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SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

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Parent Leadership Learning Parties at Hurlock Elementary

Parents of Prekindergarten students at Hurlock Elementary were able to benefit from a unique Learning Party experience provided by PreK teachers Dawn Corkran and Amy Stoops. During the month of January, Mrs. Corkran and Ms. Stoops hosted interested parents in a series of four “parties” designed to strengthen parent leadership and advocacy skills. Learning Parties were developed by the *Ready At Five* organization and contain the following components: a shared meal, parent skill development, a child play and learning session, practice and parent-child activities, parent networking, and a home connection with books. Supported by instructional assistants Jennie Nagel, Joetta Green, and Karen Harrison, the parties were successful in bringing parents together to learn how to positively impact and support their child’s school experience.

As a special gift, at the January 25th session, the non-profit organization, *Bedtime in a Box*, traveled from Baltimore to present the children with their own “Bedtime in a Box” containing everything they need to establish a bedtime routine including pajamas, toothbrush, books, bath towel, etc.

The parents who participated were thankful for this family engagement opportunity. Thanks also to Ms. Linda Wilson, principal at Hurlock for being so supportive.

