

EDUCATION

Valerie Boyd graduates from Leadership Program

Valerie Boyd, principal of Bethware Elementary School, Kings Mountain, graduated May 5 from the nationally recognized Leadership Program for Experienced Principals (LPXP), offered by the Principals' Executive Program (PE) of the University of North Carolina.

One of 48 principals selected statewide to participate in the rigorous, 11-day program, Boyd completed close to 100 hours of classroom instruction over a four-month period. Major areas of study included teacher effectiveness, instructional improvement, school finance, teacher support,

data analysis, technology utilization, diversity, integrity and vision. Books and articles on school improvement and leadership, student development, and school improvement were read and discussed.

"The goal of the program," explained Program Director Dr. Chris Hitch, "is to help principals better understand their roles, refine their skills, and become more effective school leaders. The Leadership Program for Experienced Principals allows school leaders time to think about improvement that can be made for their students, and share ideas with other principals."

Boyd joins a growing group of educators to successfully complete the leadership course offered by PEP, the longest running organization of its kind in the nation.

Phillip White wins Young Authors Award

Phillip White, representing First Ward Elementary School in Charlotte, was first prize winner of the Young Authors Award presented by the Rho Psi Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Phillip's written presentation titled "Fairness" awarded him the highest honor among participants from

four elementary schools in Charlotte.

Representatives from the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority honored Young Authors and High School Scholarship winners at a Chapter Awards Luncheon May 21 at West Charlotte High School. At the event, Phillip was the recipient of an Awards Certificate, a U.S. Savings Bond, and a bound copy of his award-winning story.

Phillip is the son of Mirion and Audrey White of Charlotte. He is the grandson of Robert "Bobby" White Sr. of Kings Mountain.



WHITE



Students at East School were rewarded Thursday for their efforts in raising over \$1,300 for Relay for Life. They raised \$403 by paying one dollar each for a water balloon which they got to throw at Principal Jerry Hoyle. Probably the best thing of all is that Mr. Hoyle and P.E. teacher Barry Webster retaliated by throwing and shooting water on the students. In top photo students get soaked from a bucket of water thrown by Webster. Above, Hoyle fires at the students, but at right third grader MaKayla Rogers takes aim at the principal.

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