



The Laurinburg Head Start block party had children decked out in the Halloween spirit.

Tatiana Floyd and other Head Start students got their faces painted during the Maxton block party on Thursday.

# Head Start raves for early education

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Laurinburg — Block parties filled preschool playgrounds throughout the region on Thursday to promote early education.

Southeastern Family and Community Services collaborated with community members to throw block parties at all 15 of the area Head Start centers it manages.

“We had a Head Start nationwide block party that we opened up to the community to let them come in and see what we’re doing at the center,” said Tonie Brite, Head Start program director. “We also wanted to bring in resources and help the families at the center.”

The program is designed to provide preschool enrichment to children of low-income families, teaching comprehensive early childhood education, health, nutrition and parent involvement.

The program has centers in Laurel Hill, Laurinburg, Maxton, Elizabethtown, Longwood, Raeford, Mt. Olive, Pembroke, Piney Grove, Ransom, Red Springs, South Robeson, St. Paul’s and Tabor City.



Some children at the Maxton block party were already dressed with Halloween spirit.

Each center put on a block party Thursday to help expand its community resources.

“It was an outreach for the community so we could collaborate with different members and partnership with different agencies,” said Darnerker Ford, the Maxton Head Start manager. “Our program gives children a collaborative learning environment and helps people help themselves.”

The Laurinburg Head Start Center’s party took on a festive air as children

with flowers and stars, and eat hand-grilled burgers and freshly popped popcorn.

“The children, families and staff members had a ball,” Brite said. “We had community members, vendors and even Lakeshore School Supplies came.”

The Lakeshore Learning Center, located in Mathews offered discount school supplies during the event. There were also firefighters, police officers, mayors, county commissioners, social workers, board members, and many more.

“It went well, we were just so glad to see such a great turn out,” Ford said. “We had about 90 people out here, which was a big turn out for our first annual event.”

Even though this was the first block party, it likely won’t be the last.

“We plan on throwing one every year,” Brite said. “This year had a nice turn out and put on great activities for the parents and children.”

For information on the Head Start program go to <http://scfsc.org/head-start-program/>

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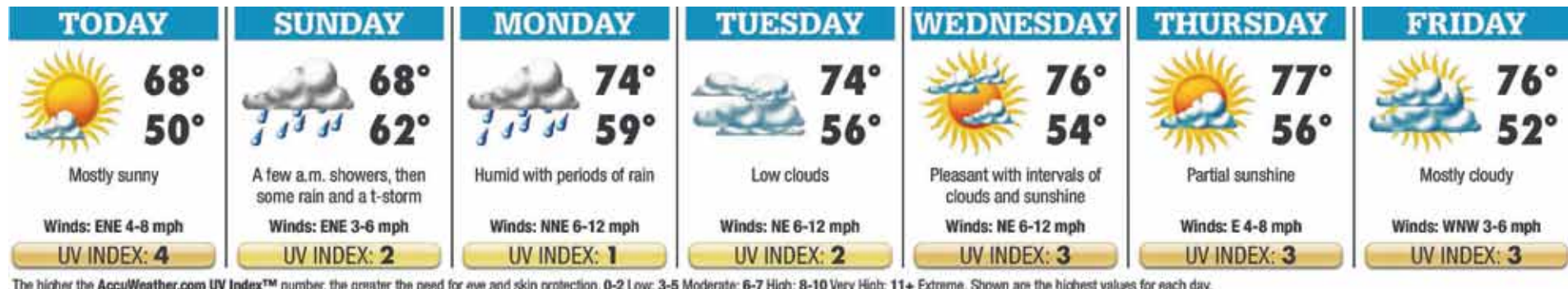
Children played on the Maxton playground during the Head Start Center event.



Hula hoops kept many children entertained during the Laurel Hill Head Start block party.



Children raced on tricycles during Thursday’s block party.



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High/Low: 78/60	Thursday: 0.00
Normal high/low: 71/47	Month to date: 6.28
Last year high/low: 81/60	Normal month to date: 3.28
Record high: 85 in 1984	Year to date: 37.89
Record low: 26 in 1976	Normal year to date: 39.71

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City	Today	Sun.	Mon.	City	Today	Sun.	Mon.
Aberdeen	67 48 s	66 58 sh	73 56 r	Greenville, SC	65 52 pc	60 56 sh	69 55 r
Asheville	61 50 pc	59 54 sh	67 51 r	Hickory	62 50 pc	60 55 sh	69 54 r
Chapel Hill	63 47 s	64 57 sh	69 56 r	Lumberton	71 53 s	72 64 r	76 60 r
Charlotte, SC	75 59 s	80 67 c	82 63 c	Maxton	68 51 s	69 63 r	74 59 r
Charlotte	65 51 pc	64 58 sh	71 56 r	McColl, SC	68 52 s	69 63 r	74 59 r
Columbia, SC	72 57 s	73 63 r	76 60 r	Nags Head	64 50 pc	69 62 c	69 62 r
Durham	63 47 s	64 57 sh	69 56 r	Raleigh	66 50 s	67 59 sh	72 57 r
Fayetteville	69 51 s	72 61 r	74 60 r	Southern Pines	69 48 s	69 58 sh	75 55 r
Florence, SC	67 51 s	74 65 r	74 61 r	Sumter, SC	71 55 s	72 63 r	74 60 r
Goldsboro	67 51 s	72 62 c	73 60 r	Wilmington	70 55 s	75 64 c	79 61 t
Greensboro	64 50 pc	64 56 sh	69 56 r	Winston-Salem	64 50 pc	62 55 sh	69 55 r

## NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Sun.	Mon.
Albany, NY	52 39 pc	58 42 sh	61 42 c
Albuquerque	61 39 s	66 43 s	68 44 s
Atlanta	69 59 pc	66 61 r	71 60 r
Baltimore	58 45 pc	66 52 c	65 49 c
Billings	65 49 c	65 36 c	54 35 c
Birmingham	70 62 sh	70 61 r	72 59 sh
Boise	70 49 c	62 40 c	51 34 sh
Boston	54 43 pc	59 48 sh	63 47 pc
Charleston, WV	63 51 c	63 53 r	71 52 c
Chicago	51 44 r	63 48 s	67 48 s
Cincinnati	57 51 c	64 52 c	68 52 sh
Cleveland	56 49 c	64 47 pc	68 51 s
Dallas	75 54 c	74 50 c	77 53 s
Denver	66 40 s	72 39 s	69 38 pc
Des Moines	59 43 c	69 49 s	72 50 s
Detroit	55 48 r	64 47 pc	67 50 s
Houston	80 60 r	75 54 c	77 56 s
Indianapolis	55 49 sh	65 47 c	66 49 pc
Jackson, MS	74 65 r	74 60 r	75 55 pc
Kansas City	61 42 c	70 48 s	72 51 s
Las Vegas	80 57 s	81 60 s	80 56 pc
Little Rock	68 57 r	69 53 c	73 53 pc
Los Angeles	88 61 s	83 61 s	77 58 c
Louisville	61 55 c	66 58 c	72 55 pc
Memphis	63 57 r	69 59 c	73 56 pc
Miami	86 75 pc	86 75 pc	87 74 pc
Milwaukee	52 46 r	61 50 s	66 49 s
Minneapolis	57 42 c	64 45 pc	64 46 pc
Nashville	65 56 r	66 58 c	70 55 c
New Orleans	81 69 r	76 64 r	75 63 pc
New York City	56 49 pc	64 53 c	64 53 pc
Oklahoma City	65 46 c	72 48 s	75 51 s
Omaha	63 43 c	73 47 s	74 50 s
Orlando	86 67 pc	88 70 s	89 70 pc
Philadelphia	59 48 pc	67 54 c	67 52 c
Phoenix	81 58 s	84 59 s	86 63 s
Pittsburgh	54 48 c	61 48 c	64 51 pc
Portland, ME	52 37 pc	55 41 sh	59 40 pc
Portland, OR	63 51 r	58 47 r	55 44 c
Rapid City	66 41 pc	70 38 pc	57 37 c
St. Louis	61 49 r	67 50 pc	73 52 s
Salt Lake City	65 50 c	68 48 c	55 45 sh
San Francisco	71 59 s	69 57 sh	62 52 c
Seattle	59 48 r	54 46 r	53 43 c
Virginia Beach	62 50 s	67 61 c	70 60 r
Washington, DC	60 50 pc	66 55 c	65 55 c
Wichita	65 41 c	74 47 s	75 52 s

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