

SCHOOL NEWS



KMIS students above collected food and donated it to the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry.

KMIS students exceed canned food drive goal

The Kings Mountain Intermediate School recently held a canned food drive sponsored by the student council. Students collected 1,590 cans, topping the original goal of 1,500. The canned goods were donated

to the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry.

The most cans collected in homeroom classes were: Mrs. Weaver's sixth-grade homeroom class, which collected 218 cans, followed by Ms. Beam's fifth grade

homeroom class, which collected 200 cans. The Crisis Ministry was astonished and grateful when they saw how many cans had had been brought in, according to students involved in the food drive.



Lt. Steve McKee gives 9th grader Chandler (Bryce) Vouthivong and KMHS teacher Margot Plonk a police escort to the Do the Right Thing luncheon last week in Shelby that honored three outstanding students in the Cleveland County Schools.

Students 'Do the Right Thing'

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While other students were cramming for tests, enjoying a long lunch or sleeping in on the weekends, Chandler Vouthivong arose early on Saturday mornings and volunteered at the Foothills Farmers Market in Kings Mountain and helped struggling students with their math studies during the Kings Mountain High School's SMART lunch.

It's that selfless spirit that recently won the 9th grader Do the Right Thing honors along with two other Cleveland County Schools students.

Vouthivong, who goes by Bryce, joined Eli Roberts and Mary Claire Ware as honored guest at the quarterly Do the Right Thing luncheon sponsored by The Shelby Star, Shelby Rotary Club, Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, Carmike Cinemas and Shelby Savings Bank.

The program honors "young people in our community who distinguish themselves by their com-

mendable actions. These students have exhibited outstanding attitudes, accomplishments and efforts that make them positive role models for their peers."

The students and their nominating teachers got police escorts from their respective schools to the Shelby Country Club for a lunch last Wednesday.

Ware, a 5th grader at Shelby Intermediate School, used part of her lunch hour on many days to help her the school counselor and a teacher create role modeling videos for students at the school with autism.

"Many students and adults have difficulty relating to an understanding students with autism, but not (Mary)," the nomination letter read. "She embraces our kids and looks beyond their disabilities to see the individual."

Eli Roberts, a 4th grader at Springmore Elementary, is described in his nomination letter as "a true example of a good citizen and someone who does the right thing."

His teacher Natalie Conner said Roberts has made

an extra effort throughout the school year to help a fellow student with disabilities. He helps the other students with assignments, sits with him at lunch.

For Vouthivong, his good deeds didn't stop at tutoring other in math and pitching in at the local farmers market.

The Farmer Foodshare has donated over 500 pounds of food to Central United Methodist Church's Community Kitchen, who feeds two meals a week (about 800 plates a day) to the hungry.

"Bryce has also volunteered at the Community Kitchen and help prepare to-go plates and has worked the serving line on Thursdays after school," said Margot Plonk, who teaches Vouthivong earth science and wrote his Do the Right Thing nomination letter. "He has seen this food go full circle — from the farmer donating it, to the Farmer Foodshare donating it to the Central United Methodist Community Kitchen, Community Kitchen staff cooking it, and then helping to serve it to the needy."



50s Day at West

On November 5 West Elementary School celebrated the 50th day of school. Students and staff dressed up in poodle skirts and white t-shirts with rolled up jeans. There were lots of Pink Ladies and T-Birds in attendance. Students and staff were treated with ice cream and soda.



On November 9, kindergarten and some staff members at West Elementary school teamed up to hold a Muffins for Mom celebration. Kindergarten moms (dads or grandparents were invited if moms couldn't attend) visited the school and completed a craft with their students. All were served muffins and juice and parents were given reading activities to use at home with their kindergartners.

Adams graduates basic training

Army Pvt. Joshua N. Adams has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basis first aid, foot marches and field training exercises.

Adams is the son of Stacey Adams of Kings Mountain.

He is a 2011 graduate of Kings Mountain High School.

Jones graduates basic training

Army Pfc. Justin A. Jones has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition, and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basis first aid, foot marches and field training exercises.

Jones is the son of Kenneth Jones of Shelby.

We Give Thanks to you Robert!

Certain people make a difference in our community by affecting the lives of others —

This Thanksgiving the staff of 238 Cherokee Grill is honored and thankful to work beside and for Mr. Robert Bolin. Robert had made, and continues daily, to make a positive difference in the lives of the staff at 238 Cherokee Grill.

Robert met the love of his life 29 years ago, Lane Tesseneer Bolin. Robert enjoys spending his free time on his farm, as well as fishing and hunting. He is a savvy entrepreneur with an incredible sense of humor.

Thank you Robert!

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