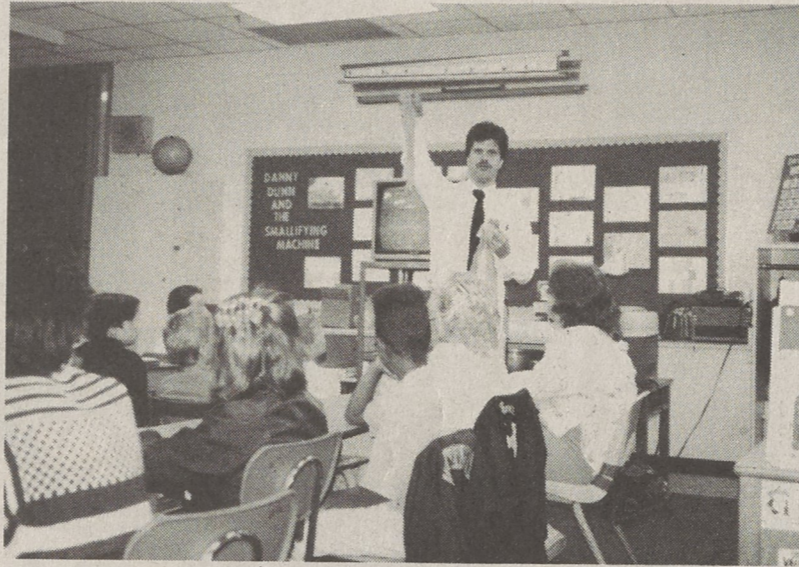


**PARENT WORKSHOP** - North School parents participate in this year's first parent workshop. The topic, "Making Your Home a Learning Center," included tips on early language development, study skills and common homework problems.



**TEXTILE PROGRAM AT NORTH** - Steven Neal of Glen Raven Mills talks with four grade students at North School during Textile Week. Students also enjoyed watching a video that explained how the mill operates.

## Schools Urge Parent Involvement

Parent involvement in their children's education starts at home, but only when parents and teachers work together can student achievement reach expected goals. "That is why parent-teacher conferences are so critical to the success of our students," said superintendent Bob McRae. The local public schools are encouraging all parents to have a conference with their children's teachers after the first report cards of the year are issued on Nov. 1st.

The push to get parents to attend conferences has always been emphasized by the local schools, but a statewide parent involvement project sponsored by the Department of Public Instruction this year has reinforced the local school efforts. **PARENTS: THE KEY TO BETTER SCHOOLS** is a yearlong initiative to get all parents to accept their share of the responsibility for

raising student achievement levels in the state.

Research shows that the home is a very powerful factor in determining student success. "When parents have high expectations for learning and work closely with the schools to help their children reach expected learning goals, we know that achievement levels will increase. Report cards are a measure of student progress and when teachers get to discuss that progress with parents, they can let parents know what can be done at home to continue to improve the student performance," said Dr. McRae.

Parents are encouraged to use report cards in a positive manner with their children, however, and not to let the report trigger emotional responses that make the child feel like a failure. Child psychologist David Elkind, of Tufts

University, points out that report cards can be "an emotional lightning rod" which can unleash parents' anxieties about their social status and their children's prospects for the future.

In some cases the report card can even lead to emotional and physical abuse, according to the state education staff. They warn parents that such reactions can have drastic negative effects and that report cards should only be used to plan ways for correcting problems and to build on successes. The parent-teacher conference is a time when parents can learn more about using report cards effectively to improve student performance.

Parents are urged to use report card time to communicate with

their children. Suggestions for discussing the report are:

- Praise positive aspects of the report such as improvement on a given subject, good behavior or good attendance.

- Allow the child to explain why he or she feels a grade is less than what it should be and suggest what needs to be done to improve.

- Use this time as an opportunity to set new study guidelines and to limit TV viewing time and hours involved in after-school work, if necessary.

### Green Elected AHEA President

The East Carolina University chapter of the American Home Economics Association has elected as president, Amy Lefettie Green of Kings Mountain.

Green is a senior majoring in home economics education. She is the daughter of Frances L. Green of Benton Road, Kings Mountain.

### Teacher Of Year At CC College

There will be a "tea and talk" with Bob Welsh, North Carolina Outstanding English Teacher of the Year, Wed., Nov. 7 from 4-6 p.m. in the Cleveland Community College Auditorium.

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