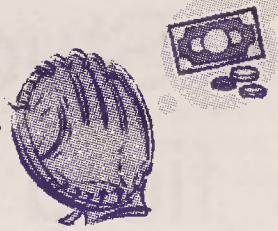




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Medical Careers gives aid

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Students in Karen Cobb's Medical Careers II class practice dressing in scrubs and putting on gloves, masks, and hair covers in preparation for clinicals they will be participating in at local hospitals. The students are learning the essentials of nursing, including taking vital signs, moving patients between wheelchairs and beds, and giving baths to patients confined to their beds. Medical Careers II is a two-period class, so the students will not miss other classes due to their participation in clinicals. After completing the course, these students will be certified Nursing Assistants, employable for at least \$9 per hour.

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In Medical Careers II, seniors Nicole Hughes, Takuya Lang, and Kristina Quinones practice sterile techniques for operating rooms, such as gowning and gloving. These students learn techniques to prepare for jobs in the medical field after graduation.

Grimsley community looks towards future

Rob Gasparello stepped down as acting principal on October 25, 2006. John Eldridge, Instructional Improvement Officer, will lead the school until Guilford County selects a new administrator.

BY KATE MALEKOFF
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Members of the Grimsley community were stunned Wednesday, October 25, when Principal Robert Gasparello informed them that, after four and a quarter years at

Grimsley, he had been chosen to administer the opening of two elementary schools, Reedy Fork Elementary and the new northern elementary school. Instructional Improvement Officer John Eldridge is filling in as Acting Principal until an interim or new principal is hired. Assistant Principals Bob Christina, Heather Hill, and Beverly McCarthy are also assuming extra responsibilities in the transition period.

"The assistant principals have been invaluable to me. They are the ones who know the day-to-day workings of Grimsley — which teachers are in which buildings, and with which students I need

to become better acquainted. I would be lost without them," said Eldridge.

Eldridge began his career in education as a teacher at Siler City Elementary School in Siler City, North Carolina. He was promoted to assistant principal after transferring to Bonlee Elementary. After working at Bonlee, Eldridge moved to Chatham Central High School, where he was named Chatham Principal of the Year in 2004-2005. He moved to Greensboro in 2005 to become Guilford County's Instructional Improvement Officer for various Guilford County high schools.

"I have no idea when a new or interim

principal will be announced. It could be next week, or it could be the end of this year," said Eldridge. Choosing a new principal will be a lengthy process. Teachers met Monday October 30 in the media center to discuss what characteristics they would like to see in a new principal. French teacher and Leadership Team Chair Dibrelle Turret conducted the meeting.

"I would like Grimsley's next principal to be able to seek, listen, and consider input from all staff and students but will also be willing to make decisions and communicate those effectively to everyone. I want our future principal to par-

ticipate more in collaborative leadership," said Civics and Economics teacher Kevin Conaway.

Eldridge met with departments during their lunch shifts to listen to their concerns about changes they want to see happen at Grimsley and worries they have about the transition period.

"As both a parent and teacher, I want to make sure the incoming principal will have a high standard for instruction and discipline. Grimsley has a very diverse student body, and I want to make sure all students and staff will be held accountable by our leader. Policies should be consistently en-

forced. Also, I would look for a new principal who exhibits a strong sense of direction, a willingness to listen to others, and a tolerance for new ideas and philosophies," said AP and Honors English teacher Charli Kelly.

Eldridge has already announced a new policy designed to reduce and eventually eliminate tardies.

"I think the enforcement of no tardies is a good idea; however, I am not sure if holding students so they miss more class time is a good idea," said sophomore Daly Brower.

Eldridge has instructed teachers to

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