TEACHES NUTRITION CLASS



Mrs. Merelene Oxendine, Lunchroom Manager at Pembroke Elementary School, taught a nutrition class to the students of Mrs. Mary S. She stressed the importance the five basic food groups. balanced diet. The children 3rd grade.

minds of the children, and stressed that a proper diet is Chavis, 3rd grade teacher. not only essential for good health but the sleeping habits of eating food each day from can also improve with a

She said that maintaining were given different foods good health should be the from each food group. Every number one thought in the child had a great learning experience.

> Pictured is Mary S. Chavis, [Left] with Mrs. Oxendine and some of the students of the

Instead of going trick or treating the TMH class of Pembroke Elementary School them at PSU. There were had their own parsy. The children ate popcorn, played games and received pleuty of candy. Besides their class rown party, the student coun-TMH class to the student [Photo by Lavenia Hunt]

numerous activities planned

council for exceptional child-ren and the special education department faculty.

The teacher is Mrs. Sandra Highsmith and the assistants are Luvenia Hunt, Barbara Lowry and Odena Warriax.



Students have their own **Trick or Treat Party**

Teacher of the Year at Pembroke Jr. High



Ms. Agnes Chavis is shown Prinicpal'of Pembroke Junior receiving a plaque recognizing her as Teacher of the Year from Thomas Earl Locklear.

Mrs. Agnes Chavis has been selected as "Teacher of the Year" at Pembroke Junior High School. This selection was made by the faculty and staff. Ms. Chavis will represent Pembroke Junior High in local competition for "Robeson County Teacher of the Year."

Thomas Earl Locklear, the Principal, expressed his pride in the faculty's selection of Ms. Chavis. Locklear stated. "I am confident that Mrs. Chavis will become District Teacher of the Year."

Mrs. Chavis is in her sixth year as Educably Mentally Handicapped teacher at Pembroke Junior High. In addition to serving as chairman of the EMH department, or the "exceptional children," as she so fondly refers to them, Mrs. Chavis also teaches history and math in the 8th and 9th grades for exceptional' children.

Her teaching career includes nine years at Union Elementary School as EMH teacher and fourth and fifth grade; at Rex Rennert and Ashpole Schools she taught first grade. Her teaching career began at Green Grove School where she taught first grade. Mrs. Chavis has also taught Headstart prior to the addition of the kindergarten program. Mrs. Chavis is a graduate

Mrs. Chavis had the folloof Pembroke State College. She earned a B.S. degree wing comments related to teaching: "I always wanted to

High School. [Connee Brayboy photo] State Board of Directors at

Large of the North Carolina Association of Educators. For that organization she is a member of the American Indian Task Force, the Educational Hall of Fame; and the Finance and Personnel Committee.

She presently serves as the President of the Robeson County Associaton of Class room Teachers; and chairman of the Constitution Committee of the Robeson County North Carolina Association of Educators. She is chair person of the N.L. Consortium, the organization which speaks to

the Title IV Indian Education issue. She serves also on the Parent Committee for the Robeson County Indian Education Program.

In addition, Mrs. Chavis serves as a part time instructor for Robeson Technical College. As such she teaches adult classes two nights a week at Pembroke Junior High.

Mrs. Carrie Mable Jones serves as Chairperson of the Teacher of the Year Committee at Pembroke Junior High. That committee hosted a reception in honor of Ma Chavis on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at the school. At this time Mrs. Chavis was presented a plaque denoting her position as Teacher of the Year at PJH.

there. Additional training includes certification in exceptional children (grades 1-12) reading and speech, primary 1-3.

Mrs. Chavis' professional service includes serving on three national committees of the National Association of to the teaching profession. Educators. She serves on the The more people are involved, following committees: Minority Affairs; Human Relations and the Women's Training Cadre. She is a member of the

become a teacher because of my home training. Also because of my respect for my teachers. They were inspirational to me during my schooling. I believe that the volunteer program is an asset the better schools we'll have.' Mrs. Chavis and her husband, George Chavis, a retired school teacher, reside in Pembroke.

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