NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



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AIDEN CARDER — 5th grade AIRIANNA GALLOWAY — 4TH grade BOWEN BARNETT — 2nd grade









ADLEIGH WINGATE -4th grade



RYLAN DAVIS 3rd grade

THE FIRST ANNUAL CRADDOCK CENTER STORYTELLING COMPETITION



Bowen Barnett, Addelyn Barnes, Aiden Carder, Airianna Galloway all of East Fannin Elementary School along with Adleigh Wingate and Rylan Davis of Mountain View Elementary were all chosen as winners in The Craddock Center's First Annual Storytelling Competition held Saturday, October 20th. The students did an outstanding job! We look forward to having them all as our guest storytellers, along with professional storyteller John McCuthcheon, on January 26, 2019 at The Craddock Center's Songs and Stories to perform their individual stories for our audience. Each student will also receive a certificate, a Kindle and a donation of \$100 for their school library at this event. Congratulations to all!

CRADDOCK CENTER EVENTS!

- Blue Ridge Christmas Parade / November 24, 2018
- Copper Hill Christmas Parade / December 01, 2018
- TCC Songs & Stories / January 26, 2019
- 2nd Annual TCC Golf Tournament / May 03, 2019





THE CRADDOCK CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to deliver educational and cultural programs to children, families, and communities, primarily in Southern Appalachia. We serve by sharing and spreading centuries old traditions of song and story characteristic of the region.

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DR.FRED B. CRADDOCK

THIS IS THE SEASON when we are reminded that giving and receiving are one act, not two. Of course, for practical purposes we divide them. For example, there are times when it is important to stress that it is more blessed to give than receive. At other times, attention is given to receiving. The church devotes four weeks (Advent) to prepare to receive the Christ child. But receiving without giving can be selfish, just as giving without receiving can be condescending. The New Testament understands this by offering one word for generosity (giving) and the same word for gratitude (receiving). That word is Grace.

I have a vivid memory of giving and receiving as one beautiful act. The occasion involved my late sister, Frieda. When her long battle with cancer was coming to a close, she sent word to friends to come by for a gift. Over the years she had received gifts from them: a vase, a wall hanging, a painting, silver tableware, and so on. When the friends arrived, she gave to each the gift that she had once received from that friend. I was stunned and embarrassed. We had been taught from childhood that you do not return gifts: you keep them, you prize them.

I stationed myself outside so that I could explain to the friends that Frieda was not ungrateful. This was so out of character for her. It must be the cancer or the medication. As the first friend came out of the house, I began my painful apology, only to be interrupted. "Oh, no; this is the most wonderful gift I have ever had. It is twice blessed; it has been both given and received. What could be more beautiful?"

Nothing.





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