



The men and the boys have some one-on-one time in the school's media center.

REAL MEN MENTOR!

Male-involvement program a huge success at Kimberley

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

To have 20 men show up for any event would be, in this day and time, considered a great turnout. However, when Kimberley Park Elementary School (KP) saw more than 40 men walk into its historic halls, there was reason to celebrate.

On Tuesday, March 17 the school hosted the First Annual Muffins, Morning Work and a Meal with my Mentor.

KP has recognized the importance of the male role model in the lives of their young boys. The school noticed that there has been a strong presence of men in the school over the year and decided to express its gratitude to them for being such a presence.

Conversations between Dr. Amber Baker, the principal of the school, and Guidance Counselor Adeola Durotoye birthed the idea for the program.

The idea of recognizing the men was a spin-off from an event that Jenny Gray, the EC specialist, and James Dunbar,



The pairs prepare to play a game.

the home-school coordinator, had read an article about in The Chronicle.

Dunbar states, "Ms. Gray actually reinforced the idea of recognizing the dads. I had read the article, but then she brought it to my attention that that same thing should happen here; so we started talking and planning and all of this just kind of happened."

The event (Muffins, Morning Work, and a Meal with my Mentor) started with dads, mentors, and male role

models eating breakfast with their male students.

Afterward, each man went with his child to class to sit in on the child's morning classroom routine and to provide assistance with the child's morning work.

There was a mentors' gathering in the media center that allowed the men to engage each other in conversation about the plight of men and young men in today's society. The discussion was led by Marcellus Sunday, the Parent

and Male Involvement Director at Sarah Y. Austin Head Start Center. The discussion was very moving for all the men.

"The unexpected turnout, though a pleasant surprise, created such an overflow that we found ourselves literally running around getting extra chairs from rooms to accommodate the crowd," Dunbar stated.

Before reconvening for a meal, the men and their students indulged in a bonding

and team building activity. The students/mentors also participated in some fun activities that promoted unity among the men and the boys.

With the assistance of local businesses, lunch was provided for the mentors to eat with their boys. Although the event ended around noon, some of the men stayed through the remainder of the school day.

The day was truly a successful event. The men have stated that this type of occasion must continue to happen. In response to the requests, the school will be planning another event for the men in late April or early May. This event, which will take place on a Saturday, proposes additional workshops for the men, more teambuilding activities, haircuts, a basketball game and much more.

More mentors and additional support are needed for this project. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, a volunteer, or sponsor, contact James L. Dunbar at 336-703-6731 or by e-mail at jldunbar@wsfcs.k12.nc.us.

A busy month planned at House of Faith Outreach Center

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House of Faith World Outreach Worship Center, 1384 West Sedgefield Dr. in the Morningside Community, will have the Last Seven Words on Friday, April 10 at 7 p.m. Ministers of the House of Faith will be speaking.

The church will be having its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11 at 11 a.m. There will be prizes, candy, food and money in a prize egg.

Later that day, at 6 p.m., House of Faith will have a Pre-Women's Conference event with special guest speaker Pastor Elizabeth Mock of New Beginnings Outreach Ministries of Mocksville.

The church will have its Revival April 17 - 19. Pastor Donald Keaton of Field of God will speak on April 17 and 18 at 7 p.m. On April 19 at 6 p.m., the Rev. Thomas Patterson of the House of Faith will be the speaker.

House of Faith's Seventh Annual Women's Conference will start on April 23 at 7 p.m. with guest speaker Prophetess Annette Neely of Keeping the Faith Deliverance Church of Mocksville. On April 24 at 7 p.m., Prophetess Diane Patterson will be the speaker.

A Prayer Brunch will be held on April 25 at 10 a.m. On April 26 at 5 p.m., Apostle Florence Bryant of Ark of Safety Ministries of Charlotte will speak.

For more information, call Pamela Jordan at 336-785-0333.



The scouts with Pastor James E. Cook.

Scouts take part in honor ceremony for Rev. Samuels

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church Boy Scouts and Cub Pack Troop 815 and troop leaders celebrated Rev. J. R. Samuels' Second Annual Pastor Emeritus Day on Sunday, March 22.



Rev. J. R. Samuels guided the scouting program during his time as pastor of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist.

Scout Michael Howell honored Rev. Samuels with a beautiful plaque. They thanked him for starting Troop 815; for being a great executive leader and for always being there to support them. The youngsters say that Rev. Samuels will always be in their prayers.

Scout James Flynt honored current Pastor James E. Cook with a plaque for his service as the new executive officer of the St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church Boy Scouts and Cub Pack Troop 815. Scout leader Tamara Alexander honored Rev. Samuels with a plaque from Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke.

The Rev. Bevelena Davis praised Samuels during the service for all the "sons and daughters" that he has helped to succeed in life. Samuels has always been a role model for the scouts and so many others.

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