

Summer Day Camp Planned

The 10th annual Community Schools summer day camp will open June 11 at East Elementary School.

The camp is open to youngsters age 4-13. The program consists of supervised recreation, educational movies, swimming, field trips, library programs, museum programs, story hour, educational games, drama, table tennis, badminton, organized softball, kickball and basketball.

Participants are grouped by age and grade and will be supervised by adults.

The schedule of events includes: Movies, every Monday. Library programs, every Tuesday. Swimming, every Tuesday and Thursday.

June 13 - Crowder's Mountain State Park.

June 14 - Cleveland County EMT tips on what to do in emergency situations.

June 15 - Hat day. June 20 - Discovery Place. June 22 - Reed's Gold Mine. June 25 - Program on swimming and safety.

June 27 - Children's Museum of Iredell County.

June 28 - Fire safety program. June 29 - Showbiz Pizza.

July 4 - Community Center July 4 celebration. July 6 - Lineberger Park and Schiele Museum.

July 11 - Riverbanks Zoo. July 12 - Drug awareness and health program.

July 13 - Gaston County Museum. July 16 - Personal hygiene and self esteem program.

July 18 - Carowinds. July 20 - Charlotte Nature Museum. July 25 - Chimney Rock Park. July 26 - Dance instruction. July 27 - Kate's Skating Rink. August 1 - Tweetsie Railroad. August 3 - Super Hero Day at KM Military Park.

The camp will operate from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Early arrival supervision will be provided from 6:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m. for an additional charge of \$5 per week.

Lunch will be available for those who do not bring lunch at \$4 per week. Lunch may be included in the cost of camp.

Cost of the camp is \$25 per week for the first child and \$15 for each additional child in the same family. Fees must be paid in advance of the week of attendance.

Each participant must have some type of insurance coverage. Cost of insurance is \$5.75.

For more information, call the Community Schools Office at 739-2296 or go by the office at 500 West Parker Street. Checks must be made out to Kings Mountain District Schools.



FOOD SERVICE WORKERS HONORED-Bethware PTO recently honored Food Service employees by preparing breakfast for them. From left to right are Louise Kale, Kathleen Goforth, Myrtha Philbeck, Linda Carpenter, Annette Penner, Tracy Pullen, and Frances Leonard. PTO members, standing from left, are Susan Richardson, Christie Calder, Katie Champion, Libby Walters and Darlene Godfrey.

KM Art Students Win Awards

Eleven Kings Mountain art students won awards in the annual Spring Fest Art contest sponsored by the Cleveland County Arts Council.

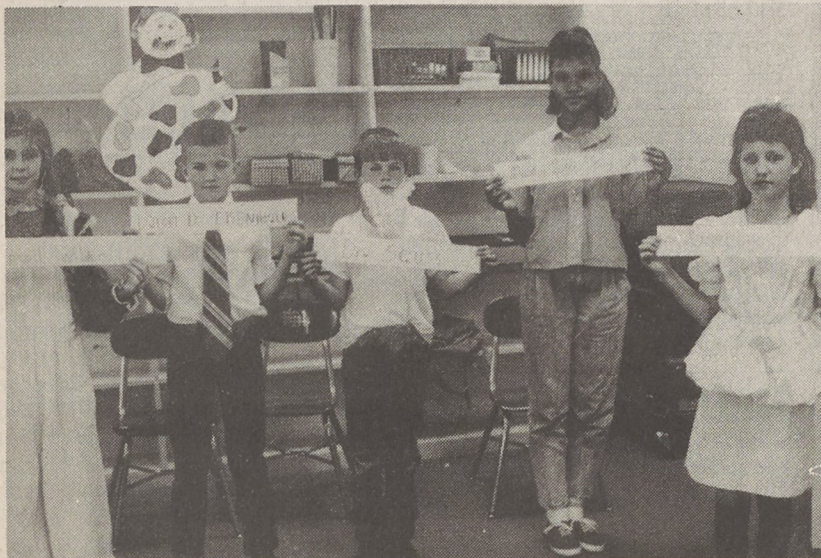
Kings Mountain Senior High Student winners were Eric Hanks, second place in painting; Kim Ware and Mandii Kue, second and third place in mixed media; Chris Foard, first place, and Mandii Kue, third place, drawing; Eric Hanks, first place, three dimensional. KM Junior High and Middle

School winners were Michelle Parker, of Central, third place, mixed media; S. Rithphong of KM Junior High, first place in three dimensional.

Elementary winners were Latosha Burris, second place, drawing-painting, East School; David Lockridge, drawing-painting, East School fourth grade; and honorable mention in drawing and painting, Josh Baker of North School.

Gaston College art instructors Gary Freeman and Keith Lambert selected prize winning entries in adult and student age groups and presented prizes totaling \$800 to the winners.

Among top winners were members of the Southern Art Society, including Bonnie Price who won first and third place awards in adult professional art work and Elizabeth Keel, who won first place in adult hobbyist art work.



IN WAX MUSEUM - Left to right, April Allison, Ray Ledbetter, Travis Hamrick, Keryl Roberts and Faye Richardson.



GROVER STATUES - Left to right, Quanisha Curry, Amber Woods, April Allison and Ray Ledbetter.

Grover Students Have Wax Museum

Miss Blalock's fourth grade class at Grover School presented a wax museum Thurs., Apr. 26.

Students dressed up and role played the person he or she had selected to study. Each class at Grover and the students' parents received an invitation to visit the museum.

Blalock's students appeared to be wax statues until they were touched on the shoulder. After being touched, the students recited the life history of his or her character.

Visiting the museum, along with Grover School's students, were Mrs.

Valentine, Mrs. Van Dyke, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Bridges and Grover Principal Jim Scruggs. Mrs. Karen Sellers videotaped the students.

Participating in the wax museum were:

April Allison - Laura Ingalls. Dana Boheler - Jane Fonda. Tim Bolin - Neil Armstrong. Deana Borders - Dolly Parton. Teree Byers - Bill Cosby. Brian Cannon - Albert Einstein. Angel Carroll - Barbara Walters. Chris Cobb - Abraham Lincoln.

Quanisha Curry - Michael Jackson. Rhonda Estes - George Washington. Timmy Gladden - Wilt Chamberlain. Travis Hamrick - Dr. Seuss. Kassi Howard - Abraham Lincoln. Ray Ledbetter - Dwight Eisenhower. William Moore - Robin Williams. Brian Patterson - Elvis. Travis Patterson - Marco Polo.

Faye Richardson - Mary Tyler Moore. Keryl Roberts - Martin Luther King Jr. Keisha Smith - Heidi. Josh Stapleton - Harry Houdini. David Turner - Wilt Chamberlain. Tina Vaughn - Susan Campbell. Terrell Watson - Magic Johnson. Cynthia Weathers - Billie Jean King. Sabrina Whitaker - Janet Jackson. Amber Woods - Florence Nightingale.

Meeting

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the time of its appointment that it must make a recommendation by the end of the school year.

Goforth said the group had met twice in the past month and had discussed the advantages and disadvantages of K-3 and 4-5 grade structures rather than the present K-5 elementary structure. Also, he said, the group had discussed having three large elementary schools (North, Grover and Bethware) rather than five.

Board chairman Doyle Campbell told the audience that "this is a very difficult issue and we soon have to make a decision and we're interested in as much input as we can get. We need to have various viewpoints." Campbell then invited the citizens to speak. Fifteen citizens spoke.

W.C. Kelly, an East KM resident who had spoken out against the closing of East at last year's public hearing, presented the board with several petitions containing approximately 400 names and asking that the board "reaffirm its commitment to keep neighborhood schools."

Kelly reminded the board that the racial imbalance at East had been known for five years. "We're not complaining. We get along very well," he said.

Kelly said closing a school is like taking an "arm or leg" away from a community. "If you take away East and West Schools you'll have two empty buildings. People will vandalize them and tear them up or they'll be turned into low rent housing."

Kelly also told the board that citizens voted for the recent \$30 million bond issue for the county's

three school systems because they were told schools needed repairing. He pointed out that a neighboring school system had passed bonds for school renovation years ago but has not passed one since because that school system did not use the money for its original intended use.

"We voted for the bonds with the understanding that East School would remain a school," he said. "Take heed. You may need more bond money down the road."

"East and West have been a part of my life," he said. "Don't commit this thing to death. Leave our arms and legs in place."

Shirley Brutko of West KM opposed one large in-city school. She said there would be more discipline problems and less individual attention. She said programs and special events would be easier to plan in smaller schools.

"Most parents want their siblings to stay together in a K-5 school," she said. "Bigger is not necessarily better. Bigger schools cannot change the color of skin or mend a broken home."

Kathy Lightsey of Putnam Lake Road, who said she recently moved into Kings Mountain, said the issue is "very emotional" and urged the board to look at the issue "logically." She said a new school would mean lower maintenance costs, achieve racial balance and provide better programs for students. "It would be a large school, but class size doesn't change," she said. "You'd have more parent involvement."

Judy Nolen of Mauney Avenue said she felt "strongly" that East School should remain open. "We have a racial imbalance but I've seen no problems," she said. "If there's a need to, solve it, but I don't feel like closing East is the answer."

The community needs its school." Steve Blanton of Scotland Drive said he feels like moving children to different schools does not allow parents and schools "to build a relationship."

Hilda Leonard, a teacher, urged the board not to be in "too big a rush." She said the main concern was to "do what's best for the children."

Ben Poole, president of the West PTO, said his group had polled West parents. At first, he said, they wanted things left alone. Later, when they were told that wasn't possible, they leaned toward three larger schools.

Becky Huskey of Northwoods suggested leaving both schools open and change the grade structures to achieve racial balance and more enrollment at East.

Ann Bennett, a teacher who lives in the East district, said East does not have the parental support other schools have because of the high percentage of minority and single parent families and that East students are missing out on a lot of "extras" that are funded through the PTOs at other schools.

"The East students are getting a good education," she said, "but they're not getting the extras. If we went with three schools the economic, social and racial balance

would be brought about more effectively."

Jan Neisler and David Dilling pointed out that this is a "long range" issue and the board needed to keep in mind what is needed 10 to 15 years from now. Dilling also hinted that this may be the "last time" Kings Mountain has a chance to build a new school because there may eventually be just one school system in the county.

Shara Miller of West Mountain Street said she recently moved from Charlotte to Kings Mountain so her children could attend a small school. "You don't always have to make something bigger to be better," she said.

"A lot of our friends in Charlotte were very envious of us when they learned we were going to bring our children up in a smaller school system," she said. "As Charlotte continues to grow more and more people are going to move to this area seeking better schools for their children."

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