

SCHOOL IS DEDICATED TO WORKING WITH CHILDREN, PARENTS, AND COMMUNITY TO INSURE THAT ALL CHILDREN LEARN.



Second graders at East Elementary put on a show for parents to display what they learned while studying about all kinds of fish and sea animals.

Lavender Principal of Year

Kings Mountain High School principal Jackie Lavender was formally announced as the winner of the Wachovia Principal of the Year award during the June meeting of the school board Monday night.

Also, Sherry Wilson was presented with the Bus Driver of the Year Award in Cleveland County by Dave Hinson, transportation director. Hinson gave the award on behalf of the North Carolina Petroleum Marketers Association.

Elementary foreign language teachers, Terry Briggs, Linda Faust, Grace Mitchell and John Vorhees, brought elementary students in to show how the program is working in the system. Board members viewed a video of students in class working on Spanish lessons.

Mitchell said that little English is spoken in the classes -- the teachers used a natural approach.

"We want them to be as fluent in Spanish as they are in English," said Mitchell.

An alternative evaluation system was proposed by a committee of the system's educators and presented to the board.

The state has mandated that any teacher who is not of career status must be evaluated, and the system could use an alternative evaluation to the TPAI now used for all teachers under review.

Patti Weathers said the committee looked for a system that was easy to administer and fair. The teacher being evaluated must be a

tenured person, with no below standard ratings and 50 percent of above standard ratings in order to choose to be evaluated by the alternative system.

The alternative system is to develop a professional development plan for the individual teacher. It can be done by making the plan applicable to their classrooms or situations or applicable to a school wide goal(s) or system wide goal(s).

Participation in the system will be on a voluntary basis. After one year, the plan will be reviewed and refined, if necessary, before full implementation.

North Principal Joey Hopper recommended the plan to the board and said he felt like some of the stress of evaluation would be relieved. The board will act on the plan next month.

Revised policy dealing with transfers and withdrawals discussed last month was presented to the board for first reading. The proposed policy change allows the board additional flexibility in approving transfers to promote overall racial balance of all the elementary schools in the system. Action will be taken next month after a final reading.

In action taken by the board, policy sections concerning general public relations, interorganizational relations and education agency relations were approved.

Also, the board again appointed member Priscilla Mauney to the Board of Directors of the Kings

Mountain District Schools Education Foundation for the second year.

Student transfers include: from Cleveland County Schools -- Erica M. Dority, kindergarten daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robret S. Dority; and from Gaston County Schools -- Kelly Yarbrough, 11th grade daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robret Yarbrough.

Contracts: Lisa Barbee Hoffman, Chapter 1 teacher.

Summer School: David Greene, lead teacher; Jackie Blanton, teacher; Richard Rupp, teacher; James Partlow, teacher; Recca Wright, teacher; Florrie Hamrick, home/school coordinator; Susan Gibson, teacher assistant; Marilyn Williams, teacher assistant; Frances Yarbrough, teacher assistant; Shirley Ware, cafeteria; Joan Whitesides, cafeteria; Diane Stimson, bus driver; Anna Duell, bus driver; Ann Bailey, bus driver; Delcina Moore, custodian.

Vocational Summer Employment: Sheila Sisk, Wayne Thompson, Carolyn McWhirter, Ann Brant, Norma Cissell, Jeanne Beam, Patsy Rountree.

Transfers: Laurinda Pennington to Chapter 1; Diana Hamrick to manager, Middle School cafeteria.

Resignations: Susan Richardson, media assistant, Bethware; Jerralene Caldwell, teacher assistant, Bethware.

Retirement: Sara Simpson, second grade teacher, East.

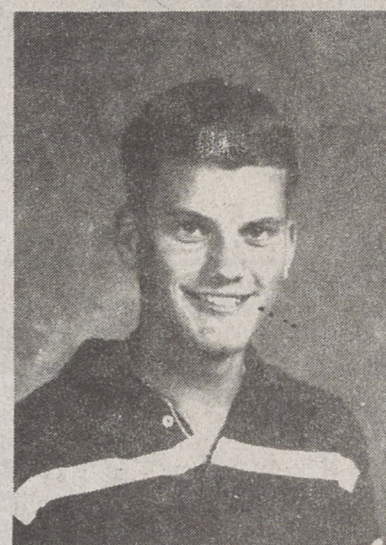
The school board's next meeting will be July 6.

Nantz to attend school

Lewis Nantz, rising senior at Kings Mountain High School, has been selected to attend the Legislators' School for Youth Leadership Development at Western Carolina University. This summer residential program is funded by the North Carolina General Assembly to find and foster potential leaders among students in the state.

The Legislators' School is operated by Western Carolina University's office for Rural Education. Some 150 rising eighth and ninth graders and 150 rising tenth through twelfth graders will attend the program on the campus in Cullowhee. Nantz will attend the June 20-July 10 session.

Aside from working together with teachers in critical thinking, reasoning and problem solving, students in the program also have a chance to study topics of particular interest to them in "minicourses" workshops. These may include photography, video, journalism, computers, folk arts, and other topics -- even how to survive and succeed



LEWIS NANTZ

in college. Special events include field trips, whitewater rafting, cultural events on the WCU campus, and leisure and recreational activities.

Nantz has been on a number of athletic teams while in high school. During the past school year, he was a member of the state champi-

onship swim team and the baseball team. During his sophomore year, he was on the JV basketball team and the JV baseball team. He has been on the varsity soccer team for two years.

His involvement in clubs and organizations has been varied. He is a member of the French Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the Letterman's Club. He was listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" and has served as a page in the North Carolina Senate.

Nantz is an active member of First Presbyterian Church and its youth group. He is the son of Ken and "Pucky" Nantz who reside at 505 Deerfield Drive, Kings Mountain.

Education Briefs

The Kings Mountain Association of Educators Good Citizenship Award at Bethware School went to: Drew Ware, Quincy Johnson, Candace Brown, Erin Dover, Pamela Randall, Tiffany Collins, Trent Hopper, Isha Simmons, Renaldo Tate, Wade Randall, Alan Gibson, Nikki Brafford, Roxanne Brown, Shannon Dotson, Dreama Chambliss, Crissy Bolin, Ben Godfrey, Suzie Buckner and Chris Pullen.

Pamela B. Ingram has been named to the President's list for the spring semester at Belmont Abbey College. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Graytom Bollinger, Kings Mountain, and the spouse of Kevin S. Ingram, Ingram is a 1984 graduate of Kings Mountain High School. To qualify for the list, a student must achieve a minimum grade point average for the semester of 4.0, complete a minimum of 12 semester credits on a graded basis and have no failing or incomplete grades for the semester.

Michelle Lea Aaron of Grover received a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington this spring.

Donald K. Dixon of Kings Mountain received his associate of applied science degree from Haywood Community College in Clyde this spring.

Angela L. Sox of Kings Mountain received her master of library science degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro May 17 during the university's centennial commencement.

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ACADEMIC FITNESS AWARDS -- These fifth graders at Bethware received the Presidential Academic Fitness Award: front, left to right, Derek Payseur, Tyler Ellis, Justin Chan, Eric Boyd, Brad LePors, and Cathryn Cahmpion. Second row, Andrea Lail, Melissa Bruce, Annie Walters, Cedilia Henderson, Suzie Buckner, Megan McDonald, Harley Price. Back row, Maggie Dellinger, Brandi McDnaiel, Bridget Barrett, Crissy Bolin, Vanessa Elliot, Lee Echols and Seth Denton. In order to receive the award, a student must maintain a B plus average through grades 3,4 and 5 and score in the 80th percentile on the California Achievement Test.

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