

Rockwood Fifth Grade Students Visit Our State Capital

The entire group of six 5th grade classes from Ridge View Elementary School enjoyed an action packed and memorable excursion to the state capital. The trip was made possible with contributions from Rockwood 2000, Rockwood Electric, Rockwood Civitan and two individuals, Peggy Evans of City Council and Coach Paul Kamikawa.

Two chartered busses took the group of students and teachers to Nashville on May 20th. There they met with Senator Ken Yager and toured the Capital. They also visited the Tennessee State Museum and had lunch at the Bicentennial Park. Of particular interest, the students learned that Harry T. Burn, a state representative from Tennessee, made the deciding vote in favor of ratifying the 19th Amendment in 1919. He later was president of the First National Bank & Trust in Rockwood (now Regions).

Since Rockwood 2000 is a non-profit, volunteer organization, it is dependent on fund raising and donations from the local merchants and businesses to realize their goals for Rockwood. “Being able to contribute to the educational advancement of our young generation has been an objective for Rockwood 2000 for many years,” Sue McCutcheon, president of Rockwood 2000, said. “We are excited and encouraged that together with our strong community connection we are moving forward in this important and ‘*long needed*’ arena. This is the first year

that Rockwood 2000 was able to make such a concentrated effort in educational projects, an area that's so critical for the future of Rockwood and our entire nation.”