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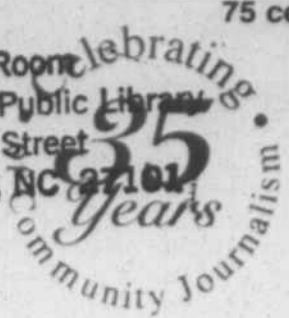
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## Classmates give young cancer survivor loving summer send-off

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North Hills Elementary School paid tribute to a brave student last week, on the last day of school.

"Today, we are going to honor a very special student here at North Hills," Principal Karen Morning-Cain said as she introduced 10-year-old Myah Roseboro. "We talk about courage and strength everyday ... and she's an excellent example of that."

Myah, who just completed her fourth grade year at North Hills, has been battling cancer since November of 2009.



"I wanted the kids to do this as well as our staff because we need to let people know how we feel about them while we can," commented Joan Blair, who organized the June 10 program. "Myah, throughout the year, has kept a wonderful smile. She's still my little girl, and I admire her so much."

Fourth and fifth graders at the school expressed their well wishes to Myah in hand-drawn cards. Some students were selected to read their cards to Myah during the brief program held in the school's gymnasium.

"I am so glad you are well instead of ill," one student read. "I pray and pray that you will feel better."

"When you said you had cancer, I was sad," said another one of Myah's classmates. "I'm so happy I didn't lose you."

Myah accepted the accolades with grace and poise. She hugged each student after they read their cards and maintained a bright smile throughout the program. Afterwards, she paused on the steps of the stage to pose for a picture taken by her mother, Kellie Roseboro, as she held flowers that were presented to her by Blair.

"I think it's wonderful. I believe that even if Myah didn't have cancer, she would be worthy of a celebration like this because of the greatness she shows within herself," said Myah's paternal grandmother, Margaret Pelzer, one of Myah's many family members who were on hand for the event. "She's getting just what she deserves."

Myah's father, Collie Pelzer, said he was grateful that the school



Myah Roseboro (center) poses with friends Kami Hairston, Abigail Mosqueda, Marianna Black, Meyisha Glover, Kiara Alexander and Khylisha Coachman after the celebration.

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Ben Chavis speaks on Sunday from the pulpit.

## Lessons from a Legend

Ben Chavis talks about his storied Civil Rights career

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A local congregation got a visit from one of America's most recognizable freedom fighters this week.

Members of Emmanuel Baptist Church welcomed Dr. Benjamin Chavis Jr. to their pulpit on Sunday.

"We're still trying to bring peace to this world and I'm very proud of Ben," Rev. John Mendez,

Emmanuel's pastor for nearly three decades, said in his introduction of Chavis, who spoke during the morning worship service.



Rev. Mendez

"He has not turned back, not compromised, not abandoned, not given up, but continued to fight for justice."

During his storied career, Chavis has worn many hats. He served as executive director and CEO of the National NAACP and a top official in the Nation of Islam - helping to organize its iconic Million Man March.

The Oxford, N.C. native began fighting for civil rights at the tender age of 13, when he integrated his local library by becoming the first African American to obtain a library card.

"If you don't challenge an injustice, it's always going to be an injustice," Chavis told

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## Road for Carter graduates tougher than most



Graduate Roderick Phelps with (from left) his sister, Belinda, and parents, Kenneth and Brenda Phelps.

BY TODD LUCK  
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There was no shortage of cheers and applause for the 26 graduates that made up the C. Douglas Carter Vocational High School Class of 2010.

Carter is the only exclusively special needs high school in the county. Students with emotional, physical and mental disabilities are taught life skills and trained in various vocations. The goal is to prepare the students to one day live life as independently as possible. Students stay at the school for up to eight years and receive a certificate of attendance upon graduation.

Students walked, maneuvered their wheels chairs - one even ran - to get their certificates as their names were called out



Michelle "Mimi" Waldrep

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## A WAY OUT



Arlene Crump Peebles is surrounded by some of her volunteer advocates.

Grassroots ministry works to empower abuse victims

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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It has been several decades since Arlene Crump Peebles escaped from an abusive relationship that nearly claimed her life. But her vow to leave no victim of abuse behind has kept her in the trenches, where she comes face-to-face everyday with women whose stories mirror her own.

It was God, she says, that gave her the vision for Alabaster Place, Inc., a not-for-profit faith-based ministry that works to prevent and identify abuse and helps to

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## Looking In



Reagan High student Rae-Yao Lee looks into a piece of art that she helped to create for the "Transforming Race" exhibit. To read more about the exhibit, see page B1 of this week's edition.

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