



Head Start

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regular visits to the center to interact with the children.

Friday, three men from such organizations paid a visit to the center, which is on East End Boulevard. They spent the morning visiting classrooms and playing with children, who range in age from 3 to 5, during their recess period, which on this day was held in the gymnasium because of rain.

The kids did as kids do. The gym was a flurry of activity. Some jumped rope while others pedaled Big Wheels and bicycles at high speeds. Others practiced free throws on a miniature basketball frame or practiced turns and flips on an obstacle course of mats. The scene may have been overwhelming for some, but not for Jeff Jones, one of the male volunteers.

"I like kids, so this is not a problem for me," he said. Jones heads The Code, a youth pregnancy prevention program run by Catholic Social Services. Jones is no stranger to Head Start. He has come to visit before to read to the children. He is beginning to remember some of the kids by names and faces.

Shelia Cunningham said the children have openly embraced Jones and other male volunteers. Cunningham has taught at the center for 13 years, and for most of that time she has pushed for a stronger male influence there.

"It is so important because a lot of these children come from homes where there are absent fathers," she said. Cunningham hopes that the boys see in the adult mentors examples of strong, caring males. She also thinks it is important for the girls in the program to be exposed to adult males.

"Girls need to know what kind of men they need to meet in the near future," she said.

Willard Tanner doesn't mind if the kids view him as a role model. Tanner and LaShun Huntley, both of the county's Fathers and Friends program, were the other two volunteers Friday. Fathers and Friends works with local men on issues ranging from employment to child rearing.

"All kids need nurturing and love from a male," Huntley said. "I am proud that I can help provide that."

Sunday still hopes to grow the male mentoring program, especially by increasing the number of Hispanic males involved. The Head Start program is overwhelmingly populated by African-American and Hispanic youngsters.



Vocalist Maynor to perform at WSSU on Oct. 18

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Scottish Opera.

Winston-Salem State University Lyceum Cultural Events - Academic Series will present Kevin Maynor in concert on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium.

A master class will be presented earlier that day in the Fine Arts Building, room 111, at 3:30 p.m. Both events will be free and open to the public.

Maynor, an American bass, has sung more than 40 operatic roles in five different languages in the United States, Europe, South America, and Russia. He is a Fulbright Award winner and the first artist from a Western nation to have studied as an apprentice at the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow.

Maynor is well-known in both concert halls and opera houses. He has sung roles with the Lyric Opera of Chicago, New York, Cincinnati Opera, Teatro Municipal of Santiago, Edmonton Opera, Opera Pacific, and the

He has also sung with the symphony orchestras of Atlanta, Fort Worth, New Orleans, Milwaukee, and the Buffalo and Long Island Philharmonics, among others.

As a recitalist, Maynor has received praise throughout the United States, Europe, and Africa.

Maynor has a diploma from the Manhattan School of Music, a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Bradley University, a master's degree from Northwestern University,

and a honorary degree from the Moscow Conservatory. While in Italy, he studied with Paula Molinari at the Teatro Comunale di Bologna.

He is currently a doctoral candidate at Indiana University in Bloomington.

He is a recipient of numerous awards, including the George London Award from the National Institute for Music Theater and the Richard Tucker Career Grant.



Maynor

Anti-violence week is Oct. 16-22

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Locally, the week will be

The YWCA of Winston-Salem will observe a Week Without Violence Oct. 16-22. Nationally, the YWCA Week Without Violence marks its 10th anniversary this year. This national YWCA observance challenges communities to spend seven days without condoning, committing or contributing to acts of violence and hate.

This year's observance will focus on relationship abuse, encouraging an end to violence including date rape, domestic violence and child abuse.

highlighted on Wednesday, Oct. 19, at noon when residents across the city "Blow the Whistle" on crimes against women. At selected sites, the YWCA will distribute whistles and count down to noon, when there will be a coordinated symbolic whistle blowing.

Whistle blowings will be held at Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church, Salem College, Rupert Bell Recreation Center and at the YWCA. All community residents and groups are invited to participate at one of the locations.

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