

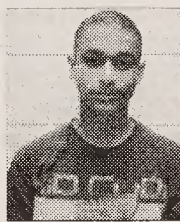


Spring Break is fun for relaxing and partying, but danger often lurks without warning.

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## the high LIFE

“ If an actual fire occurred on second floor of the Main Building, the alarm would ring, and students would begin exiting, but what if the primary exits were blocked off? How would students coming from the third floor know about the blocked-off exit? ”



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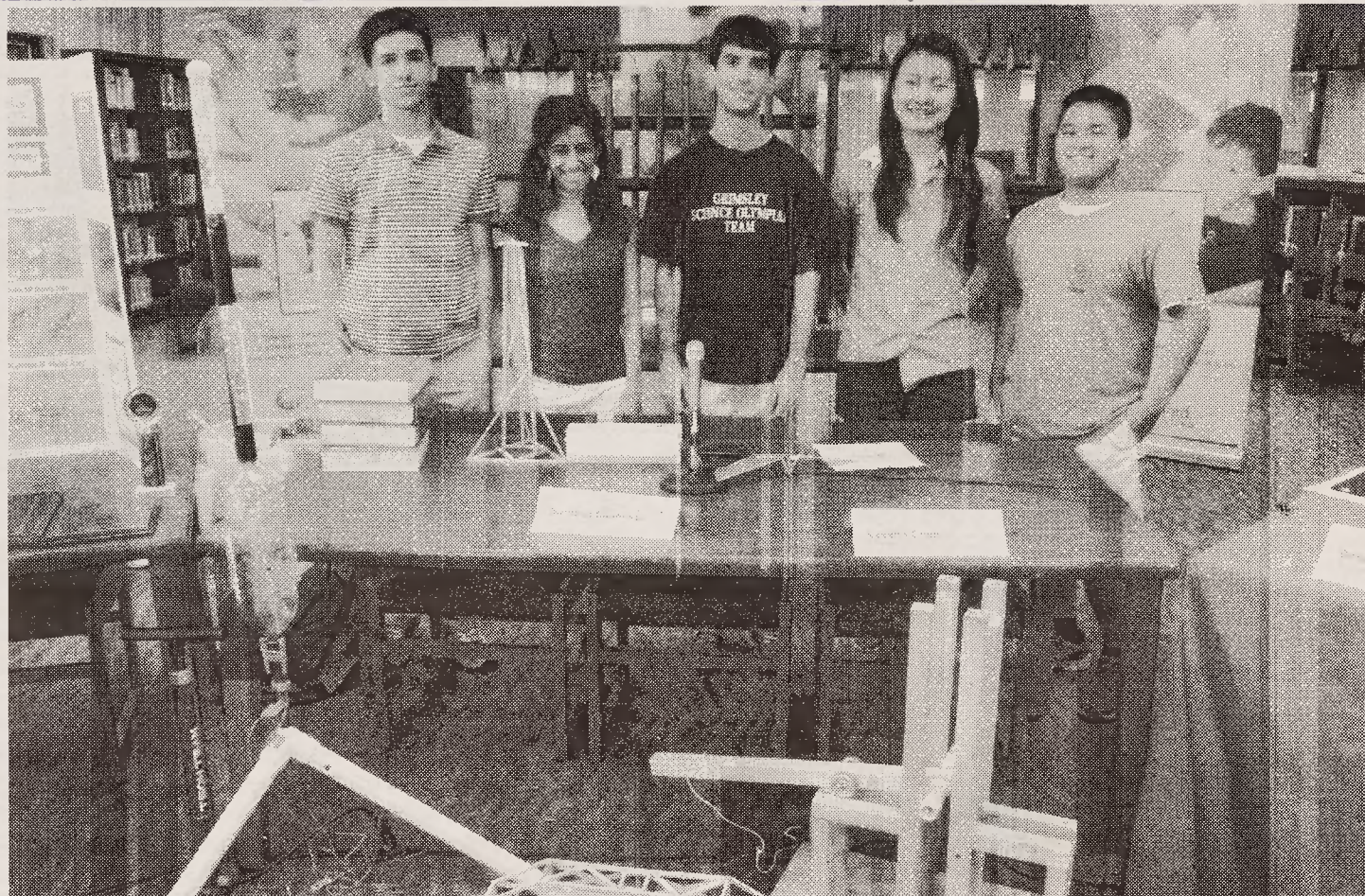
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Guilford County Schools honored Science Olympiad, along with the Robotics Team from the Early College at Guilford and a group from an elementary school, in the media center on Wednesday March 23. Superintendent “Mo” Green was scheduled to appear as well but could not attend. *Elliott photo.*

## Teachers enjoy day off campus to attend staff development on brain-based learning

BY ANNA BRADY  
Guest Writer

On March 29, teachers and staff from Grimsley High School invited other educators within the county to engage with them in a presentation on “Brain-Based Learning” from international presenter Dr. Marcia Tate. Grimsley High School and its PTSA co-sponsored the training at the Revolution Mills Event Center. Over 170 participants attended the event including staff members from Brooks Global Studies, Jesse Wharton, Lindley, and

Peck Elementary Schools, Kiser and Northwest Middle Schools, and Andrews High School, UNC-Greensboro, and GCS Curriculum, Instruction, and Central Region School Support.

In her workshop entitled “Worksheets Don’t Grow Dendrites,” Dr. Marcia Tate taught and modeled 20 instructional strategies teachers can use in their lesson plans to connect with students regardless of their achievement level. Teachers and support staff left the workshop both energized and equipped to incorporate these strategies in their daily plans.



Dr. Marcia Tate energizes teachers with her 20 “brain-compatible” instructional strategies for classroom use. She modeled many of the techniques that included movement, music, and repetition. *Brady photo*

## Whirlie community unites for school benefit as volunteers help in yard sale, spring clean up

BY VINNIE IRRIG  
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On Saturday March 19, the annual PTSA/Athletic Spring Clean Up took place, where hundreds of helping hands beautified the campus. Numerous students, teachers, coaches, and parents were involved with various activities that included painting picnic tables, pulling weeds, and spreading mulch, among other tasks. Athletic teams made improvements to their fields

and other facilities greatly in need of sprucing up.

Simultaneously, the football team and the Exceptional Children’s Education Department hosted a yard sale in the stadium parking lot and storm shelter.

“Teaming up with the Exceptional Children’s Department provided a win-win situation for the football team and OCS programs here at Grimsley,” said football coach Damon Corio, who worked closely with athletic director

Lewis Newman and Exceptional Children Department teacher Robert Stanley.

Merchandise included furniture, clothing, kitchen items, children’s toys and books. All items remaining were taken to Goodwill. In this way students not only helped to improve the school’s campus, they also aided other less fortunate people throughout the city of Greensboro to improve their lives materialistically.

“It was a great way for the football team to raise money

and be an active part of the Grimsley community,” said sophomore Jake Semon.

These events provided an opportunity for students to learn useful skills for later in life, such as interpersonal skills and math skills for dealing with customers and pricing and carpentry skills in order to make building repairs properly. Success of the event resulted in plans for another yard sale and clean up in the near future.