SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

Waverly Elementary School

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This is Mary McRae's first year as principal of Waverly Elementary School and she was fortunate, because she inherited a school that was in pretty good shape, physically and academically. The building is fairly new, built in 1979 and according to McRae, the majority of her students score average or higher on standardized tests. However, McRae is not resting on the status quo.

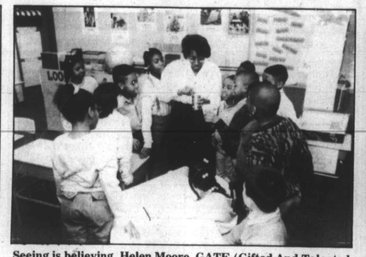
"Staff, parents and community have been very supportive for the most part," claims McRae. In fact, it was a parent, Ralph Moore, a member of the Waverly PTA, who called the AFRO extolling the virtues of Waverly Elementary. But still, one of McRae's immediate goals is to increase parent involvement and build an even better rapport with her faculty and administration.

"Upgrading and enhancing instruction; that's my main focus," says McRae. Right now Waverly, which holds grades pre-k through fifth-grade, has a GATE, (Gifted And Talented Education) program in place from third to fifth-grade.

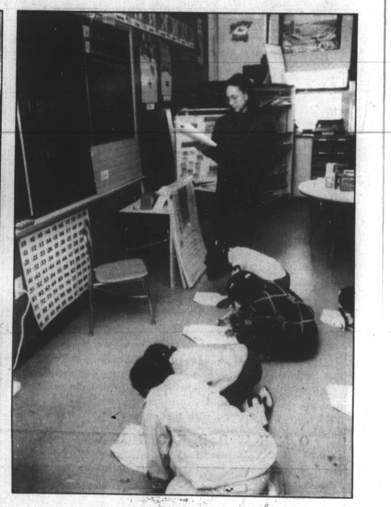
ARD, (Assess, Review, Dismiss) is also part of the Waverly curriculum. The specific purpose of ARD is to closely monitor the needs and progress of young people who may learn a slower rate than other students. According to principal McRae, ARD has the meticulous task of aiding students who may need academic reinforcement, without stigmatizing them negatively.

Mary McRae's first year at Waverly Elementary School has been a case of so far, so good.

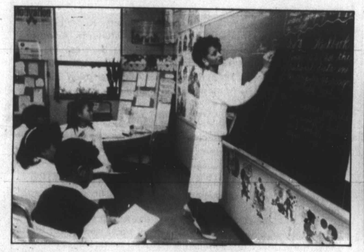
Mary McRae, principal of Waverly Elementary School.



Seeing is believing. Helen Moore, GATE (Gifted And Talented Education) teacher conducts an experiment while her fifth-grade math class looks on.



Teamwork. Susan Griggs works with a group of her first-graders...

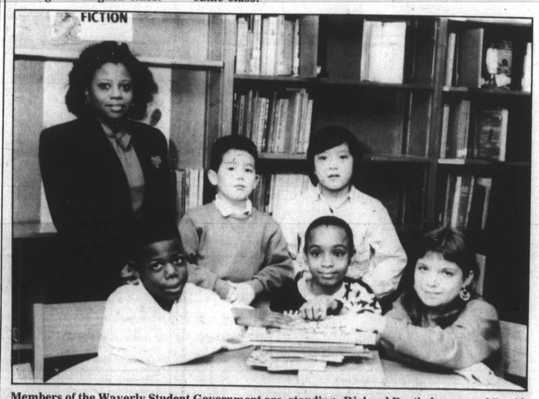


Goldie Carter, who teaches math, science and social studies, explains an assignment to her fifth-grade math class.

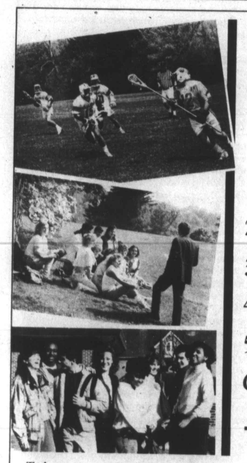
Mika McDade, Erica Spence and Tasha Connally prepare to play in William Thornton's instrumental music class.

Marilyn Bell works with her third-grade English class.

...while retired teacher Lillian Layton tutors students from the same class.



Members of the Waverly Student Government are, standing: Richard Bartholomew and David Ng; sitting; vice - president, Troy Harper; assistant secretary, Lakisha Clifton; secretary, Nancy Kyger. With them is their advisor Ruby Keith, special education resource teacher.



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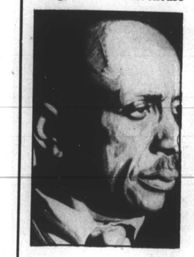
Kids Talk

Do you know this person?

He was born in Daytona Beach, Fla. and attended Morehouse College in Atlanta with Martin Luther King, Sr. From Morehouse he went to Rochester Theological Seminary and also studied with Rufus Jones, the Quaker mystic.



He is Howard Thurman.

In 1944 he moved to San Francisco and founded the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples. This non-denominational church allowed him to utilize some creative, non-traditional worship practices, including ministering to a racially mixed congregation.

While in San Francisco, he began publishing his poetic meditations and taping his masterful sermons.

He is generally regarded as one of the great preachers and spiritual leaders of the 20th century.

Billie Holliday

Marchers moving toward the Lincoln Memorial for the rally on the 25th anniversary of the March on Washington, Saturday, August 27, 1988.

Willi Smith

Joanne Walton

Alice Walker

Toni Morrison

Puzzle

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The Beauty of Being Black

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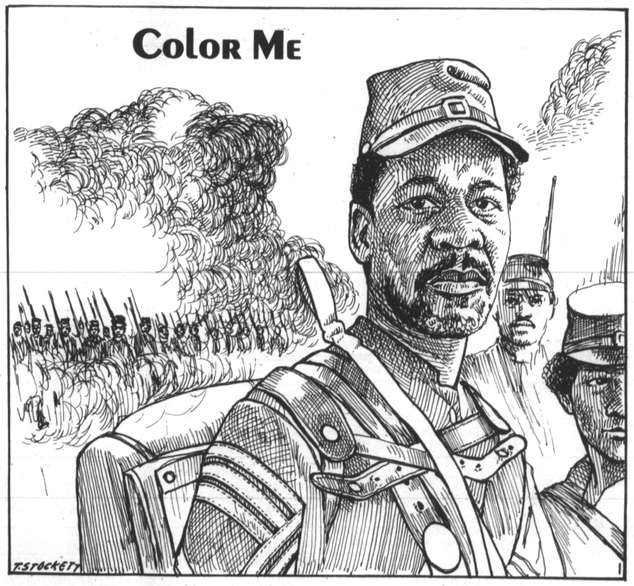
Hey kids! It is Black History Month, and there are so many things for you to see in Washington, Maryland and Virginia. These three areas are filled with museums, theaters and cultural spots to quench the thirst of any young Black history enthusiast.

Did you know some of the greatest protest, marches, and boycotts for Black civil rights took place in these areas. In 1963 the first march on Washington for Civil Rights took place. In the 60s many Black students at Hampton, Howard and Bowie State University organized rally's to improve the social climate of Blacks in America.

Two noted Black historians Frederick Douglas and Benjamin Banneker were born in this region and Howard County in Maryland was originally founded and settled by Blacks in the 19th century.

In the weeks to come take a moment to spend some time to explore your history. I think each day is a wonderful day to celebrate the accomplishments of the Black-American, however, if you have not had a chance to, this month take the time to learn more about Black history.

Color Me



Black History Month

Hey kids! Blacks come in all shades and colors. We are a people of powerful strength and matured determination. We are writers, singers, models, politicians and protesters. We are a people whose voice must be heard because we have something to say.

We have survived discrimination, oppression, bloodshed and discouragement and with each obstacle we come back stronger ready to fight another day and win.

We are warm blooded, loving people who want so much to be ourselves in a world that says being ourselves is not being a part of the establishment.

Be yourself — a beautiful Black child and the world will see the glory that Blacks bring to the world.