

Perquimans Middle School news

Perquimans Middle School had a week full of varied activities last week. Beginning on Monday, October 26, the entire student body presented their best smiles to the camera as they posed for school pictures.

On Tuesday, October 27, the seventh and eighth grade students from Perquimans Middle School traveled to Elizabeth City to attend the David Toma lecture.

Mr. Toma is a former New Jersey detective who doesn't mince his words when he speaks to students. He is dynamic and sensitive, emotional and straight forward, candid and honest. He tells of first hand experiences to convey his message: "Don't play with drugs."

Tuesday he spoke to a standing room only audience at the Vaughn Center at Elizabeth City State University. He captured everyone's attention and his message was heard and felt by many through his graphic illustrations and his emotional presentation.

Several teachers had follow-up sessions after returning to school. Students in Mrs. Brothers' and Mr. Watkins' health classes held discussions recapturing Mr. Toma's message. After the discussion the students were asked to anonymously share their thoughts and feelings in writing. We'd like to share some of these with you.

"I'll tell you what, if the kids don't stop taking drugs after they hear him - somethings wrong."

A seventh grade student related this: "I really felt that he was really true to us and he wants people to leave drugs alone. Toma really touched me."

Another eighth grader remarked, "It made me think about my life and how important it is to say no to drugs."

And finally, "He proved his point to me. He showed he wasn't playing and that this was serious."

All of the students were affected in one way or another, some eyes have been opened to the dangers of using drugs. It's up to us now, as parents, teachers, and community leaders to provide the support and help these children need in order for them to continue to Say No To Drugs.

Mr. Toma gave us four choices to make:

1. Take drugs and end up in a mental institution.
2. Take drugs and end up in jail.
3. Take drugs and end up dead, or
4. Don't take drugs.

Let's continue to offer these children the fourth choice: Don't take drugs. It's easier to say NO when you have people behind you saying NO, too.

Trooper Billy Long of the N. C. Highway Patrol visited Perquimans

Middle School on October 28, 1987. He shared important facts on Bicycle Safety with the fifth and sixth grade students. There was a question and answer period before the students viewed a film entitled, "Just Like a Car". Trooper Long emphasized that Bike Safety is just as important as proper automobile safety. Thank, Trooper Long.

Student Council elections were held on Thursday, October 29. Candidates actively campaigned during the week with posters and campaign handouts. Election results are as follows: President - Wes Waters (8th grade); Vice-President - Deena White (7th grade); Secretary - Nicole Boker (5th grade); Treasurer - Linda Felton (7th grade). Congratulations winners! Two representatives from each homeroom were also elected on Friday, October 30.

Halloween Trick or Treat bags containing Halloween Safety tips were presented to each fifth and sixth grade student - compliments of Winfall Police Department. Thank you, gentlemen!! Our students really enjoyed your gift.

Friday, October 30, brought spooks and goblins into PMS halls. Principal Gary Stubbins invited the student body to wear their costumes to school if they so desired. Many students enjoyed being "goulish" for the day. Several faculty members also enjoyed the spirit and were hardly recognizable on the 30th.



Teachers at Central School got the Halloween bug on Friday as they dressed for the big afternoon of parties and other events. The children at Central School even had a visit from Belkie Bear in honor of Halloween. Right: Several students at Perquimans Middle School dressed up for Halloween also. The students and the teachers enjoyed all the festivities of Halloween day.



Perquimans band booster news

Fruit sales are now underway. As we head into our 2nd week, fruit sales are looking good. Anyone interested in purchasing grapefruit, Hamlin or Navel Oranges, Tangelos or a mixture of grapefruit, Hamlin and Tangelos, may do so by contacting any Perquimans County band student.

Fruit orders will arrive fresh from Florida, December 12th.

The Band Boosters would like to thank everyone who helped to make our drink and bake sale a success this past Saturday. Monies raised will help defer the costs in our county band program.

In further news "The Marching High School Pirates" will once again perform in competition, November 14th in Cary, N. C. This will be the Marching Pirates last competition of the season. Help support the Marching High School Pirates with your "Best Wishes".

Workshop scheduled on drug abuse

The Perquimans County Schools will be sponsoring a Drug and Alcohol Awareness Workshop for all interested persons in the county.

The workshop will be held at the ARPCD Building in Hertford on November 9th and 10th from 9:00 - 3:30

p.m., and will cover a variety of issues including drug awareness, prevention, outlining the problem which exists and more.

Wendall Hall, Alcohol and Drug Defense Consultant for Region I will be leading the workshop.

The workshop will be limited to 30 participants. To make a reservation to attend the workshop or for more information, contact Mrs. Anne Flippen at 426-7533 or 426-7355. Please make your reservations as soon as possible.

Fall festival scheduled this Saturday

Yes, it's that time again! The Hertford Grammar School PTA is sponsoring their annual Fall Festival, November 7 from 8 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on the school grounds. The Festival features this year are: Yard Sale, Kid-

die Games, Bake Sale, Country Ham Raffle, Hot Dogs and Hamburgers.

We urge the public to come out and join us in fun and games to support our school. Yard Sale starts at 8 a.m. and Games at 10 a.m.

If you are interested in reserving a \$10 space for the Yard Sale or purchasing a \$1.00 donation for the Country Ham Raffle, call Margaret Perry, 426-5066.

See you November 7th.

Jordan, Rand, Etheridge recommended for election to office by NCAE recently

Lieutenant Governor Robert Jordan, Cumberland County Senator Tony Rand, and Harnett County Representative Bob Etheridge have been recommended to educators by the North Carolina Association of Educators.

NCAE's Political Action Committee for Education will ask members of NCAE to ratify the endorsements of Jordan for Governor; Rand for Lieutenant Governor; and Etheridge for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The 45,000 members of NCAE are expected to vote between now and December, with the official endorsements coming on December 4. A 60 percent majority of those voting will be necessary to ratify the endorsements.

Gladys Graves, NCAE president, said the 23 member Government Relations Commission, which interviewed the candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and State Su-

perintendent of Public Instruction, made its decision on Saturday, October 24. The recommendations were released on October 25.

The committee interviewed Governor James G. Martin as the lone Republican candidate for Governor. The committee also interviewed State Auditor Edward Renfrow, in addition to Jordan. The group sent an invitation to Representative Billy Watkins, (D-Granville), but Watkins did not show up for the interview. Candidates interviewed for State Superintendent also included Dr. Henry M. McCarthy, a professor at Appalachian State University.

Graves said Jordan, Rand, and Etheridge were backed because of their experience in the legislature, their ability to get elected, and their records of support for education issues.

Other candidates for Lieutenant Governor who were interviewed in

addition to Rand were Representative James W. Crawford, Jr., of Oxford; Senator Harold W. Hardison of Deep Run; and former state Representative H. Parks Helms of Mecklenburg.

The early recommendations for endorsement were made in the hope that NCAE will be able to have a greater impact on the upcoming elections. Lieutenant Governor Jordan has been a favorite of NCAE since he was endorsed for the General Election in 1984. Rand, president pro tem of the Senate, as has Etheridge in the House. Etheridge is chairman of the House Base Budget Committee and a powerful leader in that body.

Etheridge's campaign is notable in that he is a non-educator seeking to become State Superintendent. In addition to NCAE support, Etheridge has drawn a number of superintendents and other public school educators into his camp.

ASSE seeks local representatives

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs, a non-profit high school exchange program affiliated with the Swedish and Finnish Ministries of Education, is looking for AREA REPRESENTATIVES in this community.

AREA REPS are needed to recruit American high school students who wish to become exchange students, to interview potential host families, to oversee European students during their stay in the United States and to represent ASSE's exchange program in their community.

AREA REPS volunteer their time and energy and are paid a stipend for their expenses. They in turn will

meet outstanding American and European youth and establish lasting friendships in their community and Europe.

For further information, please call collect to: Melanie Thien at (704) 684-6756 or write Melanie at 14 Forest Ridge Drive, Arden, NC. 28704.

Summer ventures in science and math scheduled for local students

Summer Ventures created by the North Carolina General Assembly to provide enrichment opportunities in Science and Mathematics for academically talented rising Juniors and Seniors seek to enroll academically talented students.

The program is residential, re-

search based and cost-free held on the following campuses: Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, North Carolina Central University, UNC at Charlotte, UNC at Wilmington and Western Carolina University.

The students will live on campus and participate in courses that are different from those offered in high school or in college.

Interested Juniors and Seniors should see Mr. Midgette for further information.

School menus

The following is the school menu for the week of November 9-13, 1987.

Monday—breakfast—pop tart or cereal, fruit or juice, milk.

Lunch—beef barbecue-bun or sausage dog-bun, french fries, corn, cole slaw, fruit, milk.

Tuesday—breakfast—cheese toast or cereal, fruit or juice, milk.

Lunch—rib-bun or beef-a-roni-hot roll, tater sticks, lettuce & tomato, succotash, peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY NO SCHOOL

Thursday—breakfast—apple turnover or cereal, fruit or juice, milk.

Lunch—sloppy joe or hot dog-bun, potato rounds, okra, green peas, fruit, milk.

Friday—breakfast—cinnamon bun, fruit or juice, milk.

Lunch—pizza or fish and cheese nuggets-bread, potato wedges, cole slaw, green beans, apple crisp, milk.

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