

Mrs. Teague leaves lasting impression

After six fulfilling and productive years, Mrs. Teague leaves Grimsley to work for the State Department of Public Instruction.

By Margaret Hair
Reporter

Mrs. Teague will be taking a position with the State Department of Public Instruction and will be assigned to help schools that the state has taken control of due to their lack of success in recent years. In aiding the school's administrative and teaching faculties in meeting state standards and goals, Mrs. Teague will not be acting as a principal, but rather as a mentor or guide.

Mrs. Teague said that her job will be "... to make the school I'm assigned to better for the kids and the teachers." She went on to relate her goals for next year to what she does at Grimsley. She said, "Being principal at Grimsley is an opportunity to serve." Mrs. Teague feels that helping out at other schools will be another such opportunity.

At the Curriculum Fair/Walk the Schedule night held on January 28,

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The PTSA honored Mrs. Teague and celebrated her accomplishments and Grimsley's improvements during her time here. This show of parent, teacher, and student appreciation encompasses only a portion of the impact that she has had on the Grimsley community.

From her presence beside the water fountain on the first floor between classes to her willingness to talk to students while standing by the cafeteria at lunch to wheeling a trashcan around to make sure that no student leaves litter behind after eating to being on campus from sun-

rise to well after sunset, Mrs. Teague's commitment is evident and her influence is felt.

During her time as principal at Grimsley, the school has achieved the honor of two consecutive years as a top ten most improved school in the state, the School of Distinction Award, the highest SAT scores in the district with a mean score of 1105, the addition of men's and women's lacrosse teams, the leading attendance rate in the district last year at 94.3%, and an overall increase in test scores and achievement. Regarding which of these accomplishments she feels is most

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important, Mrs. Teague said that it is "up to the audience."

Regarding Grimsley's progress in recent years, Mrs. Teague said, "What I'm proudest of is that much of the recognition that Grimsley has gotten in the past years has come from all of the kids and all of the teachers. It hasn't just been those involved with AP or IB classes, but everyone doing their part, showing and demonstrating what they've learned." Students who had previously made scores classified as Level Two on standardized tests began to be Threes; those who had previously achieved Level Threes moved up to Level Fours. She holds the overall academic advancement and exhibition of increased effort as the highest achievement.

It has been six years of hard work, devotion, and endurance since Mrs. Teague came to Grimsley for that first interview. Looking back on her impression of her time here, Mrs. Teague said, "The students were as bright and hardworking as they appeared that first fall. That's what I've been the most pleased with."



Bartow photo

Mrs. Teague chats with Shelby Harris and Lindsay Ball during lunch. Students enjoy Mrs. Teague's daily lunch chats, as well as her talks before and after school. Mrs. Teague's accessibility makes students feel very comfortable to approach her.

Dr. Grier advocates Early College

Despite the concerns of many teachers and parents towards the new Early College program, Dr. Grier stands by it faithfully.

By Nicole Washington
Staff Writer

Anyone who has read the "Greensboro News and Record" or the "Rhinoceros Times" in the last few weeks will undoubtedly be aware of the Early College Program. The idea for instituting the program in Guilford County came from County Commissioner Jeff Thigpen and Superintendent Terry Grier.

Upon hearing about the program, students and parents began to question teachers for more information. Not having enough information themselves and not wanting to give out any misinformation, the Grimsley Faculty Leadership team asked Dr. Grier to come here to help clear up any misconceptions about the Early College program.

On Tuesday, March 26, Dr. Grier met with teachers and a few parents in the Media Center to address their concerns and answer questions.

He outlined the Early College program as it would be used in Guilford County. First, the program would be a partnership with Guilford College. Guilford would accept 40 to 50 ninth graders and 40 to 50 tenth graders. A student in the program can expect to finish high school in the first two years and then take college courses the next two years. The students would not be allowed to participate in Guilford College sports or other organizations. According to Dr. Grier, Guilford County Schools loses students to private schools like Greensboro Day School because the "word on the street" among influential business leaders is that private school is the only way to receive a "quality education" in Greensboro. Thus, Early College would help bring students back into the Guilford County School System.

Mr. Weaver, a Grimsley guidance counselor, served as moderator for the discussion. He presented a list of seven key questions the teachers had for Dr. Grier. One of the major concerns of the teachers was how the Early College program would affect the integrity of the AP and IB Programs. When asked, Dr. Grier included in his response the

comment that Grimsley "could be accused" of stealing students from other schools for the last six years as a result of the IB program. He also stated that he believes it will not impact the integrity of the programs and that it will draw kids back into the public school system.

Teachers also raised the point that UNC-Chapel Hill, a top destination for Grimsley students, would not accept Early College students as upperclassmen but would admit them as freshmen despite their having had two years of college courses. Dr. Grier disputed this claim, but qualified the statement by adding that he would not "gamble" on this program if he wanted his kid to go to an Ivy League school or participate in athletics at a Division I school. How the Early College program will mesh with prominent colleges still remains in question.

As far as costs go, Dr. Grier said that Guilford County Schools would not lose money. The school board would allot \$5600 per student for Early College, the same amount that the state allots now for charter

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