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BY BEN LEDBETTER
Staff Writer

With the end of school nearing for Kings Mountain students, summer school will be starting.

Sessions will be held to meet both local and state requirements.

There will be sessions for students for passing the North Carolina Competency Test and the North Carolina Computer Skills requirements.

Executive Director for Instructional Services, John Goforth said the district is one of the top six in the state and 95 percent of all students pass the computer test.

The test consists of two parts, a multiple choice section and a performance section.

In the performance section, students must solve problems in five different areas such as databases, spreadsheets and desktop publishing.

"It's amazing what kids can do and how quickly they can pick that up," Goforth said.

This year's summer academy for computer skills will be held July 9-12 at Kings Mountain Middle School.

Students in eighth grade must pass the test before going to ninth grade.

Tuition summer sessions will be for meeting local requirements; middle school students must pass all subjects.

"It's a pretty good standard," Goforth said. "Some of them get behind or just don't do the work and they need to come to

summer school to get promoted."

Goforth said this will be the first year for the Gateway test which is a test fifth grade students must demonstrate grade level work before being promoted.

He said students will have three chances to pass the test, with the third time in summer school.

But students may be able to satisfy the requirements even if they have difficulty passing the test.

"If they can demonstrate they can do grade level work, they will satisfy the committee," Goforth said. "We have to have some common sense about this, and the state gives us some flexibility on this."

A student accountability committee will review all students who have not yet passed the tests and will determine if the student is ready to go to sixth grade.

The model has been used in Johnston County, near Raleigh, and Goforth said third and eighth grade tests will be added in the state next year.

Goforth said an exit exam for high school juniors will start with the current class of eighth grade students.

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KINGS MOUNTAIN DISTRICT SCHOOLS Summer Academy 2001

Grades 3-8
May 30-June 27, no Friday classes, 8 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
at Kings Mountain Middle School
Teacher Work Day - June 13.
Testing: June 12, 26-27

Computer Camp
May 30-June 6 or June 7-14
8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. or 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
at Kings Mountain Middle-School
Cost: \$25.00 per student.
Testing: The N.C. Test of Computer Skills will be given on June 6 and June 14.

*Class is offered to rising eighth grade students who score at achievement level IV on the seventh grade End-of-Grade reading test.

Writing - Grade 4
July 9-12, 8:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
at Kings Mountain Middle School.

Writing - Grade 5
July 9-12, 8:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
at Kings Mountain Middle School.

Writing - Grade 6
July 9-12 or 16-19
8:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
at West Elementary School.

Writing - Grade 7
July 9-12 or 16-19
8:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
at Kings Mountain Middle School.

Algebra Acceleration
June 4-14, no Friday classes
8:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
at Kings Mountain High School.

Competency Acceleration
June 4-14
8:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
at Kings Mountain High School
Tuition Summer Academy at Kings Mountain Middle School
Subjects: Language Arts/Reading and Math
May 30-June 27, no Friday classes
cost: \$160 for one student per unit
8:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Teacher Workday - June 13
Subjects: Reading or Math
May 30-June 27, no Friday classes
cost: \$80
8:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Subjects: Science and Social Studies
June 14-27, no Friday classes
cost: \$45
2:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
at Kings Mountain High School
Subjects: courses will be offered based on student demand
June 4-June 29, no Friday classes
cost: \$160 for one student, one unit
8:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Testing: June 29/English II Essay Test, July 3
*High School students will be able to take courses on the web for \$250.

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Leach to graduate Winston-Salem State

LeKeshia Leach will graduate from Winston Salem State University May 12 with a degree in Laboratory Science.



She has accepted a position at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, VA. She will begin her duties there May 29.

She will also continue her education at the University of Virginia in forensic pathology (autopsy).

She is a 1996 graduate of Kings Mountain High School. She is the daughter of Goldie Virginia Leach and Charles Collins, both of Kings Mountain.

KM Class of 1976 planning reunion

The Kings Mountain High School Class of 1976 is planning a 25-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 8 and needs addresses of classmates.

Any graduates or anyone knowing graduates whose address has changed since the 20-year reunion is asked to call Ann Leach Sanders at 734-0649, Darlene Wilson Clark at 937-7218 or Lesia Hughes Wilson at 739-8711.

KMHS Blazer Band performs at Epcot

The Kings Mountain High School Blazer Band recently returned from a five-day trip to Central Florida.

The 102-member ensemble and 24 chaperones enjoyed Orlando's Wet 'N Wild Water Park, Disney's MGM Studios, Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom, Planet Hollywood, and a special concert performance at Future World West at Epcot.

The group performed a 30-minute concert of patriotic and pop favorites. The group also had the opportunity to witness the launch of the space shuttle

The Kings Mountain District School bands are presently preparing for their annual spring concert which will be held on Tuesday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

The concert is free and open to the public.

KMMS to sponsor Meet at McDonalds

Kings Mountain Middle School will sponsor a fund raiser, "Meet Me at McDonalds" Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. at the McDonalds at 725 York Road.

Teachers will take orders and part of the proceeds will go to help send students to Carowinds.

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