Baltimore' second largest elementary school closes spectacular year

Rosemont Elementary wins laurels for pupil, community participation

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Rosemont Elementary School No. 63 at 2777 Presstman St., closed the school year with a June Week celebration which encompassed the faculty, children, parents and the community. The events symbolized the school's role which has brought the institution many citations and awards.

The Title One School which is the second largest in the Baltimore public school system is headed by Mrs. Dorothy F. Bennett, principal for 11 years and Mrs. Frances Parks, vice principal.

The 829 pupil school which has a total of 76 persons on the faculty was chosen as AFRO School of the Year and cited during June Week for its unusual record of involving young and old, in-school and out-of-school youngsters and adults.

The more than 1,500 persons participating in the week-long events included not only all 829 students but senior citizens from St. James, Dukeland, N. Carroll Methodist Home, New Shiloh Baptist Church, Pentecostal Baptist Church and other churches plus scores of parents and visitors.

Among those present were Mrs. Alice Pinderhughes, assistant superintendent in charge of Elementary Education; Mrs. Leah Hasty, coordinator of Parent, school and Community Involvement, Title One; Mrs. Georgia Watson PTA treasurer and Mrs. Edith Kenner, president of the dynamic PTA organization which encompasses 30 percent of Rosemont parents.

The Rosemont Elementary area extends from North to Edmondson Avenues; West to Gwynns Falls Parkway, the City Line and over to Monroe Street.

With special emphasis on aiding pupils and parents and any persons touching the school in any manner, Rosemont has a sustaining support service "for whatever is needed in food, clothing, advice encouragement, consultation and consolation."

The theme of the June Week events was "Sacrifice, Service and Satisfaction."

Of note was the presence of such outstanding persons as Mesdames Anne Gamse, Ella Strothers, Agnes Welch and Anne Roberts.

The other honors include the proclamation by City Council President Walter Orlinsky and the City Council members that June 3-10 be designated Rosemont Elementary School Week.

The school also received a citation so stating from Mayor Schaefer and honors for 100 percent participation in the United Way Campaign; the National Safety Council for four straight years as No. 1 on the Honor Roll.

On Aug. 23 Principal Bennett will be cited at the Central Summerfield United Methodist Church's Leadership Awards Banquet.

Mrs. Bennett reveals that Mrs. Ola Mae Wheeler, a parent, was cited at the Thursday School Board meeting as an outstanding parent of all Baltimore Title One Schools.

Highlighting good news about Rosemont is the fact that Mrs. Barbara Cassell, in charge of Student Training, has designated Rosemont as a 1980-81 Teacher Education Center.

Mrs. Bennett has a certificate for participation in the Consumer Credit Workshop and was one of those chosen for Dr. Thomas Layton's Curriculum and Planning session at Coppin State College.

Anthony Bacon a Rosemont pupil not only placed second in the Region 7 Mathematics Contest but was first runner - up for all elementary schools in Baltimore.

She was also Honorable Mention for the Silver Bowl Awards presented by the Central Maryland Volunteer Council.

A teacher for 35 years, Mrs. Bennett has been principal at Elementary Schools Nos. 118 and 148 prior to coming to Rosemont.

829 STRONG, the Rosemont Elementary School No. 63 pupils under Mrs. Dorothy Foster Bennett, principal, have a devoted faculty of 76 teachers with Mrs. Frances A. Parks vice principal.

AFRO SCHOOL OF THE YEAR award was presented to Principal Mrs. Dorothy F. Bennett by City Editor Elizabeth M. Oliver during the ceremonies when Mrs. Bennett also received the Mayor's Proclamation and City Council President Walter Orlinsky's citation by the Council for excellence.

PUPIL PARTICIPATION came June Week when Juan Brown was acting principal; James Smith (above) assistant principal and acting teachers were Sherwood McEachen, Annette Parrine, Naomia Hoover, Latoanya O'Neil, Tracey Robinson, Michelle Hester, Antoinette Parrine, Lloyd Stanton, Juanita Sheppard, Robert Kenner, Tyra Frederick, Trina Frederick, Trinisa Chriscoe, Lachelle Couplin, Lillian Mitchell, Reginald Thurman, Hammel Clark and Yvonne Watson.

STAR — Anthony Bacon was second runnerup in Regional 7 Math Contest, is accompanied here by his mother, Mrs. Mary Norman and Mrs. Sonya Lynch.

SECOND GRADERS under George Moody are engrossed in reading and creating.

MRS. SONIA LYNCH'S 4th Graders are Tracye Carter, Tyrone Johnson, Raven Johnson, Sabrina Dorsey, Sonia Chesnut, Bernard Steward and Victor Moore.

TOP FLIGHT Cafeteria staff serves the Rosemont faculty and students each day "home cooked meals" from soup to nuts with Mrs. Shirley Kane, staff specialist; Mrs. Jeanette B. Hairston, staff specialist, Free and Reduced Price Meals; Mesdames Rosie Haskins, Mamie Williams, Odeal Brown, Louis Wright, Hattie Lilly, Vrenda Johnson, Esther Jones, Thelma Shockley and Margarie Ford.

MIXED CHORUS from Tubman Elementary No. 138 and Rosemont with Mrs. Lisbon, director, received standing ovations during a one - half hour joint concert at the closing June Week banquet.

MRS. ALICE PINDERHUGHES, assistant elementary education superintendent and Mrs. Dora Evans Foster, Mrs. Bennett's mother, were June Week guests.

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