms. Vivian Garrison Educator Volunteer, Ms. Mia Landon Police Officer, Ms. Melanie Walker- Ford Volunteer Educator and Mr. Marcus Williams, FMHS GED- Graduate, Fulton Co. Fire-fighter Academy Graduate.

After the poets finished delivering, Ms. Wanda Clark and Ms. Gwendolyn Oyewole recited poems while the judges tabulated the points for each contestant.

Each contestant wrote his or her own poem and submitted it to Mrs. Mays, Media Specialist or one of the ELA teachers. After the poems were read and approved by Ms. Anita Lee, Principle, the participants were able to rehearse for the program. Don-

isha Beasley presented her poem titled "With Obama Comes Change", Franklin Broughton "A Ladder for Change", Alexander Brown- "A Heart," Noelle Brown- "The Sands Conceal His Sorrow", Ronnika Davenport, (Mistress of Ceremony), her poem was entitled "Just Another Thought", Dontavious Edwards "Untitled", Jessica Frazier "Illusion", Christopher Mark "A Love Poem", Erick McDaniel "Diabetes," Joshua Pagan, (Master of Ceremony), "The Truth," Brittany Price, "A Wise Decision", Thomas Roberts, "Chosen", Derrick Simmons, "An Ode To Mr. Obama", Kyndall Smith, " He Who Writes", and James Stoudermire, "Wondering Man".

The first place winner was **Dontavious Edwards** He received \$75.00 for his well illustrated work. **Kyndall Smith** received \$ 50.00 as the second place winner and

**Noelle Brown** came in at third place. She won \$25.00. All of the participants did a fabulous job !



1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place

## Special points of interest:

- The Success of the Poetry Slam
- The Theme for the month of May is Careers
- 2008-2009 School Year Highlights
- Book Returns
- Have a Safe Summer
- The 2nd Annual Art Show

## May's Theme is: Careers

As we approach the Senior Recognition Ceremony of 2009, it is time to think about what career path is right for you. Whether it is furthering your education or going straight into the work force, you can find the answers you need right here in the media center. We have different books about college, taking the

SAT, writing resumes, cover letters, 100 of the fastest growing careers and getting money for college.

Stop by and the media team will be more than happy to assist you. Many of the career books are on display for your convenience. Pick up a book to get some great ideas for

your resume and cover letter.



# Highlights of the 2008-09 School Year

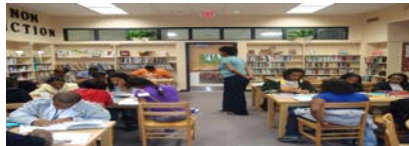
This has been a very wonderful and exciting year for Frank McClarin. Daycare started visiting the media center weekly and the babies enjoyed listening to the stories from the books, singing songs and working on the computers.

The students enjoyed FM Career Day. People from different types of careers came in and gave some of their time to the students to give the students an idea of what it is like to be in different fields of interest. We also had one of McClarin's very own Mr. Shannon to come out and talk to the students about his experience when he was here at McClarin and what he decided to do when he left McClarin.

We also had two different Read-Ins in the media center. It started with the



African American Read-In where the students come in with their



English classes and choose a book by an

African American Author. They had to read the book for twenty minutes and find a quote or a verse that meant something to each of them and put the

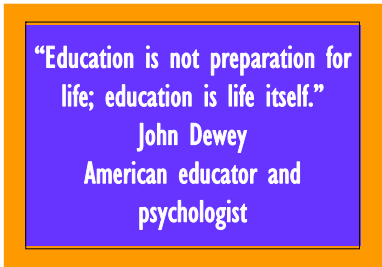
verse on strips of paper to make some "Found Poetry." They received extra credit for this. Ms. Lee, Principle, sat in on the Read-In and she read with the students. They enjoyed her visit. The students were please to see her reading along with them.

This was the first year we started the Science Read-In. The science students had to find a "Did you know fact." The students really got into reading the books and presenting to the class what they read.

The teachers enjoyed themselves as well.

## Book Returns

All seniors who may have books checked out should bring them back to the media center. The due date for the return of the books is May 11, 2009. It is imperative to get all books in before the Recognition Ceremony on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 1:30p.m. If these items have not been returned, make sure to see Mrs. Mays for your



clearance for any books. If a hold is on the student's record, he/she will not be able to receive a diploma or participate in the ceremony with the class. Other students who will be returning in August, will be able to check out books if they do not have any overdue items. Overdue books must be paid for or returned to the school.

## Have a Safe Summer

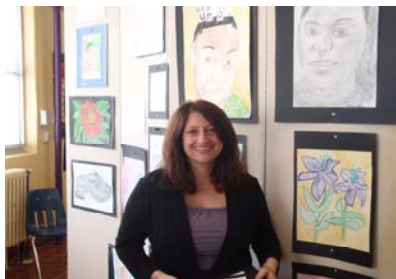
In the months of June and July, if you find yourself with a little spare time, try reading a book. You can travel the world through books with a combination of reading and your imagination!



## The 2nd Annual Art Show

The 2nd Annual Frank McClarin Art Show was held on Thursday, April 30th from 4:00-6:00 in the school cafeteria. Students put a lot of time and effort into their wonderful creations. They did a fantastic job!

Mrs. Flannery-Cohen, the Art Instructor



The event was well attended by parents, friends, faculty and staff. Soothing music played while everyone viewed the art work, sipped on fruit punch and ate finger foods. See you next year at the Annual Art Show!

