Community Calendar

Fund For Educational Excellence

Sunday, March 5, the Fund For Educational Excellence will hold the fourth annual Gold Star Alumni recognition event from 2 - 4 p.m. (awards from 2:30 - 2:30 p.m.) at the downtown Hyatt Regency Constellation Foyer — D, E and F, located at 300 Light Street.

The Gold Star Alumni event recognizes over fifty years of excellence in the Baltimore City Public Schools. Six distinguished alumni will be honored ranging from a 1938 alumnus who became the Superintendent of Public Instruction for Baltimore City Public Schools to a 1974 graduate who is one of the first black Rockettes.

The distinguished alumni are:

Beverly Burns (Western Senior High School, 1967), the only female airline captain in the world certified to command a 747.

Miles G. Harrison, Jr. (Forest Park Senior High School, 1967), is a general surgeon who is taking a sabbatical year in general surgery at Sinai Hospital.

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Alice G. Pinderhughes (Frederick Douglass Senior High School, 1938), an educator of national renown Ms. Pinderhughes recently retired as the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the City of Baltimore.

Ted Venetoulis (Patterson Senior School, 1951), is a newspaper and magazine publisher as well as a t.v. political analyst. He was the former Baltimore County Executive.

William S. Woodside (Forest Park Senior High School, 1939), is the retired chairman of Primerica.

NAACP Announces Spring Breakfast

The Annual Spring Breakfast of the Baltimore NAACP will be held Friday, March 17, 8 a.m. at Martin's West.

You may have heard about the financial problems of the Baltimore NAACP. The NAACP has been more active than every before, and plans call for the NAACP to become even more active in 1989.

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Saturday, March 4, 1989

SPOTLIGHT School of the Week:

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor School No. 122

This is the first in a series of profiles on public schools in Baltimore City. It is an attempt to showcase the positive side of education in the city, highlighting some of the activities and programs in our schools.

First grader, Jamone Smith and acting principal, Anna D. Boston.

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AFRO Staff Writer

Like many other schools in the Baltimore City Public School System, School #122, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Elementary, is a school not without its problems, however the school, in conjunction with the community, is working hard to overcome them.

Anna D. Boston, vice-principal of school 122, discussed the problems and possible solutions.

Vice-principal, Anna D. Boston is principal pro tem, since former principal, Jerome Williams left the school in January. Williams is now working in the state school system as assistant director of the Maryland assessment program.

School 122, located at 507 W. Preston St., is a chapter one school, which means that at least 25 percent of the students fall under the category of economically disadvantaged.

A large number of the children are approximately five months below their correct reading level. Attendance levels hover only at around 87 percent. How are these problems being addressed?

"We obtained additional staff, so that we could have smaller classes and devote greater attention to each child," said Boston.

School 122 has also created, "Parent Liaisons," a group of parents who assist the school in certain areas. On this day, they were in Annapolis lobbying for the allocation of funds from Superintendent Hunter's budget.

The school also works closely with the family support services of Murphy Homes, which is in the immediate area of Coleridge-Taylor. "We're very pleased with the parent involvement this year; it's not as much as we hoped for, but we're working on it," stated Boston.

In many schools in Baltimore City, especially in economically depressed areas, low self-esteem is a notorious problem. School 122 has developed two after school programs to help combat this situation.

"Crystal," is a group for girls conducted by teachers, that deals with, "girl things," such as make-up and fashion. "The girls seem to like that very much," stated Boston.

The boys of Coleridge-Taylor have a group of their own. "The Junior Eagles," (the eagle is the school mascot), function almost like a big brother group. The Jr. Eagles are supervised by Sgt. Fullwood,of the Baltimore City Police Department. So far, they have participated in various activities, including a visit from former mayor, Clarence "Du" Burns.

"The boys really need positive male role models, the Jr. Eagles help to provide those role models," said Boston.

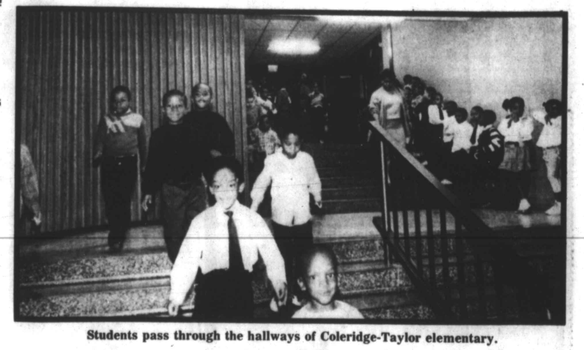
Like other chapter I schools, lunchtime for the children at school 122 is very important. Several studies have established the correlation between poor nutrition and sub-standard academic performances. To help assuage this problem, Coleridge-Taylor offers breakfast as an option to students,as well as lunch.

Like other schools around the city, uniforms are becoming more and more popular with students, many of the kids view them as sort of a status symbol. Many educators believe that wearing the uniforms may help establish self-esteem and pride in children and therefore may help them perform at a higher level academically and maybe even encourage better conduct at schoool. About 40 percent of the kids at Coleridge-Taylor wear uniforms.

Coleridge-Taylor maintains in it's faculty a psychiatrist,a social worker and a speech therapist,all of whom cater to the needs of a significant number of special education students, many who have transferred from other schools.

One of these students is first grader, Jamone Smith. "When Jamone first arrived, when he did talk, you couldn't understand a word he said, now you can't keep him from talking," stated Mary Drake, the school's speech therapist. Jamone has worked closely with Drake since his arrival at school 122.

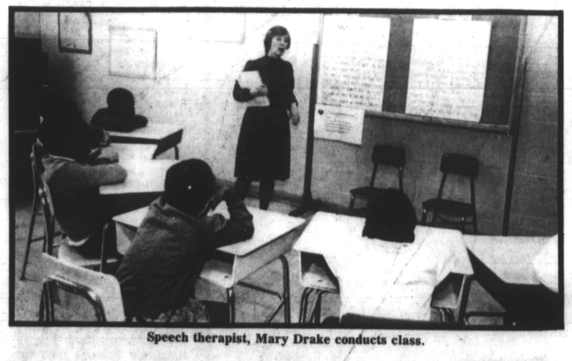
The AFRO arrived at Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School, essentially unannounced and we discovered a school that is dealing with its problems head on and building on it's successes. School 122 is not a school with hi-tech equipment, or world class,innovative education programs. Samuel Coleridge elementary is a school that combines community efforts with the dedication of the faculty and administration, to create a school, despite adverse conditions, that is moving in the right direction.



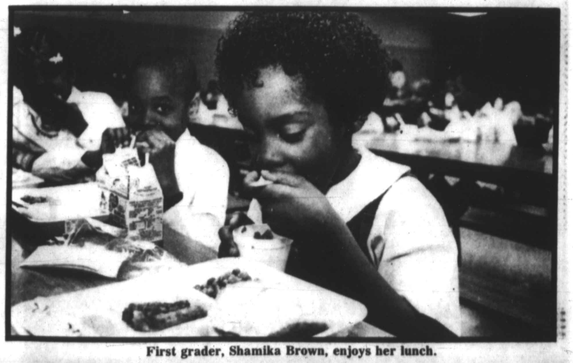
Students pass through the hallways of Coleridge-Taylor elementary.

Lunchtime for pre-kindergarten at school 122.

Acting principal, Anna D. Boston discusses community in involvement, at Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School.



Speech therapist, Mary Drake conducts class.



First grader, Shamika Brown, enjoys her lunch.

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