

EDUCATION



ANDIE BRYMER / HERALD
Chris Suchan talks to Kings Mountain Intermediate School fifth graders last week. The students just wrapped up a unit on meteorology.

Channel 3 weatherman visits KMIS

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When Chris Suchan was a little boy he wanted to be a truck driver. That phase passed and he decided to follow his dad's lead and become an FBI agent.

Then it snowed. The storm cancelled school and Suchan was hooked on the power of weather.

"From that point on I watched every weather forecast I could," he told Kings Mountain Intermediate School fifth graders last week.

When the Weather Channel debuted, Suchan was one of its biggest fans.

"My parents thought there was something wrong with me," he said.

Suchan would watch forecasters then take that information to school, becoming a self-described "weather salesman."

"I was presenting my arguments, either you're going to believe me or not."

By high school he formed a weather club. When the organization's meetings con-

flicted with football practice, Suchan dropped the pigskin in favor of storms, snow and sunshine.

"My coaches and parents were not happy."

Suchan's father questioned his son's career aspirations.

"Son, how realistic is this?" Suchan said the man asked.

Suchan's dream was realistic enough to land him at Charlotte's Channel 3.

A few in his student audience last week knew one of meteorology's secrets - weathercasters point to a blank screen. Only on viewers' screens does it appear to have maps and numbers. Suchan explained that he uses mirrors and a monitor which are out of sight of the camera.

Teacher Julie Hicks invited Suchan as a treat for students after end of grade testing. His visit comes at the conclusion of a unit on weather.

"When I told them he was coming, they were so excited," Hicks said.

Students participate in job shadow program

Twenty juniors and seniors from the Career-Technical Education classes at Kings Mountain High School were recently selected to participate in a job shadowing program.

Students were placed with local business people for the morning to observe their daily routines and to explore and learn more about careers or occupations directly related to their CTE class or pathway for high school graduation.

Students were given the opportunity to select careers they were interested in and careers they considered pursuing

after high school.

Job shadowing is considered an extension of the school day for the student and is considered to be a workplace learning opportunity. While at the workplace, the student follows safety and health rules and is able to observe workplace activities and ask relevant questions. Business sponsors share an interest in helping youth learn more about career opportunities and provide them with realistic, up-to-date, and practical information about their career area.

The student participants were Brandon Anthony, Amanda Arrowood, Stephen Bolt, Josh Bryant, Sara Caulder, Justin Detter, Johnathan Frady, Kara Fujita, Matt Grigg, Tim Holmes, Nicole Hoskins, Tina Sprouse, Sadler Stowe, Carrie Thammavongsa, Justin Weaver, and Dustin Weaver. The students were recommended for the program by their high school career-technical education teachers.

The program was coordinated by Mrs. Nancye Hager, Career Development Coordinator at KMHS.

Burris national winner

Kendrick Burris has been recognized as a United States National Honor Roll award winner.

Burris' name will appear in the Achievement Academy's yearbook which

is published nationally.



Burris is the son of Kenneth Burris and Spring

Young of Kings Mountain. His grandparents are Gloria Burris, James Burris Jr. and Helen and Cornelius Young, all of Kings Mountain.

Burris admitted to Berea

Kendrick Dwayne Burris, a 2004 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, has been admitted to Berea College. By virtue of enrollment, Burris becomes the recipient of a four-year tuition scholarship worth up to \$80,000.

According to the College Board, Berea is one of the country's most competitive institutions, admitting students on the basis on academic achievement, community service, leadership potential and financial need.

Burris is the son of Kenneth Wayne Burris Sr. of Kings Mountain.



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Students at Grover School earned 24,772 Accelerated Reader pins with an 83.4 average proficiency. Eighty-nine students in second, third and fourth grades earned over 100 points and enjoyed bowling at AMF Shelby Lanes. Seventeen students earned more than 200 points and were awarded a limousine ride and lunch at Fatz Cafe in Shelby. Six students earned more than 300 points and each received \$100. The PTO provided the prizes. Pictured, front row, left to right, Andrew Withers, Courtney Sherbert, Kaitlyn Saldo, Zackery Saldo, Glenn Teague, Micah Waters, Brittani Bridges. Back, Paul Pillard, Tyler Reller, Zachary Wilson, Madison Dye, Christina Weaver, Shea Cogdell, Dennis Fender, Jordan Falls, Amma Boakye, Ayana Smith and Charles Atkins, chauffeur.

Bingham chair of association

Kings Mountain native Laura Carpenter Bingham has been named chairwoman of the Association of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities.

Bingham is the daughter of Charles and Marion Carpenter and is a 1977 graduate of Kings Mountain High School.

She has been president of Peace College for six years. Bingham holds an AA degree from Peace, a bachelors from UNC-Chapel Hill and a masters from Indiana University.

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38'	43.20
40'	45.60
42'	48.00
44'	50.40
46'	52.80
48'	55.20
50'	57.60
52'	60.00
54'	62.40
56'	64.80
58'	67.20
60'	69.60
62'	72.00
64'	74.40
66'	76.80
68'	79.20
70'	81.60
72'	84.00
74'	86.40
76'	88.80
78'	91.20
80'	93.60
82'	96.00
84'	98.40
86'	100.80
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