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Kimberley Park Elementary students and their parents participate in International Walk to School Day on Oct. 7.

## Kimberley Park Elementary celebrates International Walk to School Day

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Continuing a tradition that started in 2008, Kimberley Park Elementary School participated in Walk to School Day on Wednesday, Oct. 7, which is also International Walk to School Day. Nearly 50 children plus parents joined in the fun.

Kimberley Park joined 212 other schools across North Carolina as well as schools nationwide and in many countries around the world that are hosting events. The goals of the Walk to School Day movement include reducing childhood obesity, and pushing for more sidewalks, pathways and other safe routes for students.

International Walk to School Day, along with Walk to School Month, is an important part of Safe Routes to School, an international program that encourages communities to make it safer for more children to walk and bike to school. The program aims to reduce or prevent childhood obesity, reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality around schools. Currently North Carolina ranks 12th in the country for its high rate of childhood obesity.

The city of Winston-Salem Department of Transportation sponsors the Safe Bus Routes to School Program for the Winston-Salem urban area.

## W-S native witnesses first anniversary of Michael Brown's death

BY FELECIA PIGGOTT-LONG, PH. D. FOR THE CHRONICLE

Michael Brown, an 18-year-old unarmed African-American male, was shot and killed on Aug. 9, 2014 by Darren Wilson, a Caucasian police officer in Ferguson, Mo., a suburb of St. Louis. This shooting prompted demonstrations and protests, which sparked a national behavior contagion in the area and around the nation called the "Black Lives Matter" movement.

One year later, demonstrations, parades, and a moment of silence commemorated the shooting of Michael Brown. More than 200 returned to the Canfield Green Apartments where Brown was fatally wounded, including Paige Woods, a native of Winston-Salem who is currently working to complete her senior thesis at Harvard University. Woods is a 2012 graduate of Parkland High School.

A Social Studies/African American Studies major, Woods chose to study the reaction of residents of Atlanta to the Michael Brown shooting. Therefore, Woods spent her summer in Atlanta, but she made her way to Ferguson on the weekend of the Brown anniversary. There were moments of fear and solemnity for Woods.

"Atlanta reacted. There were marches, a conference, protests, parades, and a day of civil disobedience on Monday. The police targeted the protesters," said Woods. "They used tear gas and they used the snatch and grab method as a police technique. The police went into big crowds and would snatch and grab protestors and arrest them. They arrested white people also. They would pin point different types of people. Black cops were also snatching people."

Woods was in the crowd, but she was never snatched.

"There were close calls. I did see Dr. Cornell West orchestrate a protest with others against the U. S. Department of Justice, and he was arrested. He crossed a police barricade to deliver a letter to the governor. The police would not let them through."

Woods saw the memorial of teddy bears, balloons, flowers, candles and an emblem of remembrance that Michael Brown, Sr., and other supporters had placed on the street where his son was killed. Activists, clergy, members of Michael Brown's family gathered at the memorial to give honor on the anniversary of his death. Woods was disappointed with

how the police destroyed the makeshift street monument.

"The police did not value the teddy bear memorial. They kicked the bears and candles and burned the memorial that people had set up. My goal is to understand how persons ages 16-35 react to such events. These persons are called members of the millennium generation," said Woods. "It has been said that this generation is selfish and only concerned about us. But we had many people of this generation to rise up. I want my research to reflect that."

Woods wants her research to have an impact on the nation.

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"There is a way to have impact with my work. I want to publish my thesis and get it out there. It will contain more than 100 pages. It is due in early March," Woods said.

Woods called her mother Mabel Woods at least twenty times while she was away doing research this summer.

"I was in Ferguson for four days, and I talked to my mother everyday. I knew it was important for her to know what was going on because anything could happen," said Woods. "I wanted to make sure she was aware and as comfortable as possible."

Woods went to Ferguson with four other people who are a part of her research.

"They are my focus group for my research. I am studying people from Atlanta who are in their twenties. I chose this group because I am a member of that group. I want to understand how they are changing our perception of civil rights today. They are at the lead of the story at this moment," Woods said.

"She spent too long in Ferguson. It was too long. I prayed constantly for her protection, and I was glad when she arrived home safely," said Mabel Woods.



Woods

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