

# School

## County Middle School Highlights

We have been having real cold weather now, but inspite of all the rain and cold, the students at Perquimans Middle School are looking forward to the Easter vacation. For many students and teachers, the time is not at all too soon. Regardless of the weather, spirits have been light and cheery with the annual California Achievements Testing behind them. Along with the rain, the spring, and Easter, students have joined in with poetry.

A sampling of poetry.

"Rain Showers" by Maggie Williams

Listening, looking to grayish day. Just a watching, and a catching what you have to say. The puddles are many, very deep and wide.

Yet, you play your beat to a steady drive.

The bubbles run here and the bubbles run there.

Big ones, little ones just go anywhere;

Trying to escape without a fare splash, splash,

Plop, plop

They make a rhythm quite interesting to share.

Watching you slide down the window pane.

I can't help think how long its going to rain.

Hoping and praying that the sun will shine.

Yet I'll never forget how much I love to see the rain.

"Spring" by Cherrie Metcalf

Come up little flower your father is here to give you his warm love, along with the trees and the new born animals.

He is here to give you a warm blanket and the joy of life because Spring only comes once a year, so take care of this precious jewel because next year you will be older and everything will change.

"Easter" by Fannie Alford

Easter comes and Easter goes. Once a year you see flowers blooming for spring.

You hear the birds sing, sing, sing. Adults and children get together, they are so pretty in the spring.

Tests taken

This has been a very busy and productive week for most of the students during test taking time.

The Big Test is Back, so writes Chemise Overton. On March 17th and the 20th, the sixth and eighth graders at Perquimans Middle School took the North Carolina Science and Social Studies Test. How hard the students have worked.

From March 21st to 23rd, the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders took the California Achievement Test. These tests included spelling, vocabulary, comprehension, and Language Arts. Mathematics included both concepts and computation.

Some students in Mrs. Needham's class thought that the tests were a bit interesting but a little tiring. Ronda Johnson felt that the tests showed just what she did and did not know. Annie Elsbury felt that the tests were the easiest she had ever had to take but that she hated to take it. Portia Hunter enjoyed the California Achievement Test because it was fun. Keri Drozdowski felt that the test had its good points and its bad points and personally doesn't like to take it. Keri felt that the tests were easy but puts people under a lot of pressure for a week. The days have

been hectic according to Keri, and all tests should be taken in one or two days instead of the entire week. Students in general felt that the tests are a fair estimate of how much one knows and points to the weaknesses to be worked on.

Special Olympics

Students in Mrs. Spivey's and Mrs. Modlin's classes are gearing up for the summer games on the local, regional, and state levels. Bad weather has limited practice, but spirits are still high. Teachers and aides are busy checking and double checking permission forms and medical forms to certify that all is in order for the big events. Among the hustle, bustle, and paperwork, the fund-raising committee of Perquimans County Special Olympics (based at PMS) is sponsoring two fund raisers. The first, a raffle to be held on April 14th. First prize - 10 pound boneless ribeye. Second prize - Twenty-five dollars cash prize. Third prize, a country ham. For anyone interested in helping to support the project, please contact Ms. Linda Logan at PMS by April 12, 1989.

The second fund raiser - Hardee's Benefit Bucks. Benefit Bucks are \$1 each and can be used at any Hardee's like money. These are very useful and can be used by anyone until June 30th, 1989. Proceeds from these drives will be used to defray the cost of uniforms, supplies, food, transportation, and lodgings (at state level) for the Olympians.

Elementary Choral Festival

On April the 18th, Lyn Winslow and Jane Parr along with sixty students will take part in the Elementary Choral Festival held each year through the College of The Albemarle. Sixty students from grades four to six have been selected to perform during this time.

The students who have been selected from PMS are as follows: Amanda Shuesy, Kathryn Warren, Odell Brown, Webster Bryant, Eugene Burke, Jessica Hones, Aaron Phelps, Mark Clinkscales, David Berryhill, Kristie Roberson, Oiana Mason, Carlo Frierson, Joy McMillan, Stephanie Hammer, Alison Boone, Christy Layden, Christie Lamb, Donneshia Crittendon, Amy Whitehurst, Brock Nixon, Guy Webb, Micolle Vaughn, Anna Long, Melton Knight, Chemise Overton, Hope Jennings, Mandi Small, Christopher Gregory, Carisa Harrell, Hope Stallings, Shannon Howell, Eric Jones, Daniel Fowler, J. J. Weise, Chennelle Moore, Audra Page, Jamie Hudson, Tatisha Spruill, and Troy Higgins. We wish them the very best.

Students of the Week

Mrs. Leete A G - Heather Leicester and Jonathan Nixon; Mrs. Williams - Faron Sawyer; Ms. Pasternak - David Swiney and Tanya Mallory; Mrs. Wolverton - Curtis Whitehurst; Mr. Simmons - Ricky Hunter; Mrs. Skinner - Anna Long; Mrs. Needham - Holly Russell; Mrs. Parker - Kristi Carter; Mrs. Meads - Gwanette Askew; Ms. P. Boyce - Cheryl Westbrook; Ms. A. Boyce - Lee Lambertson; Mrs. Durant - Jeremy Riddick; Mrs. Turner - Justin Winslow; Mrs. Reid - Missy Umphlett; Mr. Eley - Kenesha White; Mrs. Colson - Yolanda Overton.

Quail egg donation

Mr. Knight's class of 75 science students would like to thank Mr. Floyd Morgan for his donation of 100 quail eggs for their class project.



Displaying winning entry "A new generation" is Christopher Gregory. Gregory was a finalist in a national writing competition.



Jenny Hurdle smiles as she displays her project "My kaleidoscope" that earned her semi-final honors in a national writing contest.

## Students build blue bird boxes

By: Ginger O'Neal

The Prevocational Industrial Arts Lab, under the leadership of Ronald Sutton, has once again volunteered to construct blue bird boxes for the Perquimans Soil & Water Conservation Committee.

Mr. Sutton's class has just finished with the construction of 50 boxes with another 75 already underway. This brings the total number of boxes constructed by the students to 340.

"The majority of boxes constructed are done during the students' lunch break giving all the sixth through eighth that are interested a chance to participate in this project," stated Sutton.

1987 was the first year the lab students participated in this project. Floyd Mathews, Chairman of the Perquimans Committee and the board of supervisors, would like to express his thanks to all of the students that helped with this project. "It is obvious by the construction quality of the boxes that the students have taken pride in this project", stated Mathews. The supervisors feel safe to say that each bird box sold houses a very "thankful" blue bird!

Anyone interested in purchasing a bird box may contact the Perquimans Conservation office at 426-5545. The office is located in the rear entrance of the county extension building. The boxes are sold at a cost of \$2.50 each, with the monies going to support the Prevocational Lab and various educational projects through the Perquimans Conservation Committee.



Pictured with Ronald Sutton, Industrial Arts Teachers, are some of the students that helped to construct bird boxes for the Perquimans Conservation Committee. Left to right they are: Ronald Sutton, Jeremy Swann, Toris Johnson, Larry Fredey, Shawn Cramer, Marvin Moore, Jermaine Coston, Horatio Lee and Kendrick Farrow.

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