



Kennedy students lead conferences with their parents.



## Kennedy using student-led conferences

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Kennedy Learning Center has started Student-Led Conferences as a way to put students and parents together to talk about what is going on at school.

During a Student-Led Conference, parents and students sit down together at school to discuss students' progress. What makes this type of conference unique is that the student leads the conference. The teachers are nearby in case parents have specific questions or concerns, but it is the student who is completely in charge of the conference.

The student presents a portfolio that includes work samples from each subject area, teacher evaluations of academic progress and behaviors, report cards, student-generated written goals for improvement and reflections about school and life.

"Feedback from both parents and students has been enthusiastic and positive," said Bertha Caldwell, principal of Kennedy Learning Center. "Our students are excited about taking credit for their work and genuinely happy that their parents came to school. Parents are so grateful to get an inside view of how their child is doing. We hope that it will open up a

dialogue between parents and children that will carry over to the home."

The purpose of the Student-Led Conference is twofold. When students present their work, they are placed in a position of assuming responsibility for what they have done. If assignments are missing, that is recorded in a section called, "Missing Work." Students are placed in the position of explaining to the parent why the work was not turned in. It is also an opportunity for the student to share their successes, something that is sometimes overlooked when report cards and progress reports are issued.

## Charter school holds annual legacy awards

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Quality Education Schools, a local charter school, spotlighted local heroes at its recent 12th Annual Legacy Banquet held at the new Hilton Garden Inn. This year's theme was, "Honoring Our Heroes, the Stepping Stones from the Past, of the Present, and to the Future."

"Through the recognition and celebration of our own local heroes, we can provide a conduit through which many other potential Presidents from our community may pass," Simon Johnson, the executive director of Quality Education Schools, said of the purpose of the event. "Behind every fear there is a wish; it is our time to replace fear with courage and to not wish but to envision our destiny and our future."

Judge Denise Hartsfield served as mistress of ceremonies, while the group One Accord of Charlotte performed. This year's special



QES Board Chairman Grady Crosby, School Co-Founder Cloy Cecil, Basketball Coach I. Pitts and the Rev. L.A. Stamps pose with Quality Education Schools' basketball team after the ceremony.

honorees were Beulah Rozier, a local philanthropist and long time supporter of Quality Schools; and the Rev. L.A. Stamps, an educator and former youth corrections administrator.

Portraits of the new and

past honorees adorned the corridors of Quality Education Schools. Past honorees include Charlie Hardesty (Forsyth Seafood Proprietor); Nicole Transou (former school administrator); Valinda Turner (math teacher); Ben

Ruffin (former community activist and RJR executive); Mary Sharpe (former school teacher); Veronica Black (former Wachovia executive); and Dr. L.V. Stennis (missionary and pastor).

### Lesson

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little town in Galilee, Nazareth. Notice how God acted within human history. The angel's task was to inform a young espoused virgin that she would bear the Son of God. The Holy Spirit came upon Mary and it was so! The angel also told her that Elizabeth, her relative, was also expecting a child. Mary accepted all that she heard because she was a servant of God. She decided to visit Elizabeth in the region of Judea (Judah). Upon entering Zechariah's house, she greeted her cousin. Elizabeth's babe in her womb leaped and she was filled with the Holy Spirit. She made her proclamation to Mary.

**Lesson:** Mary's song of praise is the Scripture for today's lesson. These verses are often called the Magnificat. It is quite famous throughout the Christian world for it has inspired many musical pieces and devotionals. It gets that title because it is the first word of the praise in the Latin Vulgate transla-

tion. The Magnificat is similar to Hannah's song found in I Samuel 2:1-10. "Both hymns of praise express devotion to God and praise for His power" (NIV Standard Lesson Commentary). Mary's song begins with recognition that God chose her a peasant girl. She doesn't hesitate about the community's reaction. She simply praises God! Her opening implies that she listened well in the synagogues of Nazareth. At this point, she describes the compassion of God. He extends His mercy (hesed) to those who love and reverently respect Him. Hesed refers to God's covenant love that is given to all. God is compassionate for the downtrodden. He doesn't forget the meek and lowly! She will be called blessed not because she is doing but because of Who she carries. God is there for His people (descendants of Abraham) just like He said He would be. God values them while society shuns them. As she continues to praise Him, she acknowledges His power and holiness. In verses 51-53, Mary presents God as a revo-

lutionary who ushers in a new era. His actions spark a new moral revolution in that there is no room for arrogance. The social revolution occurs because those who were last will become first. When the hungry are fed and the rich go lacking, the economic revolution begins! Mary indicates that God has been faithful to Israel. Great is His faithfulness!

**Application:** Mary's song is ours as well. No, we aren't carrying baby Jesus but God chose us for a special task. Your presence here is no mistake! How do you show God that you are appreciative? Our appreciation manifests itself in our commitment to doing His Will. Like Mary, we're on a journey. Will you remain until the end? The Scriptures don't imply her perfection so don't use that as an excuse to drop the baton. The revolution continues today. Examine your life! The revelations are astounding and should motivate us to sing His praises as well. Nothing is impossible with God! We too serve privileged roles; are you committed to the task?

### Calendar

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**Rainbow Tea**  
Temple of Prayer, Praise and Deliverance will have its Rainbow Tea 2008 on Dec. 13, with special guest Bishop Jerideau of Miracle and Faith Deliverance Ministry of Charleston, S.C. The service will start at 7 p.m. The church is led by Pastor Apostle Louise Baker, and Co-Pastor Elder Frank Baker.

### Dec. 14

**Joint worship service**  
Living Witness Baptist Church will worship with Abundant Life Ministries on Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. Pastor Harry Reynolds and congregation will be the guest. The

host pastor is John Mitchell. The church is at 6860 Highway 311 North in Walkertown.

**Mime ministry**  
Salvation and Praise Cathedral will present Kingdom Purpose Prophetic Mime Ministry on Dec. 14 at 2:30 p.m. at the Kernersville Community Club House.

### Dec. 21

**Holiday events at Mt. Olive**  
On Sunday, Dec. 21 at 4 p.m., Mount Olive Baptist Church will celebrate Christmas with the Birth of Christ in song and dance. On Dec. 24, from 7 - 8 p.m. a Pre-Birthday Celebration for Jesus will be held, and on Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 10 p.m., the church will hold its Watch Night Service with

singing and dancing. The public is cordially invited to attend any and all of these events.

The host pastor is Dr. Charles E. Gray. The church is at 1301 C. E. Gray Drive.



Pastor Gray

**VIP Banquet**  
Life Changing Transformation Church Ministries will hold its 3rd annual VIP Banquet on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Hawthorne Inn, 420 High Street. For tickets, contact Pastor Alice Mitchell at 336-995-3516 or Brenda Chadwick at 336-391-7153.



### LODGE GIVES BACK

Brothers Neil Batchlor, Kelyv Greene and William E. Stephenson of Salem Lodge No. 139 recently were among those who helped prepare Thanksgiving boxes that were donated by the lodge to four Winston-Salem families. The Sisters of Meridian Chapter No. 308 were also busy assembling Thanksgiving boxes for two other local families. The Sisters pictured are: (from left) Frances Campbell, Jennifer Lyons, Wyvonia Attucks, Mary Carter, Annette Sunday, Stacy Andrews and Selina Jones.



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