

# Constitution Project



## Johnson County

September 17, 2009  
**Polly Guthrie**

Johnson County Republican Women (JCRW) gave money to help buy Liberty Day Constitution booklets for 350 students and teachers at the five (5) Joshua elementary schools. Polly Guthrie (JCRW) contacted the Joshua ISD to verify that information about the Liberty Day Constitution program had been received and determine if the school planned to use the program. The school administration responded positively, and booklets were ordered for distribution to 350 students at five (5) JISD elementary schools.

Teachers at the five (5) schools covered the material in booklets with their students in special class sessions as part of the Legislative Day emphasis September 14-17. Polly Guthrie was invited to speak about Bill of Rights at the Elder Elementary School September 17 to sixty-five (65) students from three (3) classes all assembled in one room. The teachers for the three classes taught the first three sessions:

Monday – The Revolution

Tuesday – The three (3) branches of the federal government

Wednesday – The Constitution and laws

Polly taught the fourth:

Thursday – The Bill of Rights

Polly started by showing a map of the United States projected on a large screen. She used the map to show the students where the Pilgrims first came to the new land, initially settled, and then gradually migrated and settled across our land building homes, businesses, schools, churches, railroads, industry, towns, cities, and local, county, and state governments in the process and often with great hardship and sacrifice. She explained the freedoms we have and

the responsibilities we have as individuals to always be involved and defend our freedoms.

Polly showed the students a picture of our founding fathers signing the Declaration of Independence. She then covered the Bill of Rights and gave them examples of each one and how it applies to even them as fifth grade ten-year olds, as well as, citizens of all ages. Polly used her own personal life experiences to help them understand how our rights and freedoms had enabled her to have opportunities to earn money to pay for her college, choose her profession, gain knowledge, and wisdom to pursue the things she enjoys. She emphasized the freedoms and responsibilities each of us has to be trustworthy, work hard, and accomplished in life the things each of us has the God-given ability to do to ensure we have a rewarding life and better country.

The student were very interested, attentive, and answered questions when asked. Polly Guthrie concluded by saying you are the “We the People, By the People” of the future!

Polly really enjoyed teaching about our Bill of Rights to such a wonderful group of fifth graders. As Polly left the teacher (Mrs. McNath) that coordinated the event, said, “We will see you next year. We want to keep doing the project!” She called Polly later Thursday to thank her and tell her the students said she was “Cool”.