

Lions will fund 'Treasure Tower'

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FROSTBURG — The Frostburg Lions Club has announced that it will fund the Treasure Tower Citizenship Program at Beall Elementary for the second year. The \$1,000 grant will fully fund the program through June of 2009.

"This is a wonderful citizenship program," said Lions President Bill Munck. "As the kids learn about respect, responsibility, and safety they are rewarded by reinforcing positive behaviors."

The Tower, manufactured by Treasure Tower Rewards, is fashioned after the old time penny gumball machines, providing one prize per each token earned. The prize "eggs" contain a wide range of safe prizes the students receive randomly. "Students don't know what their prize will be," said Principal Bob Stevenson. "It's like a surprise in every pack."

Students, on a daily basis receive stars for their positive actions. Once they reach a certain level, they receive a token for the "tower." The "Treasure Tower" is the hit of the school, and the only one in Allegany County. It has a prominent place in the school officer, where all the students can see it.

Students pass the tower on a daily basis as they move

around the school, keeping their appetite whet for the many surprises inside the machine. The Treasure Tower is a constant reminder to students of the importance of respect, responsibility and safety and that these traits are rewarded through life.

"Some schools in the county have no special rewards program to reinforce positive behaviors," said Munck. "We are pleased to be able to partner with Beall Elementary, to continue this program."

Teachers and staff at Beall Elementary have concurred with Stevenson, and feel the "Treasure Tower" keeps students on the right track.

The Frostburg Lions Club, chartered in 1945, has funded a variety of school, and citizenship programs over the years. Additionally, the organizations provided free preschool vision screening during the school year, and supports many other local, national, and international programs.

"We would encourage parents to stop in at Beall Elementary and take a look at the Treasure Tower," said Munck. "This is why we sell all those barbecued foods."

For information about the Treasure Tower, or other Lions program, the organization can be contacted at (301) 687-0212.