

## SCHOOL NEWS

# Grover Elementary's 8th Annual Book Character Parade



Alex Stewart, Kindergarten, was a precious "Silverlicious"!

Characters from every Grover Elementary student's favorite book paraded in the 8th annual Book Character Dress-up Parade March 1.

Children decked out in colorful and unique costumes. Principal Janet Anthony

and some parents joined in the fun and it was anyone's guess who some of the children represented. The students had fun and at the Book Fair afterwards they took home reading material.

"I really like "Duck Dynasty" and it was



Speech, EC teachers and assistants were characters from "Duck Dynasty."

fun getting my costume together as Si Robertson," said 4th grader Savannah Poston.

Nicole Poston, second grader, is collecting American Girl dolls and she dressed as her Christmas doll, "Kaya" from the Ameri-

can Girl series.

Kindergartner Alexandra Stewart was dolled up in a princess outfit.

All the students paraded in celebration of "National Read Across America Week" and



Dr. Janet Anthony, principal, was cute as a button with her ponytail from the book, "Stephanie's Ponytail" Photos by Beth Brock



Savannah Poston, 4th Grade, was Si Robertson from "Duck Dynasty."



Nicole Poston, 2nd Grade, portrayed Kaya from the "American Girl" series.

# West students learn sign language



(Photos by BETH BROCK) Savannah demonstrating "monkey" in sign language.



Students signing "I love you" with (back row l-r) Cindy Rochester, Savannah, Cheryl Potter, and Beth Lloyd, Guidance Counselor at West.

The students at West Elementary School have been studying people with disabilities. They have learned some simple sign language as well as having some samples of Braille to learn.

Thursday, Savannah Hagwood, a senior Psychology major at Gardner-Webb University, presented a program to the West students on being deaf. Savannah has been deaf since birth.

Accompanying Savannah were Cheryl Potter, Associate Dean of the Noel Pro-

gram for Students with Disabilities, and Cindy Potter, Assistant Dean of the Noel Program for Students with Disabilities at Gardner-Webb. They interpreted Savannah's signing to the students, and the students' questions to Savannah.

Savannah began her program with a PowerPoint presentation asking the children various question such as "Can a deaf person drive?" and "Can a deaf person use the phone?" The children were very attentive

as they watched Savannah sign, and Cheryl interpret the surprising answers.

The students replied 'no' to both questions and were surprised with the answers. Savannah told them that she was deaf, not blind, and she was able to drive, utilizing her three mirrors on the car. She explained that although she could not hear a siren, she could see the flashing warning lights.

Savannah pulled her cell phone out of her pocket and explained that even though

she couldn't hear, she could text. She also illustrated with her laptop how she could Skype with others who could sign back to her. Then the children were informed of the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) operator who could interpret for Savannah when she made or received phone calls utilizing a teleprinter.

Next on the PowerPoint program, Savannah had photographs of wild and domesticated animals. As the children identified each ani-

mal, Savannah illustrated the sign language for the animal. Then the students would try to sign the animals back to her.

Savannah was asked if she could talk, and she explained that she had been to speech therapy at an early age, but because she could not hear the sounds, she was unable to duplicate them. She said that she could make sounds but did not often do so, because she realized most people would not understand what she was trying

to say. She told the children that she could read lips as well as mouth words.

Savannah told the group that her mother was deaf, and that she was born deaf, but that her father could hear.

As the program came to a close, all the students signed "thank you" and "I love you" to Savannah. Each child was presented several strips of Braille with the alphabet on them, and a sheet with the alphabet illustrated in sign language.

# Twenty-six KM students get perfect scores in end-of-grade testing

Twenty-six Kings Mountain students were among the 92 students in grades 3-8 in the Cleveland County Schools who achieved perfect scores in the End-of-Grade reading, mathematics or science tests last year.

The Cleveland County

Board of Education recognized students with perfect EOG scores in 2011-12 at the Feb. 25 meeting of the board held in the Shelby Middle School Theatre.

Kings Mountain students recognized were:

THIRD GRADE - Beth-

ware, Austin Brown, math; East, Michael Bolin, math; Grover, Caleb Johnston, math; West, Daniel Carley, reading/math; Katherine Martin, math; Carter Wilbanks, reading/math; Abigail Henson, reading.

FOURTH GRADE - East

-Bryson McDaniel and Corey Parker, math; Grover-George Long, math; Simon West, reading; West - Summer Campbell, and Lexie Wright, math; Maggie Lloyd, reading/math.

FIFTH GRADE KM Intermediate School: Joshua

Lewis, reading; Sarah Drennan, Caleb Mayes and Robert Parker, math.

SIXTH GRADE KM Intermediate School: Harrison Conner, Dale Hollifield and Tyler Withers, math.

SEVENTH GRADE KM Middle School: Autumn

Sheridan, reading; Abigail Morehouse, Kaitlyn Bolin, Ashton Withers and Ricky Zheng, math.