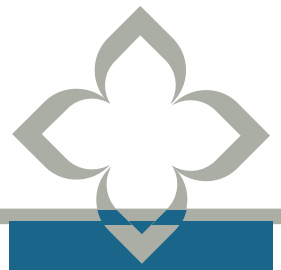# C.L.L.E.

council for life long engagement

Encourage and enable elders to share their knowledge and talents with school children to reverse any negative aspects of age-ism.

May 25, 2011

As a part of the Council for Life Long Engagement's (CLLE) partnership with Nativity School in Pleasant Ridge, Dr. Corning Benton, Marjorie P. Lee resident, returned to Mrs. Kathman's 5th grade class to share his more of his expertise. Dr. Benton, who worked at Children's Hospital in Cincinnati for over 43 years, presented an abundance of information about the circulatory system for the students.

Dr. Benton started with the basics – what are the three types of blood vessels and what does each type do? He then worked with the students to determine the correlation between the size of an animal and its heart rate. The students quickly discovered that the smaller the animal, the faster their heart will beat! Dr. Benton was excited by the students' attention and participation. "I was impressed with the level of critical thinking shown by the fifth graders."

The students listened attentively as Dr. Benton played numerous heart sounds and murmurs – the class was amazed at how different hearts can sound! Dr. Benton also shared several videos. One video explained how the heart and circulatory system work together. Another video demonstrated what the coronary artery left ventricle looks like.

Mrs. Kathman's 5th grade students were able to learn very valuable material about the circulatory system and even used Dr. Benton's presentation as a study guide for their upcoming quizzes. Dr. Benton is thrilled to have been asked to return to Nativity for a third time later this month to discuss the skeletal, muscular and nervous systems.

Did you know?

Nativity School is located in Pleasant Ridge on Ridge Avenue. Principal, Bob Herring, allowed CLLE to pilot our program during the 2010-2011 school year.

If you are interested in getting involved in CLLE, call Laura Lamb at the number listed below.