

# News from Prospect School

## Principal's Notes

Another year is on the verge of being completed. It has been a year filled with many rewarding experiences for our students and staff in both academics and athletics. This year is the first year our school has been designated a Chapter 1 Schoolwide School. As a result, our school received additional funding. This funding coupled with Prospect School's awardance of a technology grant resulted in computers, printers and software for our classrooms for student and teacher utilization.

This past December, Ms. Gwen Locklear (SACA Chairperson), Mr. Purnell Swett (Superintendent for the Public Schools of Robeson County) and myself received Prospect School's certificate for Accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in the regional SACA conference in Atlanta, Ga. We are all to be commended for this achievement.

I would like to thank our students for the hard work they've contributed in this class this year. We have bid farewell to our graduating eighth grade students as they move on to the ninth grade.

Thanks are in order to the Prospect Community for the support you've given to Prospect School. I sincerely appreciate and solicit your continued support. Thanks to our staff for your dedicated efforts this school year. **BEST WISHES FOR AN ENJOYABLE SUMMER!**



Johnny Hunt, Principal Club Day

Prospect School hosted a Club Day for the 8th grade students. The school invited representatives from Purnell Swett and Red Springs to share information about their clubs.

This gave the upcoming 9th graders a chance to get up close and personal look at the clubs these two schools have to offer. During Purnell Swett High and Red Springs High Schools visit, they displayed materials such as scrapbooks, handouts and videos. At the beginning of the program each club representative introduced themselves and their club. These efforts were coordinated by Mrs. Shelly Cummings Youth Development Specialist.

## CECNC News

The Career Club from Prospect School attended the CECNC REGIONAL CONFERENCE at Leland Middle School. They won 15 awards. Ashton Woods won Regional President. There were (3) first place winners. Sandy Jacobs won first place in Technical Report Writing. Jackie Locklear won Career Development Plan. There were (8) second place winners and (2) third place winners.

## Library News

Prospect School celebrated National Library Week, with various activities. The Library Club put on a puppet show for K-3 grade classes. A Book Fair was held. Profits will be used to purchase technology materials. Katrina Oxendine, Media Coordinator, concluded the week by cooking breakfast for the faculty and staff.

## May Day/Field Day

The theme for Prospect School's May Day Program was "Rockin' Around The Clock". Welcome was given by principal Johnny Hunt. Master of Ceremonies, Rev. Kent Chavis, introduced Prospect School's Sweethearts', Homecoming Queen, and King and Queen. Prospect School's Very

Special Arts Festival Choir performed the opening number under the direction of Music teacher Ms. Angela Hodges. Prospect United Methodist Church Pre-Schoolers performed the Hokey Pokey under the direction of Harold Jacobs. Grades Pre-K performed various dances.

Field Day activities for grades 5-8 followed immediately after May Day activities. The events included in the Field Day activities were: 50 Yard Dash

- Three-Legged Race
- Four-Legged Race
- Sack Race
- Egg Toss
- Water Balloon Toss
- Tug-of-War

## Here A Chick, There A Chick!

A pilot embryology was just recently completed by Ms. Gwendolyn Locklear's third grade students. The materials were provided by the Robeson County 4-H Extension Agency and North Carolina State University.

An incubator was delivered by Mrs. Nahir Hunt, 4-H Extension Agent. The temperature was established at 99.5 degrees which is required for proper development. On the following day, Mrs. Hunt

brought 18 fertilized eggs and put them into the incubator for a 21-day period.

At the end of the 21-days, eight (8) baby chicks were born to Mrs. Gwendolyn's students. They were very excited and at the same time very relieved. Each day students cared for the eggs by turning back and forth to prevent embryo from sticking to their shells. This was done by marking eggs on either side with an 'X' and an 'O'. Also by maintaining a temperature of 99.5

degrees and checking the humidity in the incubator, eggs continued to develop properly.

Even though all eggs did not hatch, students enjoyed the embryology project and said they would love to try it next year.

## Petting Zoo

Prospect School's students in grades PreK-3 enjoyed a visit from the Sunbeam Petting Farm owned by Michelle Patterson. The zoo was housed on the playground in three sections: sheep shearing, goat milking and a petting zoo.

Mrs. Patterson talked to students about the importance of farming and farm animals. She demonstrated shearing of the sheep, goat milking and allowed students to feed the animals in the petting zoo.

The petting farm was a wonderful informative experience for the students.

## Community Farm Tour

Mrs. Connie Bullard's kindergarten class enjoyed a Prospect Community Farm Tour. The class visited Eddie Moore's tobacco greenhouses, Henry Chavis' chicken farm, and Lawrence Locklear's farm. They learned information on growing tobacco plants and raising baby chicks. They also saw several farm animals and modern equipment. To end the visit, the students were given a thrilling tractor ride. Many thanks to Eddie Moore, Jo Ann Chavis, Lawrence Locklear, James R. Locklear, Bracey Locklear, Holly F. Locklear and Simmie Locklear.

## Very Special Arts Festival

The Very Special Arts Festival was recently held at Luther Britt Park in Lumberton, N.C. The students from Ms. Gisele Carter,

Ms. Bonnie Hunt and Ms. Barbara Noteboom's Exceptional Children class participated. The Special Arts Chorus from Prospect School presented the song "Get on Board Little Children". The Young Drums Dance Team, were also a part of the festival. The team is directed by Onyus Locklear, who is a RCC student. The Young Drums Dance Team also includes Victor Locklear, Chris Locklear and Zack Lee Locklear, also Prospect students. Other PSRC students were Amos Locklear, Marcus Locklear and Norman Locklear. Timothy Locklear also participated.

Festival Theme Song and Dance, "We Have Learned" was composed and directed by Fred Cameron, especially for the Very Special Arts Festival. Accompanist were Angie Carter, Dance Interpretation: All Festival participants... Chairperson for The Very Special Arts Festival was Ms. Nila Chamberlin. Participating on the Steering Committee were Ms. Barbara Noteboom and Ms. Bonnie Hunt. EC teachers from Prospect School.

## Special Olympics

Students from Prospect School participated in the Special Olympics

held at Pembroke State University. Students from Ms. Gisele Carter's class participated in the softball tournament. Both classes came away winners.

## Zoo Trip

Ms. Linda Oxendine and Ms. Myrna Strickland's classes visited the Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia, S.C. The classes journey began at 8:30 a.m. on Friday morning after a hardy breakfast in the school cafeteria.

Our classes were able to tour all the unique animals: camel, giraffe, snakes, lizards, gorilla, elephant, bald eagle, tiger, birds, polar bear seals, lions, zebra, ducks, fish, turtles, pigs, rabbits, sea horses, alligators, to name just a few of the animals they were able to see. The children visited the lemonade stands, ice-cream parlors and the gift shops before exiting the zoo.

The journey home was a pleasant one. The students arrived back on campus before 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Renee Chavis was the bus driver for the group, and she was an excellent driver.

## D.A.R.E. Graduation

The D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program is a project that was originated by the Los Angeles Police Dept. to prevent drug abuse in children and youth. Recognizing that there are many factors that influence students to experiment with various drugs, D.A.R.E. offers other alternatives. This past October, Prospect School was selected to participate in the D.A.R.E. program. They were the first school chosen by the Robeson County Sheriff's Dept. D.A.R.E. instructor Deputy Bruce Hunt has taught Pre-K-6th grade students how to recognize and resist the many subtle pressures that influence them to try drugs. His alternative methods to using drugs, help students build self-esteem, interpersonal and communication skills and positive decision making techniques. On May 8th, the D.A.R.E. curriculum students in grades 5th and 6th participated in the D.A.R.E. graduation exercise. They received certificates for their active participation in the D.A.R.E. program.

A WELCOME was given by principal Johnny Hunt. The D.A.R.E. summary was given by Deputy Bruce Hunt. The guest speaker was the Honorable Stanley Carmichael. Remarks were made by Sheriff Glenn Maynor and Mark Locklear of the Sheriff's Dept. Other comments were made by Major Jesse Britt of the Sheriff's Dept. Special entertainment was provided by the D.A.R.E. band.

At the conclusion of the D.A.R.E. lessons, students were asked to write an essay entitled "Taking A Stand". Deputy Bruce Hunt at the conclusion of the program presented the Essay Winners a gold medal for their winning essays. 5th grade winners were: Dezia Jo Hunt, Harold Fred Worriax and Joshua Jones. 6th grade winners were: Tarica Lowry and Kaci Dawn Locklear.

## Prom

On May 3rd, Prospect School held their Prom for the students in grades 6-8 in the school gym. The theme for the Prom was Celestial Fantasy. Faculty and staff were guests of the students. Everyone had a good time!

## Retirement Dinner

The Retirement Dinner for Ms. Rosie Mae Moore, Mr. Cleveland Locklear and Ms. Barbara Pearson will be held on June 5th, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. in the Prospect Cafeteria.

## Wildcat Cheerleaders Coach Kim Locklear

The Prospect Wildcat Cheerleaders went to cheerleading camp the summer of '95 at Appalachian State University. While they were there they learned many cheers and stunts. They won an improvement trophy and many outstanding achievements. When they came back they competed in the 1995 Robeson County Cheerleading Championship and they won 1st place in the middle School Division. They had many pep rallies this year where they did cheers, chants, stunts, dances and fun activities for the students. Wildcat Cheerleaders are: Jadelyn A. Locklear, Amber Locklear, Cherella Jones, Shannon Oxendine, Deanna Bullard, Carmen Deese, Mary Henderson, Amber Maynor, Courtney Beasley, Bobbie Hunt, Christy Jacobs and Jamie Flanagan. We would like to give a special thanks to our coach who motivated us to be the best and nothing less. She wanted 110% and that's what she got.

## Band News

On January 30th, 1996 seven Prospect Band Students auditioned for a chair on the All-County Band. It consists of band students that perform from all over Robeson County that perform well on their individual instruments. The following students Prospect School made a chair in the band: Carmen Deese-Baritone, Abigail Barton-Trumpet, Charlene Barton-Trumpet, Danielle Chavis-Clarinet, Everette Moore-Drumset.

The All-County Band Festival was held at Robeson Community College on February 23 and 24, 1996 with a formal band performance held on the 24th. The festival was a huge success.

Congratulations to these students for the performance job that was VERY well done. On Saturday, February 10, 1996 two Prospect Band Students traveled to Siedman Junior High School in Fayetteville, NC to audition for the North Carolina All-District Band. The N.C. All-District Band consists of students from the counties of Robeson, Cumberland, Columbus, Bladen, Hoke, Moore, Scotland, and Brunswick. Approximately 500 students auditioned for the band but only approximately 150 were chosen to perform. The following students from Prospect School made the N.C. All-District Band:

Carmen Deese - Baritone  
Abigail Barton - Trumpet  
The N.C. All-District Band Festival was held on the weekend of February 16, 1996. It ended with a formal concert on Sunday, February 18, 1996 which was fantastic. Let's hope that these two students are the first of many, many more Prospect Students to receive the honor of performing in the N.C. All-District Band!!!

Congratulations to these two students for a super, super job resulting from hours of hard work!

## Football 95-96

The team won its first conference championship with an undefeated record in a conference play! Players were: Jay Oxendine, Patrick Barton, Richard Chavis, Jason Locklear, Eugene Dial, Everette Moore, Blake Locklear, Timothy Clark, Derrick Maynor, Jeremiah Woods, Ashton Woods, Jason Hammond, Scott Bullard, Chris Locklear, Brandon Locklear, Billy Lee, Shone Locklear, Carlton Dixon, Phillip Lowery, Chad Rachels, Brent Deese, Kenneth Ray, Jessie Chavis, John Locklear, Joseph Locklear, Graham Epps, Shaun Maynor, Nemehiah Woods, Kemp Harris, James H. Locklear, Donanon Hunt.

Coaches: Alan Locklear, Brian Evington, Joseph Johnson

Managers: Rebecca Locklear, Juliet Hunt  
A very special

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Mr. Johnny Hunt principal of Prospect Middle School. Mr. Hunt was selected "Principal of the Year" for The Public Schools of Robeson County.



DARE graduation students



Mrs. Cathy Hammonds, 5th grade teacher and Deputy Bruce Hunt, DARE officer.



Shown are members of the Red Springs French Club.



Shown are representatives of the Athletic Department of Purnell Swett High School.

# Fund Raiser Dinner

# ROSE MARIE LOWRY-TOWNSEND

# CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1996

7:00 P.M.

## PURNELL SWETT SR. HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

DONATION \$100.00