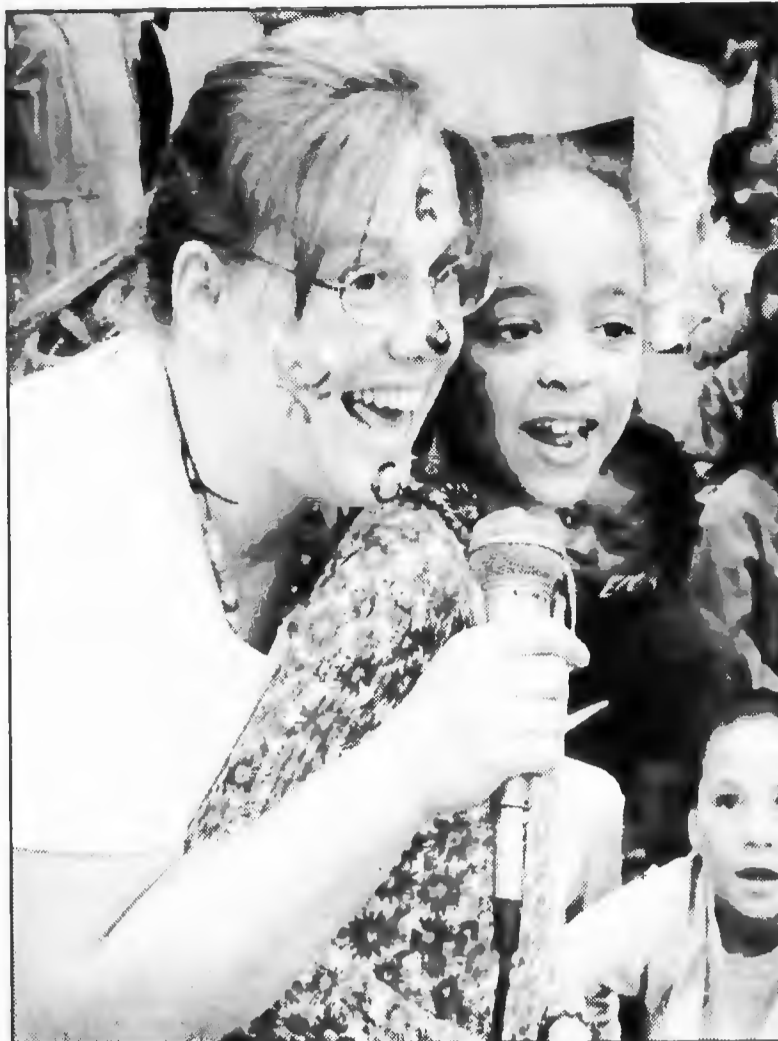


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Pictured by rank are (back row): Cadet Sargeant First Class Jontae Purdie, Cadet Sargeant First Class C J Clark, Cadet Sargeant First Class Brandon Brooks, Cadet Staff Sargeant Micheal Lovette, Cadet Sargeant First Class Quarterrio Lilly, Cadet Staff Sargeant John Cook, Cadet Staff Sargeant Marcus Locklear, Cadet Staff Sargeant James Johnston, Cadet Sargeant First Class Micheal Burton, Cadet Sargeant Major Bill Parker — Hoke High School ROTC; (front row): Cadet Corporal Tyler Thomas, Cadet Staff Sargeant Tim Hall, Cadet Sargeant Alan Wood, Cadet Sargeant Delbert Jacobs, Cadet Sargeant First Class Laquan Brown.



Boosting confidence
Sandy Grove Elementary fourth grade teacher Lisa Park with student Danielle Dudley offers cheer during an "EOG pep rally" to bolster children's confidence during test taking.

School news guidelines

The News-Journal is happy to publish press releases and photos relating to school events and accomplishments. We are particularly interested in those news items which relate to student endeavors.

Our limited staff prevents our covering many of the events we are invited to attend, but we welcome write-ups brought into our office, e-mailed or faxed to us by parents, teachers and other school staff members.

Articles written by students, with their teachers' approval of the finished copy, are especially welcome. It is our goal to encourage students' journalistic endeavors.

Photos are used according to their quality. Some tips on photo taking include getting closer to subjects, particularly if a Polaroid camera is used. Also, try to eliminate background clutter and have subjects face the camera. Identify each person by both first and last names, and this includes teachers and principals. We ask that you not put staples in the photographs you send us.

We strive to use all school releases as soon as typing time and space allow. However, don't hesitate to call the editor (875-2121) if your release is not used in one to three weeks. Also, call if you have other questions.

— Pat Allen Wilson, Editor

Sandy Grove, Hoke High ROTC partner for LET

The spring of the 2001-2002 school year, Sandy Grove Elementary was in partnership with the ROTC at Hoke County High School. During the weeks of April 17-May 15 selected fifth graders were a part of the LET Program. LET means leadership, education, and training.

This program conducted by Cadet Sargeant Major Bill Parker and Cadet Captain Zuly Rivera was held every Wednesday afternoon from 1:15-2:15.

Students were expected to model self-discipline, bearing, respect, and what do do in situations of higher authority. Students also learned about the lifestyles of the military to include taking charge of a unit, drills, community support, ranks, the American Flag and Flag Detail.

Sandy Grove expresses pride in its 15 students who had this opportunity.

Closing ceremonies on Wednesday, May 15 included presentations

of awards to include Flag Detail ribbons and certificates and program participation ribbons. Students wore their cadet shirts and received personal awards that were a part of Cadet Sargeant Major Parker's uniform.

Special recognition awards were: Leadership Ribbons, Weldon McPhaul and Michael Lovette; Commendation Ribbon, Michael Burton; Cord Presentations, Overall Cadet, Jontae Purdie; Team Leaders, Quarterrio Lilly and Laquan Brown.



PIE Teacher of the Month Vicki Szwaja, center, with Sandy Grove Elementary Principal George Marston, and Linda M. McLaughlin, a PIE member of Hoke Schools Central Services.

PIE teacher is Szwaja

The Partners In Education Teacher of the Month for May 2002 is third grade teacher Vicki B. Szwaja.

Szwaja has been in education for 14 years; she was at South Hoke Elementary for 11 years and spent the last three years at Sandy Grove Elementary as a Title I teacher and coordinator.

Szwaja obtained an associate degree in general education from Fayetteville Technical Institute; an associate degree in business administration from Richmond Community College; a

bachelor of science degree in early childhood education from the University of Carolina at Pembroke; and a master's degree in elementary education, K-6 and reading education K-12.

"As an educator, it is my desire to help educate all students, support them in their learning and provide them with as many resources as possible to engage students in beneficial activities that allow for growth socially, physically, mentally, and intellectually," Szwaja said.

150-point club members

Clockwise, from left, Candace Thompkins, Jessica Jaro and Eddie McAllister were recently inducted into the 150-point club at Upchurch Elementary. Also, Jessica Nemmers, Morgan Birky and Zachary Jones. Not pictured are new inductees Zachary Vile and Eli Mari Garcia.



A big 'thank you'
Pictured above and below, the staff of Upchurch Elementary felt "very appreciated" by parents of their charges after a steak luncheon was provided by the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). The steak, salad and desert meal was served during Teacher Appreciation Week as a "small but tasty" way of thanking the teachers for "going above and beyond the call of duty in everyday situations."

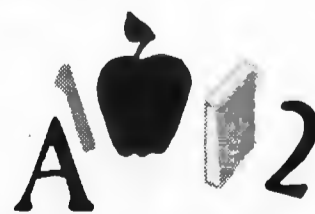


End of grading motivation
Sandy Grove Elementary third, fourth, and fifth graders relieved stress following the first day of state testing with face painting and a pep rally.



Scurlock spring fair of many colors

Scurlock Elementary School held an International Spring Fair during the week of April 29. The event started with the hoisting of the flags from Mexico, Colombia, Germany, Ecuador and South Africa. The origin and colors from each flag were presented. The anthem from each country was sung and the origin was also given. Each class selected a country to represent and dressed as a native of that country. Students were served a lunch to represent the foods of a selected country each day.



School Breakfast and Lunch Menu

NOTE: The June Menu, Will Be Manager's Choice For All Days. It Will Not Be Published. Have A Great Summer!

Cereal, Juice and Milk offered daily at Breakfast
Chef's Salad and Milk offered daily at Lunch

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Breakfast Pizza ***** Fried Chicken Green Beans Potato Salad Crusty Roll	Pancake on a Stick ***** Beef Taco w/Lettuce Tomato, Cheese & Salsa Mexicali Corn Fruit Medley	MANAGER'S CHOICE	MANAGER'S CHOICE	MANAGER'S CHOICE
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