

## KMMS students score high in competency test

By LYNDA STEWART

The faculty and staff at Kings Mountain Middle School are working diligently to provide a strong educational foundation for our students. On May 2, we completed the North Carolina end-of-grade tests in mathematics and reading. Eighth graders completed the North Carolina Computer Competencies Test, and 95.6% of our students are proficient.



STEWART

Many parents and community members volunteered their time as proctors during end-of-grade testing. Our PTO served lunch for employees after the testing was complete. We appreciate their gifts of time.

A Summer Academy will be offered to students who did not meet state and local academic requirements. A qualified teaching staff will work with students to strengthen their academic areas. Contact Gary Blake at KMMS for Summer Academy information.

Over 560 students reached their Accelerated Reader goals this year. An end-of-year reward on May 10, organized by Julie Rikard, consisted of a climbing wall, a 25-foot slide, and a space orbitron.

Our Character Education Program is important to us. This program was implemented at KMMS in 1997. Character Education activities are taught each week during Discovery. Once a month students view a video that addresses the character trait of the month. Character trait activities are also integrated into subject areas. Two students from each team are recognized each month for exemplifying good character.

The arts program is strong at KMMS. Students have been given the opportunity to enjoy several presentations through the funding of Cleveland County Arts Council. On February 26, seventh grade students attended a concert provided by the Khac Chi Ensemble. The program was a small sample of traditional, instrumental and vocal music of

Vietnam and minority cultures. It also showcased rare and unique musical instruments from the people of Vietnam. On April 12th, sixth grade students enjoyed an ensemble called the Steely Pan Steel Band from Appalachian State University. This group performed a variety of music: calypsos, classical, rock and roll, and even traditional mountain music. During the concert, the group broke away from the steel drums and performed selections of African and Middle Eastern hand instruments. Scott Meister, Director, also explained and demonstrated how the drums were made and played. During both concerts, students were given opportunities to actively participate. Students and faculty enjoyed both concerts and appreciate the active involvement of the Cleveland County Arts Council in providing these opportunities.

Our chorus program consists of approximately 55 students. Lessons are based on the North Carolina Standard Course of Study, which gives students a basic knowledge of rhythms, pitches, and vocal tone. It is not unusual to hear students singing in Italian. Four performances are given each year, twice at Christmas and twice in the spring. Students also participate in the North Carolina Middle School Regional Choral Festival. Our groups consistently perform and score well at these events.

Band students have had a busy and productive year. Several students auditioned for the south Central District All-State Band in January. A Christmas concert was held in December, and the annual spring concert was May 7 at Barnes Auditorium. Sixth graders have been recruited for the upcoming school year.

There are many exciting happenings at the home of the Patriots. We are proud of our school community, and we are looking forward to working with seventh and eighth grade students and parents during the 2002-03 school year. Have a safe and restful summer.

(Lynda Stewart is principal of Kings Mountain Middle School.)

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

Three Kings Mountain High School seniors were presented \$5,000 scholarships during the annual Dover Foundation Scholarship Luncheon at North Lake Country Club in Shelby.

Heather Barnette, Stuart Heffner and Krystle Patel were honored along with seven other students from Cleveland County high schools.



BARNETTE

Barnette plans to attend Gardner-Webb University to study athletic training.



HEFFNER

Patel, who has been involved with the Kids Etc. program, plans to attend Gardner-Webb University to study accounting.



PATEL

Heffner plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and study medicine.

Guidance counselor Leigh Bell said one of Heffner's activities during his time at KMHS involved starting a chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions.

Dover Foundation Secretary Harvey Hamrick said his organization gave over \$1 million to different organizations last year and next year's scholarship money may increase also.

This year, the foundation awarded \$60,000 and Hamrick said he hopes it can give out \$100,000 next year.

## Students named Furman scholars

Kings Mountain High School juniors Joseph W. Griffin and Mandy J. Rhyne have been named as 2002 Furman Scholars.

The students have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and interest in attending a liberal arts college. They were nominated by their high school college counselors.

Scholars have a minimum 3.75 grade point average, rank in the top five percent of their classes, and have strong test scores.

Furman Scholars were invited to attend a special gathering on campus that honored their academic achievements and better acquainted them with the university. Furman Scholars who are accepted for admission to the university are guaranteed of receiving a tuition scholarship of \$3,500.

## Sherita Warren graduates UNC-G

Sherita Antrica Ann Warren of Kings Mountain recently graduated the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a degree in communications.



WARREN

She is the daughter of Kimberly Warren and Arthur Miller.

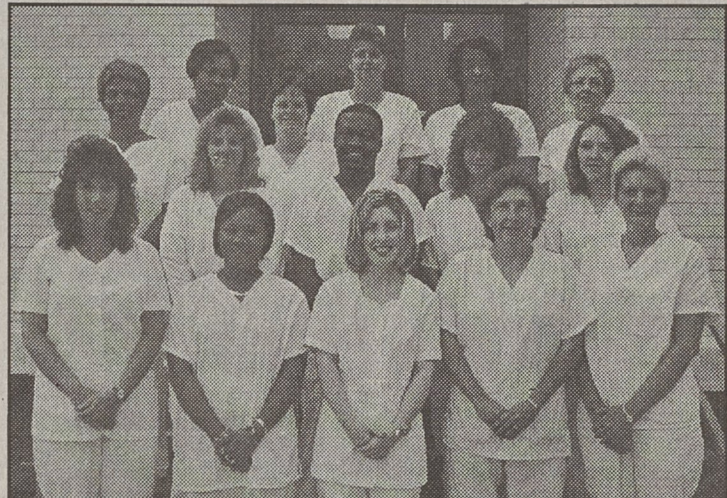
## KMHS students Teaching Fellows

Lisa Marie Black and Lindsay Elizabeth Hamrick, both seniors at Kings Mountain High School, were among 400 high school students selected as North Carolina Teaching Fellows.

Each Teaching Fellow receives a \$26,000 scholarship loan from the state, payable in \$6,500 annual increments. The full loan is forgiven after the Fellow has completed four years of teaching in North Carolina public schools. In addition,



Contributed photo  
Doris Lowery's Class Photo: Front row - Kelly Gamble, Shelby, Teresa Weaver, Lawndale, Melissa Webb, Earl, Eliza Degree, Shelby; Second row - Cindy Barlow, Shelby, Wanda Towery, Lawndale, Dorothy Beaver, Shelby, Lauria Burgess, Kings Mountain; Third row - Carolyn Barnett, Shelby, Lucille Norville, Shelby, Linda Ogren, Shelby; Fourth row - Doris Lowery, Instructor, Marion Morgan, Lawndale, Cedric Sims, Shelby, Susan B. Newton, Kings Mountain, Ronda Hopper, Kings Mountain.



Contributing photo  
Brenda Blanton's Class Photo: Front row - Stephanie Owens, Ellenboro, Latorya Hopper, Shelby, Ginger Hammett, Kings Mountain, Donna Lane, Boiling Springs, Glenda Cauthren, Grover; Second row - Linda Spencer, Lowell, Rodney McElhaney, Gastonia, Michelle Spearman, Ellenboro, Julie Moore, Grover; Third row - Sherry Barnette-Johnson, Kings Mountain, Brenda Lee, Shelby, Karen Doster, Shelby, Judy Jackson, Grover, Sharon Wilson, Kings Mountain, Brenda Blanton, Instructor.

Fellows take part in unique academic and summer enrichment programs during their college years.

Since 1987, 6,387 graduating high school seniors have been awarded the scholarship. Currently, there are 2,144 Teaching Fellows teaching in 97 of the state's 100 counties.

## 28 graduate nursing program

Twenty-eight students graduated last week from the Certified Nursing Assistant Program at Cleveland Community

College. The program is a 120-hour course with 80 hours spent in the classroom and an additional 40 hours of clinical experience. Once the course is completed, graduates are included on the North Carolina CNA Registry.

Students in the program are under the instruction of Doris H. Lowery, RN, and Brenda Blanton, RN.

For more information on the program, contact the Continuing Education Department at CCC at 484-4015.

## Kings Mountain Weather Report

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	May 8-14	Year Ago
Total precipitation	1.11	Trace
Maximum 1 day	1.08 (13th)	Tr. (9th)
Month to date	2.22	Trace
Year to date	14.30	15.01
Low temperature	43 (13th)	53 (13th)
High temperature	87 (8th, 9th)	85 (11th)
Avg. temperature	68.9	69.3

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