

Easton Center hosts fund raising events

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The Easton Center for Year-round Academic Acceleration and Enrichment has been blessed with strong officers, teachers, parents and students who support the overall program. The officers for the fiscal year of 1998-99 are as follows: Felecia P. McMillan, president; Sherman Transou, vice president; Vanessa Wilson, secretary; Regina Elcock, treasurer; Gia Tillery, grade parent coordinator; Dawn Ayers, fund-raising chairman; Teresa Gaither, PTA member at large; Kasha Hill, membership chairman; Cynthia Samuels, hospitality chairman; Steve Floral, principal; and Alfreda Hairston, assistant principal.

The officers held a planning session in August to set up a yearlong program. The projects that the PTA voted to support for the year were the development of the parent resource center, the nature trail behind the school, age-appropriate playground equipment for the students and additional books for the media center. Fund raisers and community activities that were scheduled to support this program included the PTA Hot Dog Supper, schoolwide yard sale, \$1,000 raffle, school yearbook, spring carnival; fish fry, homeroom holiday activities (sponsored by grade parents) and yard clean-up.

The PTA Hot Dog Supper was held on Aug. 27, where more than 250 parents, teachers, students and faculty attended. According to Kasha Hill, membership chairman, more than 80% of the school population are members of the PTA. The meeting was very spirited including a selection from FROG teacher Jackie Scott, "The Lord's Prayer," a motivational call and response called "Minute by Minute" and door prize offering for members. All of the food, condiments and drinks for the hot dog supper were donated by the parents, teachers and faculty of Easton Elementary School. There was more than enough food, fellowship and fun.

Members won prizes donated by Dawn C. Ayers of Christmas Around the World, Dennis Mitchell of Eckerd Rural Hall, Ellise-Marie Boutique for Women of Distinction, Felecia McMillan, Fresh Cut Barber Shop, Justin Lang Choice Video of Rural Hall, La Carreta, Inc., La

Perlita su Tienda Mexicana #1, La Providencia Su Tienda Hispana, Mae Piggott, Maxx's Studio, Miller's Complete Clothing Store, PB's Takeout, Pryme Time Bar and Grill, Records Elizeth, Talbot's Kids and The Chronicle.

Dawn Ayers, fund-raising chair, with the assistance of PTA officers and parents, organized the first schoolwide yard sale in September.

Parents and faculty took part in the free enterprise system. Several parents and teachers sponsored tables with great bargains. The theme for the yard sale was "One Person's Junk Is Another One's Treasure." Not only were there designer bargains, there were also good food and fellowship.

Two food vendors sold fried fish, barbecue, hot dogs, lemonade and other treats. This sale was so successful in building community relationships, that another one was held in October.

The Money Raffle began on Nov. 2, and was to extend until Nov. 30.

Sherman Transou vice president led this effort which has brought in more than \$5,000 toward the PTA projects. The winner for the raffle is to be announced at the PTA meeting on Dec. 15, along with those students and teachers who made top sales. Cynthia Samuels, hospitality chair, was helpful in making sure the money was counted on a daily basis. All of the students and those who participated will receive a prize of recognition for their hard work. The teacher who sold the most tickets will also receive a reward. The PTA officers take off their hats to Transou for bringing this idea to the board, and helping to make it such a success.

For the first time, Easton has the opportunity to purchase a collection of memories from the school. Fund-raising chairman Dawn Ayers has spearheaded the yearbook campaign which will end during the December PTA meeting. The book will contain glossy color photos of the students and photos of activities around the school. Many parents are appreciative of the opportunity to keep a record of memories and support the school at the same time.

For Grandparents' Day, students submitted essays about "Why



A family shows off a gown during Easton's yard sale.

I Love My Grandparents." Nine of the essays were printed in "The Chronicle." The PTA would like to thank all of the teachers and Students who submitted essays. But most of all, the hope is that students will continue to love their grandparents, to learn all they can from them and to recognize their value as elders in the family and community.

Easton has some of the finest teachers in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System. In the teacher appreciation department, Cynthia Samuels, hospitality chair, has been a strong advocate. She remembers to send cards to teachers and faculty members on a regular basis. She also sends Thank You cards to the businesses and parents who assist the school on a regular basis. What is more, she sponsored a beautiful dessert spread for the teachers which included a variety of cakes, pies and pastries, all made with love. She also participated with Gloria Mackin, school hospitality chairman, in giving holiday gifts to the teachers.

Regarding grade parents, Gia Tillery, grade parent coordinator, made sure that each classroom had a list of the upcoming holiday and cultural focuses for the school so the parents can take the initiative to give treats to students during these occasions. Parents are also invited to hold storytime for these holidays or other activities. For example, Boney's second-grade class wrote

Thank You cards to their parents for the Thanksgiving holiday and also received treats from the parents.

PTA encourages grade parents and teachers to support upcoming holidays such as, Christmas Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Black History Month, Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, Valentine's Day and Easter.

Upcoming events include the spell-a-thon that will be held in February. Principal Steve Flora will arrange this event.

Students will be asked to participate in the schoolwide spelling competition. Teresa Gaither, member at large, will organize the spring carnival which will be held on May 1.

The PTA officers have donated to Freda's Math All-Stars, which helps to boost math scores. Alfreda Hairston, assistant principal, gets parents to assist with this activity and also conducts math competitions regularly in addition to her other responsibilities as principal. Also, Hairston wrote a proposal for a grant that will supply \$20,000 to help develop the Nature Trail for the school. The PTA officers will assist with funds for playground equipment. Vanessa Wilson, secretary, is currently doing research on appropriate equipment for the students.

The PTA of Easton Center for Year-round Academic Acceleration and Enrichment would like to thank the parents, teachers and students for their participation thus far.

Jiggy January



Students and teachers at Mineral Springs Elementary School celebrated "Jiggy January" by wearing their pajamas and wackiest hair styles to school last Friday. Above, Chris Chaplain, 5, sports his favorite "Pluto" pajamas. Assistant Principal Essie McKoy, dressed in her pjs and a robe, reads a book to a first grade class. The month-long event encouraged students to "get fired up" about their school and start the New Year off right.

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