

Black history program held at Grover School

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On Friday, Grover Elementary School students finished their celebration of black history month by attending an assembly in honor of the month. The assembly featured Kings Mountain High School drama teacher Betsy Wells' third-period theater students.

At the beginning of the program, Joyce Harrington-Pressley, a fourth-grade teacher, played "Lift Every Voice and Sing" for the students before having two students read their "I Am Proud of My Heritage Because" essays. One student read about his Irish heritage, while the other read about his African-American heritage.

Then the high school theater class took over the assembly. Students danced and lip-synced to popular songs by Aretha Franklin, Tina Turner, and the Temptations. They also had games for the kids, which featured famous African-Americans, like Will Smith, Michael Jordan, and Halle Berry. The "Joy of Life" singers performed two songs a capella, using only stomping to keep the rhythm.

Students read facts about famous African-Americans in history, like Jesse Owens and Harriet Tubman.

Harrington-Pressley, who organized the assembly, said she was very pleased with the way it went. The students had been spending time studying famous African-Americans all week in class.

"I'm just so happy right



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Grover Elementary students eagerly participate in answering the questions about famous African-Americans at the black history month assembly on Friday. The questions were posed by members of Betsy Wells' third period theater class at the high school.

now," she said. "It went so well."

Wells said she has been planning the presentation with her students since right before Christmas. The students talked amongst themselves and decided what they wanted to do during the assembly. She said that she had many students in the class who are not black but who participated in the black history month assembly. Too often the only people who recognize black history month are those who are black, she said. She said the activity helped foster an appreciation of black history in her non-black students.

"I think it's been very successful," she said.



Joyce Harrington-Pressley and Rev. Feemster welcome the Grover Elementary School students to a black history month presentation on Friday.

BRIEFS

Dellinger earns GED at Davidson

Stacy L. Dellinger of Kings Mountain completed the General Educational Development (GED) program at Davidson County community College during the fall semester.

The GED program is a means for adults to obtain a high school diploma. Individuals take the GED exams to demonstrate high school level competencies in English, social science, reading, and math.

Hargraves enters training program

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	Feb. 26-March 4	Year Ago
Total precipitation	1.25	1.46
Maximum 1 day	.61 (26th)	1.35 (2nd)
February total	5.27	1.94
Year to date	5.71	8.73
Low temperature	30 (26th, 27th)	13 (27th)
High temperature	62 (4th)	68 (26th)
Avg. temperature	43.5	37.9

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