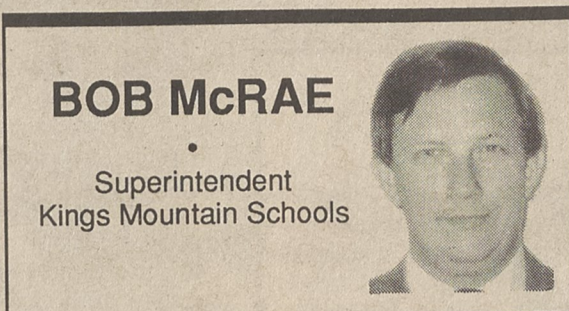


Resolutions for parents

If you're a parent in our school system and set as one of your New Year's resolutions for 1992 the desire to be more involved in the education of your child, I'd like to share with you a list of ten things teachers commonly wish parents would do. I'm not sure where I found them, but I think they're right on target judging from what I hear teachers say.

1. Be involved. Parents' involvement helps students learn, improves schools and makes teachers' jobs easier.
2. Provide resources at home for learning. Parents should have books, magazines, and newspapers available for all children and read with their younger children each day.
3. Set a good example. Parents should show their children that they believe that reading is both enjoyable and useful. They shouldn't spend all their time in front of the television.
4. Encourage students to do their best in school. Parents need to show students that they believe education is important and they want their children to do their best.
5. Emphasize academics. Too many parents get caught up in athletics and in preparing their children for the world of work when academics should be an even higher concern.
6. Support school rules and goals. Parents should take care not to undermine school rules, discipline, or goals.
7. Use pressure positively. Parents should encourage children to do their best but not pressure them by setting goals too high or scheduling too many activities.
8. Call teachers early if there is a problem so there is still time to solve it. Don't wait for teachers to call them.
9. Accept their responsibility as parents. Don't expect the school and teachers to take over all the obligations of parents. Parents should teach children basic discipline at home rather than leaving this to teachers.
10. View drinking and excessive partying as a serious matter. This takes a toll on student's classroom performance. It's also illegal, and its use can lead to serious legal and immoral consequences.



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Warlick and Hamrick Associates, 106 East Mountain St., was recently honored by The Shelby Insurance Group of Shelby, Ohio and the Salvation Army as a contributor to the charitable Homeowners With Heart program. The Homeowners with Heart donation amounted to \$40,500.

Shelby President Dan R. Carmichael presented a check to the Salvation Army on behalf of Shelby agents at the annual convention of the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents in San Francisco.

Shelby and Shelby agents created the Homeowners with Heart program to assist a charitable organization that is dedicated to helping homeless and hungry people across the United States get back on their feet and start living useful, productive and happy lives.

The \$40,500 was accumulated during the first 15 months of the program, which credits \$2 for each new homeowners application submitted to Shelby with a photo and approved. The funds will be distributed by the Salvation Army in proportion to the amount collected on a state-by-state basis.

rious legal and immoral consequences. While parents are concerned about drug abuse, many fail to recognize that alcohol is the drug most frequently abused by youngsters.

This list provides a good start on ways you can better support your child's education during the new year. If you do these things, we will have a better opportunity to be successful with your student.

By the way - I know this a two-way street. There are things parents wish teachers (and administrators) would do more of: Build student self-esteem; get to know students better; communicate more often with parents; assign homework more regularly; set high academic expectations for all students; vary their teaching methods and make learning fun' care more about all children; treat all children equally; enforce a positive discipline code based on clear and fair rules; and reach out more to parents to offer suggestions. We in the schools have to do our share too.

Being successful with students requires cooperation. Teachers across this state are saying the number one thing needed to be more successful is increased parent support. I have heard this from our own teachers. Let's all make a New Year's resolution to work together to make things better in what is already a good system. I think early and increased communication - both ways - between the home and the school is the best hope for improvement. I encourage you to do your part, and I assure you that I am encouraging our employees to do theirs.

Have a great 1992 in the schools!

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Mary Anthony runs West School

By RENEE WALSER
Of The Herald Staff

Ask Mary Anthony what her job entails as secretary for West Elementary School, and in between phone calls she'll grin and say, "I run the school . . . no, not really."

With a laugh, she explains, "I'm so old now, I can just do and say what I want."

"There's no way to tell you what I do," she said.

She's been in the hot seat at West for 22 years now -- gone through principals, all good to work with, she says, from Jane King, Hugh Holland, Shirley Bynum and now Sherrill Toney.

"I've done a little bit of everything," Anthony said, describing the work she has done over the years.

She worked for Neisler Mills from 1942 to 1954, Foote Mineral for the next two years and then

Osage Manufacturing in Gastonia as a shipping clerk for ten years.

Somewhere in there she got married and had her first child.

Her husband, Jim, worked for PPG in Shelby for 22 years and now is master of the house.

"He stays at home and keeps house and runs errands and cooks," Anthony said.

Her daughter, Jane Anthony, is a music therapist at Cherry Hospital in Goldsboro, and her son, Ed Anthony, works for S.E. Huffman in Clover. He and his wife, Penny, have a 15-month-old daughter named Lydia. She is the joy in her grandmother's life, Anthony said.

Anthony said the best thing about her job is the association with her fellow co-workers.

"It's been a pleasure," she said. "It's still a pleasure."

That's why Anthony will be "running" things at West School for awhile now.



MARY ANTHONY

Colt James Allman born December 26

Colt James Allman, was born December 26 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital. He is the son of Christine Allman and weighed 6

pounds 14 1/2 ounces. The grandparents are Earl and Charlene Allman of Kings Mountain.

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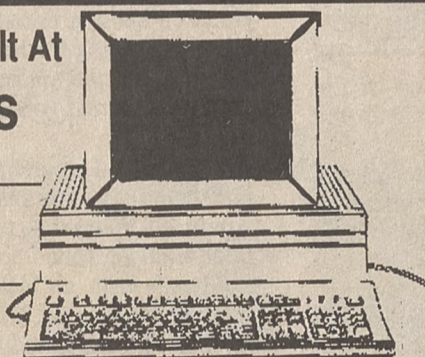
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