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Zawadi is Swahili for gifts given to children at the end of Kwanzaa. Children are our gifts.

New league groupings

In sports, the middle schools are new and improved this year. Since more junior high schools (7-9 grades) have converted to middle school (6-8 grades) the conferences have changed.

The new conferences are as follows:

Northern - Alexander, Coulwood, Marie G. Davis, Ranson, Spagh, Northwest and Wilson.

Southern - Alexander Graham, Carmel, Kennedy, Quail Hollow, Randolph, Sedgefield, Smith, South Charlotte.

Eastern - Cochrane, Albemarle Road, Eastway, Hawthorne, McClintock, Northeast, Northridge and Piedmont.

In order for students in middle school to play sports, Charlotte-Mecklenburg encourages students to seek and maintain high academic achievement.

All students must have at least a 2.0 grade point average and attend school at least 85% of the time. Students that turn 15 before the Oct. 16 cannot participate in any sports.

Sixth graders, new at most middle schools, may not participate on or be a manager for any sports team.

Student athletes also must have a yearly physical by a duly licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physicians assistant. Individuals or teams may not except prizes, merchandise or

money.

Athletes may not practice during the school day.

Students and parents must attend a meeting at the beginning of the season. At this meeting students and parents sign pledges that students and parents will be models of good sportsmanship.

Student athletes must be good students first and athletes second. Classwork must be maintained on as high a level as the athlete is capable of performing.

Athletes must be on time for games, practice, class and school.

*Demario Raley
Cochrane Middle School,
8th grade*

Hear the beat

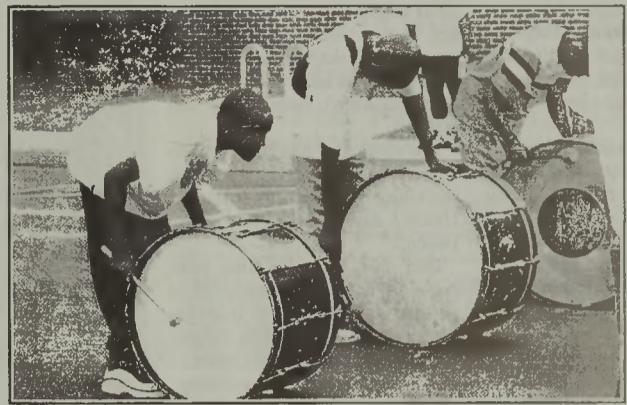


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The 50-year-old Madison Concert Band from the United House of Prayer performs Saturday at the new Beatties Ford Road Public Library, part of a weekly series of events. This week a trio called Upscale appears at 3 p.m.

Reading Rainbow

Della Scales, a Briarwood Elementary School 3rd grader, and Kabray Myers, a Chantilly Elementary School 2nd grader, were winners in the 1997 Reading Rainbow writing contest sponsored by WTVI. Della placed 2nd in her age group. Kabray placed 3rd in his.



Kabray



Della

Journey to land of Oz

All of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools third graders will see "The Wizard of Oz," a production by the Childrens Theatre of Charlotte.

The shows will be in October.

The production is part of the citywide "Oz" project, which uses L. Frank Baum's story as part of the school curriculum in grades K-8. Discovery Place will host a concurrent "Oz" related exhibit.

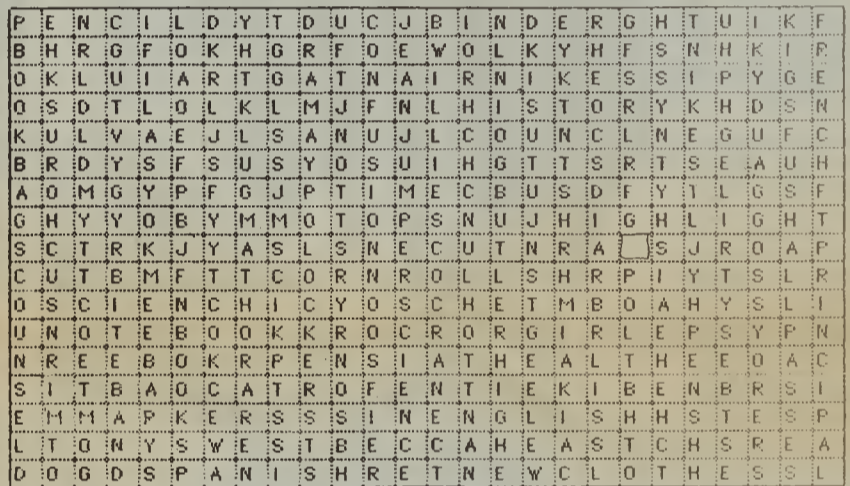
The Childrens Theatre is celebrating its 50th year with the lavish musical production.

In addition to weekday performances for the school children, weekend evening and matinee performances are planned.

Call the theatre box office for ticket information at 333-8083, weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

*Jamerica Toney
Cochrane Middle School
8th grade*

Crossword Puzzle



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| Jean jumpers | English | Binder | Rules | Willies | Cornroll |
| Hall passes | Drama | Pencil | Pens | Tommy Boy | Spanish |
| Books | Fall sports | Nikes | Braids | Highlight | Reebox |
| Lockers | Confusion | Nike Air | Butler | Art | New clothes |
| French | Health | Markers | High | History | |
| Bus | Filas | Band | Chorus | Book bags | |
| Notebook | Principal | Math | Science | Paper | |



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Briefs

On Saturday and Sunday, the Mecklenburg County Health Department, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Atlantic Health Plans and the Wellness Plan of N.C. will conduct "KinderGuard - Getting Kids Ready To Learn," a 2-day kindergarten physical and immunization event.

KinderGuard will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Beatties Ford Road Health Department, 2845 Beatties Ford Road.

There is no charge and no appointment is necessary. A parent or responsible adult must accompany the child and bring the child's shot records.

For more information, call 336-4667.

Androgeena, a Real Puppet, will entertain in the Public Library's CityFair Series on 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Sept. 27. The CityFair Series is a once-a-month program for the whole family. Androgeena tells stories, sings, quotes poetry and rap and does improvisational comedy.

Her storytelling interactions are designed to stimulate creative thinking, a "can do" attitude, a sense of self-worth and a love of reading.

Jumping for Wellness



Members of the Amay James Double Dutch Team pause during last month's Jumping for Wellness competition at the Grady Cole Center. The event was co-sponsored by the Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department. Wally Wellapple, the Wellness Plan mascot, is pictured with the Amay James team.

The Charlotte Post staff is proud to welcome the students of Cochrane Middle School's communication arts classes as they begin helping to produce The Post's Zawadi page each month.