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"Our future is in our schools"



Visitors to the senior high school will see teachers and students engaged in the process of learning. Here Mr. Fred Templin demonstrates the law of conservation of momentum.

Left to right: Susan Sorber, Jeff Supulski, Gary Ostrum, Carol McGuire, Mr. Arthur Rand, student teacher from Wilkes College; Mr. Fred M. Templin, physics instructor.

Parent and teacher conferences planned

Dallas School District will hold parent-teacher conferences as a part of the system for reporting pupil progress in grades kindergarten through six. Teachers have scheduled conferences with families of each of their students at the Intermediate, Dallas Township, Westmoreland, Trucksville, and Dallas Elementary Schools for Monday, November 17, 1975. Students will not report to school on that day.

The fifteen-minute conferences will follow-up written report cards issued to parents on Friday, November 14, and will afford the opportunity for both parents and teachers to gain better insight into how well the child is doing in school and to prepare jointly for his or her immediate and future needs.

Members of the elementary school staff have prepared conference information that follows the new report card format. This procedure will help teachers relate pertinent information to parents during

the brief conference. Parents are encouraged to write out their questions or make notes about areas which they would like to have further information and bring them to the conference.

Administrators and staff have reviewed the conference guidelines and have participated in in-service activities in an effort to maximize the potential of the home-school conferences. Parents will not only share observations of their child's behavior and development, strengths and areas of difficulty, but will also discuss with the teacher some specific ways in which they can help their child in areas where improvement is needed.

The conference will aid parents and teachers in working together to develop a realistic program for the child's growth and development. It is a constructive step in continuing two-way communication between the home and the school. If, at the conference, there is a need for further discussion and joint planning, additional conferences will be scheduled.

Community members invited to visit schools

The Dallas School District extends a special invitation for parents and interested citizens to visit the schools during American Education Week November 16 to November 22. A brief visitation to see pupils and teachers in action is one of the best ways to learn about your schools. Visitors are asked to register with building coordinators or at the building principal's office when entering the school.

Since visiting a school provides opportunity to see only one or two learning sessions, the Dallas School District has planned several special programs designed to give parents a more extensive overview of their youngster's educational program. These programs are provided to encourage the cooperation and communication between schools and community.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1975, the Dallas Junior High School will hold a Back to School Night for parents. This Open House program provides parents the opportunity to visit the school and meet teachers during non-school hours. Parents will follow their youngster's schedule for a typical day. Even though class periods will be shortened, parents will be able to attend each class, meet the teacher and learn about program plans for the year. If you haven't visited the junior high school, this program offers an excellent opportunity to see the facilities and meet the staff.

A senior school Career Day is planned for Wednesday afternoon, November 19. Each high school student has selected two career areas for further explanation. The afternoon of Career Day will be divided into two sessions beginning at 1:15 p.m. Each student will have the opportunity to participate in two career information seminars. Approximately 40 career interest groups will meet during each session. Community persons working in each of the career interest areas will be on hand to present information and answer questions about what it is really like to work in a particular career area.

Each team of teachers at the Dallas Intermediate School has selected a

specific date for parents to visit. Special invitations indicating the day and time will be given to parents by their children.

A tea is planned by parents, teachers and students on Thursday, November 20 at 2:00 in the Dallas Elementary School on Huntsville Road. Parents are invited to visit their youngster's classroom and meet teachers, counselors, principal and other

Special invitations may also be issued to other teachers and classes. You are invited to attend the programs, schools and classes of most interest to you. Refreshments and conversation with teachers and parents will be available at most of the activities.

Many teachers have found that one of the most interesting ways for parents to become familiar with school programs is to visit the classroom. Parents are encouraged to visit their youngster's classroom. Parents are welcome at any time. American Education Week just offers an opportunity to extend a special invitation.

The programs and invitations are aimed at opening and improving lines of communication between schools, parents and citizens of the community. Education is a joint venture. Let us join together in meeting the challenge ahead for "Our Future Is In Our Schools".



Principals and counselors review teacher recommendations and plans for parent conferences.

Left to right: Mr. William Cobb, Mr. Walter Prokopchak, Mr. John Doerfler, and Mr. Gerald Wycallis.