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Parents listen to a speaker.

## Parents trained to be advocates for their kids

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Parents learned how to become effective decision-making partners in their children's education earlier this month.

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools held its first Parent Leadership Institute for parents of students who attend Title I Schools.

The daylong workshop was led by Dr. Wesley Carter and focused on parent leadership development, understanding school improvement plans, parent-school-student compacts and parents as advocates.

Parents worked in teams to come up with recommendations that will be shared with school administrators. Carver High School Principal Ronald Travis took time out to attend the training with Carver parent representatives and added value from an administrator's perspective.

The WS/FCS Title I

Director Pasty Squire and Parent Involvement Coordinator Sharon Frazier, will continue to support parent leaders in being advocates and partners. Parents will meet quarterly as a part of the Title I Parent Advisory Council and will likely serve as School Improvement Team members at their children's schools.



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Adrienne Smith and Alejandro Sandoval, parents attending the Leadership Institute said, "[We] are grateful for the opportunity to learn to be effective leaders and partners with our children's schools. We feel that we are being given a voice to help schools understand what parents want and need, and the opportunity to understand what schools want and need from us as parents...we feel included."

The parents also expressed sincere interest in partnering with the schools and the district to create, "welcoming

schools, improvements in teacher-parent communication, high expectations for their children from Pre-K through high school graduation, and relationships with community organizations that provide information and referrals for family services."

On Thursday June 13, 62 School Parent Involvement Coordinators,

teachers or other school staff attended a similar training to learn and discuss effective parent involvement strategies.

For more information on Title I Parent Leadership Institute and Title I Parent Advisory Council, contact Sharon Frazier at 336-748-4000 Ext. 34225 or [sfrazier@wsfcs.k12.nc.us](mailto:sfrazier@wsfcs.k12.nc.us).

## Military Achievements

Air Force Airman Kelsie D. Thorn graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Thorn is the daughter of LaDia Thorn of Winston-Salem and Eric Thorn of Morgantown, W.Va. She is a 2012 graduate of Reagan High School.



Thorn

Army National Guard Pfc. Kourtney D. Slater has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches and field training exercises.

Slater is the daughter of Bridget Slater and niece of Darnell Slater of Winston Salem. She is a 2010 graduate of North Forsyth High School.

## Community

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### Anderson fundraiser

The Anderson High School Alumni Association will host a Flapjack Fundraiser on Saturday, June 29 from 8-11 a.m. at Applebee's, 4690 N. Patterson Ave. Call Judith Buford at 336-997-8430, Theodis Foster at 336-978-3517 or James McCants at 336-771-9946 to purchase tickets.

### Book-signing

Dr. Glenda Newell, a native of Winston-Salem, and Dr. Brenda B. Spriggs will sign copies of their book, "Focus on Your Best Health, Smart Guide to the Health Care You Deserve," on Thursday, July 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Ivy Arms Club House, 1115 East Second St.

### East alumni get-together

East Forsyth classes of '74, '75 and '76 will host a get-together at Triad Park's Woodland Hall on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 7-10:30 p.m. Admission is \$40 per person. The deadline for payment is Sunday, June 30 and should be mailed to Michelle Ward '74, 2008 Old Hollow Rd., Walkertown, NC 27051-9709. For more information, call Thomas (Cisco) Morgan '75 at 336-577-5103 or Michelle Ward at 336-595-2316.

### Genealogical Society meeting

The Forsyth County Genealogical Society will meet Tuesday, July 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Central Branch Library Auditorium, 660 West 5th St. Cynthia Doxey Green, Ph.D. of the LDS Family History Center will present "Will the Real Thomas Smith Please Stand Up?" — research strategies for identifying individuals with similar names and circumstances. The public is welcome to attend this free event.

### Creekside Terrace events

Creekside Terrace, 3895 Old Vineyard Rd., will host Independence Day themed events Friday, July 5 — Sunday, July 7 which

includes a Hawaiian Luau (Friday, 3-5 p.m.) and an Outward Bound Event — American Red Cross Blood Drive (Saturday, 1:30 p.m.). On Friday, July 12, there will be an AARP Driver Safety Course from 1:30-5:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend these free events. For more information, visit the website at [www.creeksideterrace.net](http://www.creeksideterrace.net).

### Atkins Reunion

The Atkins High School Class of '68 will celebrate its 45th Class Reunion from Friday, July 5 — Sunday, July 7. For more information, call a member of the Program Committee: Haretta Johnson Duncan, 336-409-3191; Edison Carter, 336-692-2311; Annie Sims Howard, 336-723-5796 or Carlyle McClinton, 336-918-9402.

### Accessible Festival Dance

The Ken Carlson Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club, 2100 Reynolds Park Rd., will host the 2013 Accessible Festival Dance on Friday, July 12 from 7-9 p.m. Call 336-748-3964 for more information. The public is urged to share this invitation with those who could benefit from the experience.

### Atkins' gala for 60th birthdays

Members of the Atkins High School Class of '71 will celebrate 60th birthdays at "An Elegant White Affair" gala/dance at 8 p.m. on Friday, July 12 at The Millennium Center, 101 W. 5th St. Admission is \$15 per person. White attire is requested but not required. Call Rose Purvis Lyles at 336-692-6426 for more information.

### Shalom fundraiser

The Shalom Project will host its annual ice cream social fundraiser, "The Big Chill," in celebration of National Ice Cream Day on Sunday, July 21 at Grace Court Park, 931 West 4th St., from 3-6 p.m. Admission is \$5 per adult, \$10 per family of 4 and \$3 per child. Funds raised go to The Shalom Project, which provides a free medical clinic, a clothing closet, a food pantry and weekly community meals to West Salem residents.

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