School



Beta convention

Many area schools participated in the District Beta Club Convention Dec. 9 at Perquimans County High School. Jamesville candidate (top photo) fishes for votes in a skit before the conference. Right, Perquimans delegates applaud a candidate after hearing his reasons for running.



Exciting week with play, snowfall at grammar school

As if our week wasn't thrilling and exciting enough with Christmas play practice and two performances of "The Littlest Tree", to top it all off with our first snowfall and early dismissal was quite a surprise. I've never seen kids (not to mention teachers) quite so happy as they were last Friday. My students left their nose prints on the window panes as they eagerly awaited that first flake and lo and behold it came and brought all its friends too. For a little while it was quite beautiful to watch, but alas, it ended too soon for me. I guess this mess that winter is now officially upon us!

Did you get to see the Christmas play? If not you missed a real treat. It was very special - everyone did a fabulous job. Mrs. Parr would like to especially thank the 4th grade teachers, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Ferrell, Mrs. Whidbee and Mrs. Hurdle fdor all their help. Also, thanks to Miss Ansink and Mrs. Overton for their help with the set. Special thanks to Mrs. Siville for her wonderful costumes and to Mr. Bryant, Mr. Tice, and the cafeteria staff for their help. Lastly, thanks to all the teachers for their help and understanding during the week and to the kids for a wonderful job!

Students in Mrs. Hollis Williams'

Chalkdust

2nd grade wrote the following cinquain to go along with the "Wordof-the-Day'

Christmas Merry, joyful Decorate, give, celebrate Excited, wonderful, super great Holiday

Here is some wonderfully creative 3rd grade writing: Under My Bed by Niliah Chobot

This is a true story. I had an alligator under my bed. His name was Fred. (That's a little name but I like it.) Sometimes Fred was nice. Other times he was mean. One time he made me get my leg jammed under the dresser. One time he was nice. He gave me a baby doll. Then he was real, real mean. He made me have nightmares. My grandpa put him down the drain. That was the end of Fred.

When I Am Lonely by David Cartw-

right When I am lonely, I talk on the phone with my friend, Milton. We talk about animals - dogs, cats and pigs. Then my friend, Travis, will come over to spend the night and we have fun. **Computers by Cara Coates**

I love going to computers at school. I think it is fun. We do math. I always do addition because it will

help me. I'm glad we go to comput- But when I hear it go beep beep. ers. It's the funniest thing in school. I think computers are great. I wish we could go there every single day. I think that would really be fun.

Wow! We've had kids winning stuffed animals in the lunchroom right and left all week. This week's winners were: Rachael Taylor, Shena Moore, Elichia Daniels, Carson White Altonnette Goodman Keena Riddick, Dymont Spellman, Amanda Davis, Shaun Brooks, Brandi Curry, Torrence Perry, Ebony Elliott, Jermine Porter, Eric Burton, and Paul Matthews. It really pays to stary alert.

The following poem is very sepcial because it's written by a young man, who wrote the poem on his own and then brought it to school and typed it on the computer (real motivation)

Dayswork by Barry McDonagh 3rd grade - Hoggard Just before I go to bed, to me each

night a book is read.

Just before I go to sleep I pray the Lord my soul to keep. In the morning I wake up, I see my Mom standing over me, saying get

of bed you sleepy head. I run out the front door to catch my bus, sometimes I think I already missed it. Oh, what a rush!

I don't need to worry, I didn't over

Word of the Day List Dec. 12-16 AVIATION - aviation, pilot, altimeter, glider, terminal Dec. 19-21 CHRISTMAS - wassail, wreath, carols

Our Super Kids

TMH - Miss Ansink - Vickie Mc-Pherson

Kindergarten - Mrs. Finch - Kristi Hurdle; Mrs. Ward - Steven Elliott; Mrs. Lothian - Joy Billups

1st Grade - Mrs. Newby - Adam Nixon; Mrs. Skinner - Robert Byrum; Mrs. Mansfield - Marvin Woodard.

2nd Grade - Miss Godfrey - Natalie Long; Mrs. Williams - Mario Jordan, Mrs. Spence - Shanita Bailey. 3rd Grade - Mrs. Long - Niliah Chobot; Mrs. Hoggard - Morris Kee.-4th Grade - Mrs. Green - John Warren; Mrs. Whedbee - Edward Jennings; Mrs. Ferrell - Stephen Chappell.

Well, our halls are decked and our classrooms are decorated! We are all eagerly counting the school days left 'til Christmas and if the kids get any more excited they may explode. We know you are incredibly busy and we at Hertford Grammar School wish you peace and joy this holiday season and happiness and togetherness for your family!

Central school lists the honor students

Perquimans County Central Overton. School announces its second sixweeks honor student list: Mrs. Houtz-1st grade"A"

Jennifer Harrell; Chrissa Elliott.

Bruce Hendrix; Jonathan Godfrey; Tiffany Coleman; Jodie

Ms. Foskey-1st grade"A" Justin Copeland; Sheena Far-row; Rebecca Flood; Blair

Winslow. "A & B" Eric Creamer; Christopher Forehand; Aaron Maupin; Christina Sa-

wyer; Amber Stallings; Chay White; Brandon Winslow; Kristen Winslow. Mrs. Stallings-1st grade"A"

Brian Applegate; Keith Culli-pher; Randy Lassiter; Ted Oliver; Evita Riddick; TaNaisha Parker.

Shannon Clair; Brandee Dail; Jeffrey Elkie; Jamal Felton; Della Harper; Carrie Noell; Samantha Smith; William Williams (Billy). Ms. Owens"A'

Amanda Drozdowski; Joshua Harrell; Sarah Harris; Lisa Mallory; Suzy Morgan; Ethan Nelson; Tanya Westenbroek "A & B"

Kristy Bunch; Rekitta Hoffler. Mrs. Woodell-2nd grade"A"

Lanard Welch; Jermaine Mallory; Jessica McCluster; Jessica Farrow; Paul Spence; Melissa Miller; Patrick Whitehurst; Michael Jarvis. "A & B"

Stacey Overton; James Davenport; Demetria Sheard; Georshun Whidbee; Tishala Tillett. Mrs. Tunnell-2nd grade"A"

Lauren Kimber; Brenna Lo-thian; Jennifer Matthews; Michael Roberts; Matt Winslow. "A & B"

Beth Bateman; Joshua Tackett. Ms. Owens-2nd grade"A"
Neil Eure; Jay Finch; Tony

Jamie Layden; Jessie White. Ms. Nelson-2nd grade"A"

Brandy Holowell; Travis Hurdle.

Bo Harris; Shelly Cobb; Amanda Byrum; Kimberly Stallings; Amber Lewis.

Ms. Nelson-3rd grade"A" Patrick Gregory; Ingrid Higgins.

"A & B" Millicent Whitehurst; Carson Stallings; Stacy Downar; Berry

Mrs. Hoggard-3rd grade"A" Cristin Harrell; Laura Matthews; Amanda Winslow; Dianna Luke.

A & B" Devin Gregory; Tasha Oliver; Paul Line; Adam Ward.

Mrs. Barclift-3rd grade"A" Tiffany Baker; Bobby Stallings; Kim Cullipher; Grace Hendrix. A&B'

Crystal Owens; Tynesha Wilson; Nicole Hollowell; Clif Stallings; Ken Winslow. Mrs. Lightfoot-4th grade"A"

Debra Odar.

"A & B" Kelli Cooper; Cory Morgan; Sakina Parker; Lee Ann Pauli

Mrs. Morris-4th grade"A" Andrew Byrum; Joey Colson; Spring Elsbury; Kineta Holley; Laura Perry; Nicky Stokely; Michele Thomas.

Dean Jarvis: Jameire Jordan: Anna Key; Jamie Lassiter; Karen Long; Joey Lothian; Misti Powers; Crystal Taylor.

Mrs. Nancy Harrell"A" Diana Boyce; Shawnda Brooks; Kesha Harrell; Crayton Matthews; Wesley Nixon; Heather Swain; Matt Tunnell.

'A & B" Christian Houtz; Deanna Morring; David Pattaway; Beverly

Local students among ECU graduates

East Carolina University awarded degrees and certificates of advanced study to approximately 1,600 graduates at the midyear ceremony Dec. 3.

Students receiving degrees completed requirements during the summer session or during the fall semester. The mid-year graduates were from 81 of the 100 counties in

Following is the listing of those students who were scheduled to receive degrees. Donna Lema Godfrey, bachelor of science, Rt. 4, Box 705, Hertford; Charles Warren Haskett, III, bachelor of science, P.O. Box 1100, Elizabeth City; John Christopher Mansfield, bachelor of science in Biochemistry, 803 Grubb North Carolina and from 24 other

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