

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

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Grants provide schools extra opportunities

No school system ever has enough money to do everything it feels is important to meet the needs of its employees and students. Obviously, systems must set priorities for spending and work within available resources. We have been successful in expanding our programs, however, through the attainment in recent years of several grants. In today's column I want to give you a look at four grants we are using this year to provide extra opportunities.

Bob McRae
Superintendent
Kings Mountain
Schools



One program supported by a grant is Ready, Set, GROW which recently received a Governor's Program of Excellence Award. This program which provides summer enrichment for entering kindergartners in need of additional preparation before school begins is in part funded through a grant from our county's Partnership for Children, the Smart Start program. Our current level of funding from this agency is \$16,000 which enables us to apply our school system savings to other projects. Approximately 50 children are served each summer in Ready, Set, GROW.

This year we also received a grant for \$79,000 in cooperation with the other two school systems in Cleveland County. The College Tech Prep Enhancement Grant provides funds which allow the systems to work with Cleveland Community College to develop a document, a road map if you will, for students to use to help them determine how to best prepare for life after high school. Also, school system and college personnel work together to align curricula between the high schools and college so that students will not have to unnecessarily repeat coursework taken in high

school when they enter their community college major.

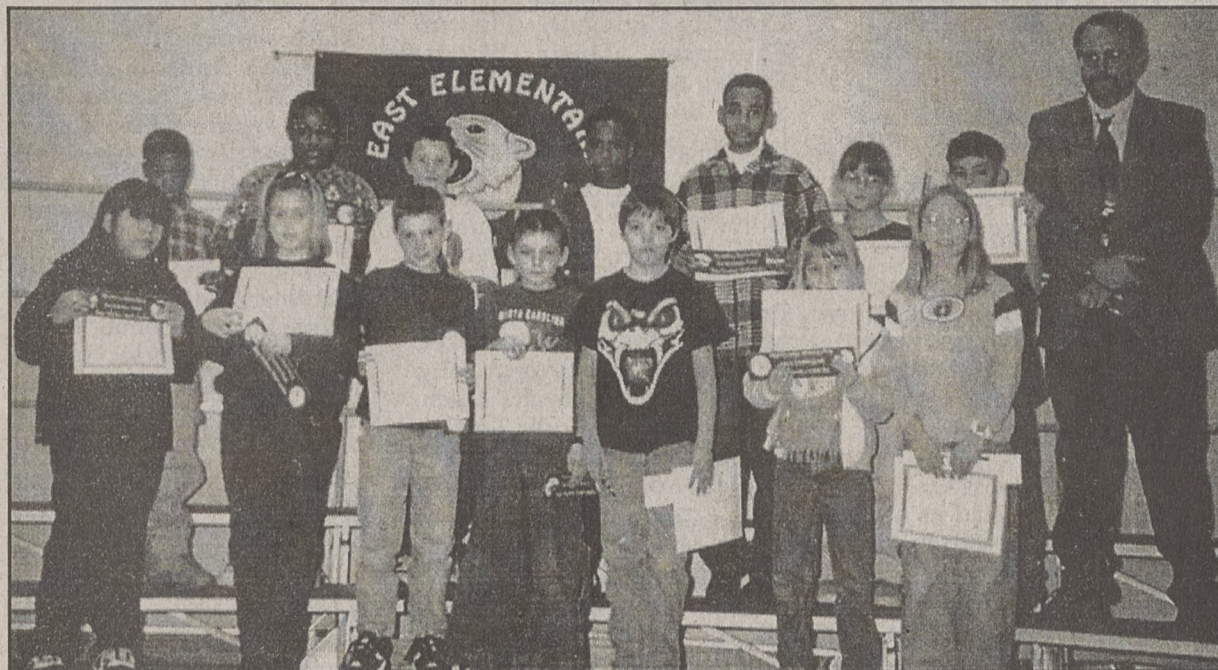
An additional \$79,000 will also be available to continue this work during the 1999-2000 school year. At the end of the project students entering high school should be able to better plan for courses they need to take to prepare them for their chosen post-high school destination.

Our system received a \$49,420 Goals 2000 Schools Improvement Grant this year. This is also done in cooperation with the other two school systems in Cleveland County and with Cleveland Community College. This is our fourth consecutive award under the Goals 2000 program. This year's funds are being used to develop leadership training. The money is being targeted towards training to improve student achievement through the use of technology. Over the life of the federally funded Goals 2000 program our system has received \$200,000 for use.

We were also successful this year, in cooperation with the Cleveland County Schools, in receiving a Technology Literacy Challenge Grant which brought an additional \$55,362 to our

school system. We are using these funds to provide a comprehensive staff development effort in technology training for our employees. Staff members are being trained in the use of technology, the application of technology as an educational tool within the classroom, and technologies that include grade level and subject area content. Participants are able to get certificate renewal credits through an arrangement with Cleveland Community College.

Many times school systems have to neglect carrying out programs important to their success due to the lack of available funding. We certainly do not address every need we believe exists for our system, but we have been able to go beyond what we ordinarily would do thanks to our success in grant procurement. A successful grant application requires employees with initiative and commitment. We are fortunate to have many in our system willing to go the extra mile to help us secure our share of competitive grant funding. We believe these grants better enable us to teach our children well. Hopefully, our success will continue.



EAST SCHOOL TERRIFIC KIDS- Row 1; Kendra Syda, Katie Swafford, Ricky Greene, J.J. Smith, Nicholas Furr, Tabitha Lamb, Lydia Anthony. Row 2; Jarod Rainey, Sierra Brice, Brandon Mills, Courtney Thompson, Steven Conley, Sasha Arbaca, Vilay Thongphounphim, Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club member Bo Maner.



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EAST SCHOOL "DARE" AWARDS- DARE officer Doug Shockley, Jarod Rainey, and Christina Owens- Best notebooks; DARE Essay winners are Brandi Davis from Mrs. Beasley's 5th grade and Angel Lawson from Mrs. Schwantes' 5th grade.

East School presents awards

East Elementary School announced its Awards for the second nine weeks of school.

Art Award- Ashlei Thompson, Andy Allen

Music Award- Tara Harbison, Melvin Johnson

Principal Pals- Matthew Barnes, Austin Black, Michelle Carter, Daniel Childers, Amanda Helms, Sabrina Herring, Austin Hildreth, Amber Lawson, Tiffany Lee, Tara Martin, Ricky Revis, Claire Richards, Melissa Smith, Jessica Wilson, Zoya Kelly, Brittany Allison, Tyler Bess, Jesse Davis, Robert Johnson, Amanda Lee, Cody Lumsden, Dawn Mills, Robby Shank, Jessica Syler, Brandy Tate, LeSherika Witcher, Lea Zwick, Myesha Black, Vincent Bowen, Anne Crawford, Cailyn Hughes, Aissa Jimson, Keyatta Leach, Abbie Lynch, Haley Parker, Joshua Parker, Cody Teague, Shelton Watson, Elizabeth Wells, Jaylen Woods, Heather Black, Tyler Black, Dominique Elliot, Chelse Hale, Ryan Hale, Tara Harbison, Tiffany Heffner, Tiffany Inman, Rebecca Lamb, Chastity Llewellyn, Amy Navy, Karen Self, Elizabeth Sheffield, Brent Stevens, Kenny Stewart, Sara Thompson, Zachery Belk, Tonnie Bradshaw, Alicia Brooks, Arica Brooks, Zachary Hope, Kurtis Martin, Katelynn Martin, Joshua Martin, Christina Ransom, Jasmine Roseboro, Brittanie Sharpe, Chris Smith, Ashlei Thompson, Lacie Wood, Lindsey Wright, Jennifer Bridges, Haley Britton, Amber Byrd, Casey Cogdell, Katelynn Daniel, Megan Davis, Adam Doster, Amanda Dotson, Rashida Howard, Ansley Putnam, Samantha Rucker, Hillary Self, Benjamin Wilson,

Jake Allen, Dominique Bess, Michael Chastain, Caleb Hughes, Josh Human, Jessica Johnson, Maggie Lovette, Josh McAbee, Michael Ramey, Dustin Stewart, Tyler West, Branigan Wheeler, Amber Willis, Tiffany Williams, Ben Hardee, Brittany Norris, Chastity Lowery, Crystal Vernon, Christopher Byrd, Daniela Huskey, Hayley Burgess, Joseph Lee, Kyle Griffin, Tyler Laughridge, Tyler Matheny, Brittany Stewart, Whitney Staton, Christina Parker, Megan Martin, Dustin Hamrick, Sydney Allen, Joshua Childers, Daniel Asgari, Emily Britton, Cristy Cain, Ricky Greene, Shea Grigg, Ted Hale, Toni McGinnis, Kyle Richards, Phiplip Sisler, Katie Swafford, Brendon Rowland, Terry Smith, Lydia Anthony, Tiffney

Herndon, Mickey Hamrick, Mark Main, Brittany Belt, Nicholas Furr, Meaghan Ingram, Brittany Weathers, Tabitha Lamb, Preston Lee, Marsha Meeks, Amanda Ashley, Ashley Adams, Richie Adams, Andy Allen, Marie Bowen, Amber Brooks, Kyle Byars, Steven Conley, Daniel McAbee, Lakeisha Miller, Anthony Nations, Angel Watson, Kelly Williams, Heather Wright, Curtis Milam, Benji Neal, Sasha Abarca, Brandon Belk, Joshua Brown, Brandon Byars, Carolyn Deter, Brittany Dockery, Robbie Dotson, Kelly Flynn, Diandra Sloan, Jacqueline Presnell, Tiffany Vernon, Jessica Summey, Joe Gladen, Rebecca Heath, Lindsey Holland,

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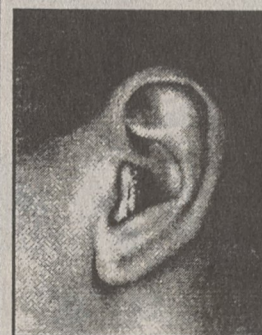
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