



RYAN'S COMMENTARY

B.U.G. AWARDS

On Friday, May 20, several Kiwanis members participated in the BUG program. Of course, the kids were excited, being the last day of school, and the teachers looked a little worn out - but everyone seemed to have a good time.

Sharon, Jeannie and Jeff Bartels presented 39 certificates, pins, pencils and a "bug" eraser to the students.

We presented 72 awards in March. I understand the students were doing a lot of state testing this last 9 weeks so we didn't have as many awards.



Sharon Marx presenting B.U.G. awards at St. Gregory's Catholic School in January. 2011

Don did the honors at St. Gregory's School and presented 20 awards, pencils, certificates and "bugs". We presented 33 in April.

After lunch Sharon presented 8 certificates, pins, pencils and "bugs" to the kids at Good Shepherd School. Last time we presented 8 awards

All the kids were very excited about the last day of school even though it rained I enjoyed a barbecued hamburger (cooked by Mr. Lord), beans, chips, and cookies with my youngest grandson. I am looking forward to next year. I am now known as the "BUG" lady.



Ryan Smith presents B.U.G. awards at Marysville Elementary School, 2009

The B.U.G. program was started in the Marysville Elementary School four years ago, with Ryan Smith carrying the ball to get it started. Since then, we have added St. Gregory's Catholic School and Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Sharon Marx has picked up the leadership in the program and has kept the B.U.G.'s going for the past 3 years. Jeannie Thomas has been a major factor in the program and Jeff Bartels and Don Gier have lent a hand when needed.

In the past 3 years, the Marysville Kiwanis Club has presented over 680 B.U.G. awards to students raising their GPA levels each 9 week grading period. This included over 420 at Marysville Elementary, 200 at St Gregory's and 60 at Good Shepherd. Students carrying a 4 point GPA get B.U.G.s provided they don't lose the 4 point level, but are reinstated when they bring their grades back up.

Congratulations to the students that achieved increases in their GPA and the effort that they applied to achieve this honor.

MARSHALL COUNTY HEALTHCARE SURVEY

A statistical survey of health care issues for Marshall county residents will be conducted beginning the evening of June 6 By Fort Hays State University and the K-state Research and Extension Office. This is required as part