

Congressman visits fifth-graders at Picadome

U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler, D-Ky., brought a live civics lesson to Picadome Elementary School earlier this month.

Chandler, who was elected in 2004, talked with fifth-graders about the make-up of his district, the three branches of government and how Congress works on the budget bill. He also spoke of his own family and his interest in politics.

“My job is to go to Washington and cast votes on behalf of central Kentucky,” Chandler explained during his visit.

“It’s very important for us (in the House and Senate) to do the right thing,” he added, noting that what happens in the United States has a ripple effect around the world.

Chandler allowed time for questions from the kids, too. Among them:

- What inspired him to be a congressman?
- Does he ever have any fun when he’s not working?
- What kind of student was he in school?
- How long before the recession ends?
- What can the U.S. do to protect the rainforests?