

# The Country Isles CHRONICLE



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## National Assessment of Educational Progress

Country Isles has been selected to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), also known as the Nation's Report Card. NAEP is an ongoing assessment of what our country's children know and can do in various academic subjects. Our school's participation will be beneficial in painting a picture of what our nation's schoolchildren are learning.

A random sample of our fourth grade students will be selected for the assessment. All responses are confidential and no results will be reported to or about individual students or schools.

NAEP data and results are often used by policy makers to make decisions regarding education. To help guide these decisions, NAEP asks students about their school experience, background, and what teachers teach in the classroom. These questions do not address beliefs or attitudes. Students may skip any question or part of the assessment that they do not wish to answer.

We appreciate the participation of each student who is selected; however, participation in NAEP is voluntary. Students who do participate in NAEP will gain valuable test-taking experience. Parents who do not want their child to participate are requested to send written notification to Ms. Arguinzoni by January 22, 2007.

## Country Isles' Multicultural Family Night

Our second Family Multicultural evening will take place on January 17th, 2007. **Bobby Norfolk**, an Emmy Award-winning story-performer who promotes cultural diversity, self-esteem and character education will be presenting. His topic will be "Folktales Around the World." Dynamic sound effects and lively animation highlight his cultural diversity presentation.

Please have your passports ready as we embark on our 2nd Multicultural journey. All Country Isles' parents, along with their children, are invited to attend this memorable event.

We hope to see you and your family as we enjoy this very special evening. Your tour begins on Wednesday, January 17th at 5:45 P.M. Your passport to reading and the world is waiting for you!

## Story-Teller-In-Residence

On Wednesday, January 17th, students will have the unique experience of seeing and hearing a renowned story teller. **Bobby Norfolk** will be dazzling students with his high energy style as he recounts stories using lively sound effects and vibrant 3D characters.

All students will have the opportunity, thanks to our P.T.A., to attend one of Bobby's presentations. Topics for grade levels include "Monsters, Dragons, and Ogres," "Animal and Nature Tales," and "Anansi The Spider Stories." In addition, we will be having a luncheon with our storyteller for students who have won a creative writing contest. Books have been pre-ordered and students will have the opportunity to have their books and CD's signed.

For our faculty, **Bobby Norfolk** will present a workshop entitled "Compelling Characters." He will focus on how teachers can help their students enrich their own writing.

To cap off our wonderful day Bobby will also be presenting, in the evening, a Family night entitled "Folktales Around the World."

## Annual Parent Institute

Saturday, January 27, 2007

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**7:45 am – 2:30 pm**

Bilingual parents of elementary school students are invited to attend this event. Parents **must** register and will receive confirmation through the mail.

**Space is limited. Please register by phone at 754-321-2951.**

Come and enjoy a day full of excitement and fun with lots of information on how to help your children. Workshops will be in Spanish, Haitian-Creole and Portuguese.

**The activity is for parents only. No childcare will be available.**

## **Dates To Remember:**

January 17<sup>th</sup>- Author-In-Residence  
January 19<sup>th</sup>- Jump Rope for Heart  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>- Ice Cream Night  
January 25<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Jamboree  
January 29<sup>th</sup>- SAC Meeting 2:15

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