

# A MARVELOUS DAY IN MARVELL



**Roslyn Rose, an intern, tutors Kylon Jacobs and Nykell Johnson**

A syndicated columnist and editor of an education journal described his gushing wife who had returned from a day at the Freedom School in Marvell, a joint program of the Marvell-Elaine schools, the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center and the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation.

She marveled at what she saw in a school where 97 percent of the children received free or reduced-price lunches.

"Enthusiastic teachers and college interns were going to war alongside these kids to fight for their futures. A teacher gave a student a high-five after he correctly identified the preposition and object in a sentence. Kids were reading because they wanted to. The youngest students were being tutored - by third graders, who seemed to know what they were doing!

"The program," Steve Brawner wrote for the newspapers, "clearly is improving student performance and test scores. Under the leadership of its stick-of-dynamite principal, Sylvia Moore, the school had gone from occupying a permanent place on the state's school improvement list to scoring an 'A' on the state's report card."



Six interns and a site supervisor help teachers run the day camp and Freedom School for some 70 children, which BGACDC has operated since 1998. The goal is to have every child reading at grade level by the third grade by maintaining their skills and knowledge through summer vacations.

Mrs. Moore said it was an invigorating enrichment program that the students themselves define as a refreshing and fun way to learn.

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