

North School gives awards

North Elementary has announced its winners for the third nine weeks.

Principal's Pals - Blake Chapman, Krisleigh Thompson, Maria Jamerson, Sarah Scism, Corey Green, Faythe Brown, Steven Smith, Leah Puckerin, Kadesia Lipscomb, Kiersten Johnson, Carsyn Bolin, Dakota Shelton, Jessica Lovette, Akua Adams and Ali Prow.

Terrific Kids - Austin Daniel and Jessica Lovell, Kelly Sarvis, Johana Sellers, Sierra Ayers, Blane Trakas, Jacob Lainhart, Martina Edwards, Stormy Rolan, Aaliyah Brice, Nathan Dixon, Vicky Pennington, Landon Bolin, Elaina Francis, Trevor Blanton, Brooke Warner, Cajé Etters, Emily Dover, Brittany Lysek, Tyler Thompson, Amanda Tarbush, Tyler Martin, Malik Osborn, Trey Trevor, Tia Tipton, Courtney Rakes, Micaela Watterson, Spencer Carroll, Jacob Lineberger and Randall Taylor.

Top Tigers - Austin Daniel, Blake Chapman, Bethany Wilson, Cody Biddix, Jordan Smith, Jessica Lovell, Jaylynn Wood, Zax Oliver, Micah Carter, Jasmine Dye, Shannah Heffner, Kelly Sarvis, Amber Sellers, Johana Sellers, Madison Walker, Ryan Westlund, Colton Alexander, Krisleigh Thompson, Sierra Ayers, Layla Bolin, Maria Jamerson, Jesse McFarland, Cameron Sarvis, Blane Trakas, Jordan Trull, Karissa Wilson, Mikayla Altman, Riley Coleman, Bakari James, Brook Odums, Tommy Smith, Caitlin Bryant, Noah Coleman, Martina Edwards, Ivette Fernandez, Shad Johnson, Jacob Lainhart, Hunter Lewis, Sarah Scism, LaDaisha Smith, Kriscia Wellmon, Aaliyah Brice, Robbie Bryson, Taylor Carlan, Katelyne Cunningham, Gregory Grabert, Corey Green, Caroline Hardin, Jordan Heath, Emily Hester, Joe Lawrence, Brittney Tarbush, Kyla Walker, Stormy Rolan, Alex Zaffke, Matthew Burris, Kyle Carroll, Luke Jackson, Travis James, Madison Kohler, Robbie Lysek, Vicky Pennington, Faythe Brown and Nathan Dixon.

High Honors - Mark Black, Rebekah Bridges, Elaina Francis, Kami Helms, Joshua Reid, Katy Robinson, Emily Dover, Cajé Etters, Mikayla Price, Zachary Reese, Alex Reynolds, Janaisa Sledge, Jonmark Smith, Kellie Ford, Carsyn Bolin, Hannah Wyte, Sara Borov, Janice Ma, Dakota Shelton and Paige Harrison, Joseph Chapman, Tanner Collins, Priscilla

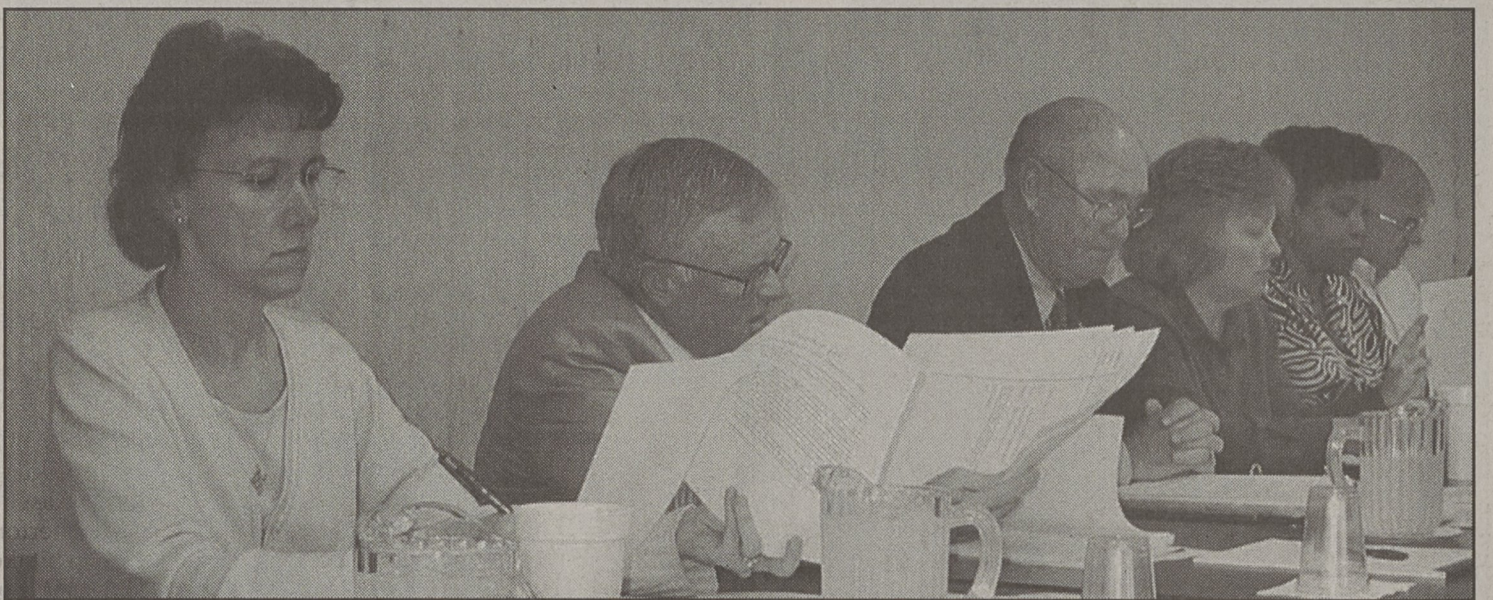
Jordan, Jessica Lovette, Tia Tipton, Akua Adams, Lowell Henry, Matthew Lovelace, Lauren Belt, Mandy Lockridge, Mitchell Cloninger, Mary Kathryn Pasour and Ali Prow.

Honors - Alexis Brafford, Megan Haraszkiwicz, J'Mani Moore, Steven Smith, Tyler Walker, River Coplen, Steven Blackwell, Brooke Warner, Trevor Blanton, Kelsey Forbes, Samantha Morrison, Leah Puckerin, Brooklyn Keeter, Melissa Morrison, Sierra Stokes, Jesse Pierrehumbert, Chad Sanders, Tony Walkins, J.D. Bundy, Shawn Chapple, Brittany Lysek, Tyler Thompson, Baron Crawford, Kiersten Johnson, Summer Miller, Dierra Patterson, Jamie Reid, Morgan Sellers, Odesser Chandra, Tyler Martin, Wil Sellers, Naemah James and Nyesha Smith.

Honors - Maverick Canipe, David Hull, Brittany Keeter, Malik Osborn, Justice Taylor, Rebekah Wilkins, Justin Jefferies, Aaron Renega, Daryn Malone, Jacob Canipe, Savannah Cash, Zach Smith, Destiny Williams, Preston Leonard, Rebecca Martin, Macy Coble, McKenzie Parker, Haley Adams, Davis Crawford and Morgan Robinson.

Good Citizens - Mark Black, Landon Bolin, Alexis Brafford, Rebekah Bridges, Brittany Cox, Elaina Francis, Megan Haraszkiwicz, Alex Johnson, Gabrielle Rhodes, Steven Smith, Kami Helms, Samantha Parker, George McNabb, Steven Blackwell, Trevor Blanton, Tyler Henry, David Hill, Samantha Morrison, Leah Puckerin, Joshua Reid, Katy Robinson, Brooke Warner, Moriah Pierrehumbert, Justin Rhodes, Cajé Etters, Brooklynn Keeter, Kadesia Lipscomb, Zachary Reese, Alex Reynolds, Sabriyya Roberts, Chad Sanders, Melissa Morrison, Fushia Addison, Emily Dover, J.D. Bundy, Kellie Ford, Kiersten Johnson, Hope Jordan, Lakita Knox, Brittany Lysek, Summer Miller, Sierra Patterson, Jamie Reid, Morgan Sellers, Tyler Thompson, Emily Bell, Carsyn Bolin, Sara Borov, Tyler Martin, Charles Rainey, Wil Sellers, Amanda Tarbush, Hannah Wyte, Brandy Alstand, Andrew Williams, Naemah James, Maverick Canipe, Paige Harrison, Brittany Keeter, Janice Ma, Dakota Shelton, Rebekah Wilkins, Malik Osborn, Trey Traylor, Katherine Adams, Allison Bradley, Jacob Canipe, Savannah Cash, Joseph Chapman, Tanner Collins, Johnny Guffey, Priscilla

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Cleveland County School Board goes over proposed budget at Thursday meeting.

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County school board gets first look at proposed budget for 2004-2005

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER
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Cleveland County School Board members had their first look at preliminary budget projections last week. Superintendent Dr. Gene Moore called the \$33.6 million figure "just a starting point."

The budget includes \$14.7 million in instructional programming, \$14.8 million in support programming and \$4 million for capital outlay.

The county's portion of that budget would be \$24.3 million. That breaks down to \$9.5 million in county appropriation, \$8.1 million in supplemental tax; \$3.1 million in sales tax redistribution; \$505,000 in fines and forfeitures; \$2 million in capital outlay and \$866,000 in special school capital reserve.

School officials say the county acts as a conduit for the state special school capital reserve item. That item returns to the budget after a two-year hiatus during the state's budget crisis.

The \$33.6 million includes \$404,000 in salary increases, \$235,000 in benefits increases and \$360,000 to equalize local supplements to the state money which pays teachers' salaries.

Inflationary adjustments for other insurances will cost \$138,000.

The board will increase supplements for teachers from the former Cleveland County and Shelby City school districts to make those equal with salary supplements in the former Kings Mountain District Schools.

The board will meet April 22 at 6 p.m. for an in depth breakdown of the budget and will meet again April 29 at 6 p.m. to vote on the final budget which will then be submitted to the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners. The locations of those meetings will be announced closer to time. Board member Tommy

Greene voiced concern that if Cleveland County Commissioners keep a revenue neutral budget, the schools will not get an increase in funding.

County commissioner Chairwoman Mary Accor said that she has not made a decision on her vote.

"Until I see all the numbers and hear all the reasons, I won't have a position," she said.

Commissioner Ronnie Hawkins said the school system will get more money. "They'll get money but it won't be a quote windfall," he said.

Regardless if property valuation is raised, the tax base will increase due to growth, he said.

Hawkins said the school system is in the best shape ever, a point Greene disagrees with.

Hawkins asked for the schools' help in being fiscal conservatives. He said all county departments have needs.

In other business, the board approved a public participation policy which will be in effect at its next meeting. A few individuals had objected to language in the policy which only allows speakers to address agenda items.

"A couple were upset. They were used to being able to speak about anything within reason," board member Shearra Miller said.

The board said it hopes people will take issues through the appropriate chain of command resolving problems before they reach it.

The board does plan to schedule two or three meetings each year where it will hear input from the community on non-agenda matters.

Board members heard from Cleveland County Head start Director Patty Norman on the need for board education if the local head start is going to continue to have its federal funds

administered through the new merged school system. Prior to the merger, CCHS's funding was administered through the former Kings Mountain District Schools.

After a December site visit, federal regulators told CCHS it must make several changes. One requirement is that its grantee, which is now the newly merged board, must be educated about the program's budget, philosophy, long and short range goals, plans and procedures. Some board members objected to regulators recommendation of a one-day training session.

Board chairman George Litton said he relied on administrators to do their day to day jobs without his input.

"I can't sit here and know everything Larry Allen does, Ted Knapke does and Gene Moore does. I'm just not capable of supervising a Head Start program," he said.

Federal regulator Becky Baker told the board she knew of programs which had lost their funding. She

defended the board education requirement saying it improved programs.

While Cleveland County Schools is currently the grantee for Cleveland County Head Start funds, other agencies can bid for the contract. According to Norman, less than 10 Head Start programs in the state are operated through local school systems. She said the agency wanted to continue to be part of CCS because it offers classroom space, program administration, cafeteria services and a smooth transition to elementary school for participants.

Board members agreed to some form of board education.

"Do what you have to do to meet the regulations," Greene said.

The board unanimously approved a resolution written by the North Carolina School Board which would continue to give local boards control of the school calendar. A tourism industry group is advocating the state mandate school cannot start before Labor Day.



Derrick Smith and Tiffany Williams were King and Queen of the Kings Mountain High junior-senior prom

SIDEWALK SURVEY

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What do you do to prepare for the prom?



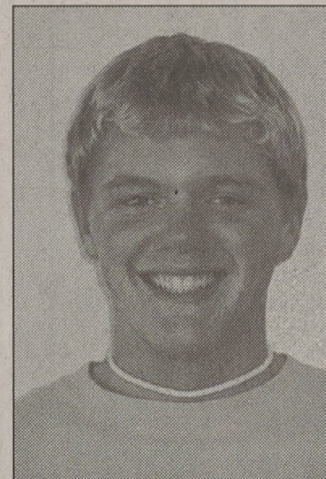
You get your nails done, hair done, make-up, tanning. We went to eat at McIntosh's in Charlotte.
Stacey Spicer
Junior



You got to get dark and tan, get your hair and make-up done.
Blair Heffner
Junior



My dress was black with a deep v-neck, rhinestones and a slit and an open back.
Alex Dawson
Junior



We went to Hooters, then the prom. We went and had a good time afterwards.
Derek Hilley
Senior



I did people's hair and make-up and helped everybody else.
Hannah Jo McDaniel
Junior