

# Central Program Honors Good Students

Central School has begun a "Student of the Week" contest which is geared toward improving the attitudes and manners of students.

Students are encouraged by teachers, lunchroom workers, custodians and bus drivers to do something positive and always have "commendable manners" which adults will notice. When an employee of the school notices such behaviour, the student's name is written down on a piece of paper and dropped in a box in the office of guidance counselor Lynn Ledford. Each

Friday, two names (one sixth grader and one seventh grader) are drawn from the boxes and those students receive a 15-inch pizza from the Pizza Hut, four passes to the Cinema Mall in Shelby, one pass to the Gastonia Putt Putt course, one pass to the Shelby putt putt course, and one pass to the Joy Theatre.

The names of the winners who don't get into trouble later are kept and at the end of the year, they will be treated to a trip. In addition, the students who earn the most commenda-

tions will receive the above prizes again at Christmas.

The contest starts over each Monday, giving all students who have not done positive things a chance to start over.

"This puts attention on the good students," says Mrs. Ledford. "In the past, it seems attention has been placed on the problem students while the good, solid kids have been unnoticed."

"This program lets the good students put peer pressure on the others and show them that their manners are noticed by other

people," says assistant principal Greg Payseur. "Our only true measure of success will come at the end of the year. We hope it will cut down on some problems."

Payseur said Central's out-of-school suspensions have been cut by 95 percent over the past three years. "So we're keeping the students in school, but we would like to cut down on their

disruptive behavior while they're in school," he said.

"We appreciate the merchants for helping us out in this program," Payseur added. "We think we'll see some good results come out of it."

Students who have won the prizes so far this year are Reggie Moss, Greg Williams, John Sessom, Sharon Sanders, Mike Owens and Malon Williamson.

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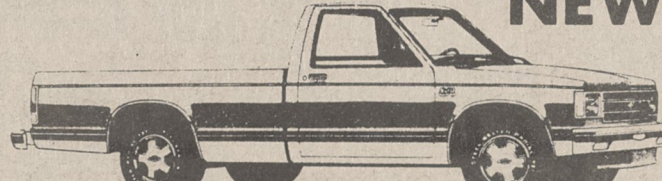
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