

# SHAPE Up!

## NAES RECEIVES LOWE'S GRANT FOR "DAWG WALK TRAILS & RUNNING COURSE"

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation has awarded a \$4,300 Toolbox for Education grant to New Albany Elementary School (NAES) to provide a nature trail, walking path, and running course for students. NAES is one of more than 480 schools or parent organizations to be awarded a Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant for parent-initiated school improvement projects benefiting K-12 public education across the United States during the 2010-2011 school year.

The "Lowe's Dawg Walk Trails and Running Course" will provide many educational experiences for students. This project will enhance instruction in the areas of physical education, science, and reading. In addition, opportunities will be given to the students to become involved in extra-curricular and after-school activities. The course will be 3.1 miles long, eight feet across, and will connect the Backyard School Habitat and the Outdoor Classroom. The project is scheduled for completion in August 2011.

"Through Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant program, we are acknowledging parent-initiated efforts that enhance the lives of children in the communities we serve," said Larry D. Stone, chairman of Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation. "By lending our support to New Albany Elementary School, we are rallying behind a cause that is important to both our customers and employees, and we're helping to build a stronger foundation for the children who will be tomorrow's employees, homeowners and community leaders."

Launched in partnership with PTO Today, a leading organization serving parent-teacher groups, the Toolbox for Education program has provided more than \$20 million through more than 5,000 grants since its inception five years ago. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to public schools in the U.S. for a wide range of improvement projects. All K-12 public schools in the United States are eligible. Since its inception in 1957, Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation has helped communities nationwide through employee volunteerism and financial contributions.

Lowe's supports the communities it serves through programs that focus on K-12 public education and community improvement projects. The company's signature education grant program, Lowe's Toolbox for Education, has brought more than \$5 million in grants to K-12 public schools every year since its inception in 2005. Lowe's Heroes employee volunteers support local community projects and our national nonprofit partners such as Habitat for Humanity International and the American Red Cross. In 2010, Lowe's and the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation together contributed more than \$30 million to support communities in the United States, Canada and Mexico.



## SPARK Training!

**Nine physical education teachers and assistant teachers from the New Albany School District completed SPARK Physical Education Training on May 19 at New Albany Elementary School.**

**Those completing the training were: Rolandus Cox, Joe Dan Roberts, Don Reed, Robbins Rogers, Ron Price, Martha Rainey, LaTonya Ball, Brandi Cooper, and Barbara Tapp.**



**Carol M. White Physical Education Program Grant**

## A Message from the Program Director

It is exciting as we prepare for another school year. What is even more exciting is to see the progress our school district has made in the areas of physical education and health education during the 2010-2011 school year. Our second year of grant implementation came to a close June 30 and we have been approved for Year 3 of Grant Funding which began July 1. I look forward to another year where we can purchase needed equipment and receive valuable training. The SHAPE Up! Grant has been and will continue to be a tremendous asset to our school district.

Since our April newsletter, we have had lots of wonderful things going on in our school district to improve health and fitness. Our School Health Councils and SHAPE Up! Advisory Council met at New Albany Elementary School on May 2 to discuss ways to improve programming for health and physical education. SPARK training was provided for nine of our physical education and assistant teachers on May 19. New Albany Elementary School hosted the Relay for Life Field Day and Family Fitness Night on May 23. Positive Behavior Parties were also held at NAES during the month of May.

The Carol M. White SHAPE Up! Grant sponsored professional development in the school district June 27-30. Mike Kuczala, co-author of *The Kinesthetic Classroom, Teaching and Learning Through Movement* guided teachers in understanding the link between academic achievement and movement. Teachers were given the opportunity to participate in movement activities that they will easily be able to incorporate into their classrooms this fall.

It is the goal of our school district that our physical and health education programs will lead to healthy, active lifestyles for our students and their families. I hope that your summer vacation has been healthy, safe, and enjoyable.

Lecia Stubblefield

Director of Federal Programs, Curriculum, & Transportation

## The Kinesthetic Classroom

The following teachers and assistants learned how to incorporate more movement into their classrooms by participating in Professional Development this summer:

### NAES:

Laura Bostwick  
Judy Davis  
Becky Farned  
Sarah Garrett  
Tammy Hill  
Christy Littlejohn  
Karen Mayo  
Hattie McKenzie  
Robin Merritt  
Cynthia Parks  
Martha Rainey  
Larua Reedy  
Barbara Robertson  
Robbins Rogers  
Jonna Shaw  
Dianne Simmons  
Teresa Smith  
Tommy Spight  
Donna Stacy  
Nancy Tate  
Lisa Topper  
Scherrita Tucker  
Lisa Turner  
Candy Walls  
Robin Willis

### NAMS:

Jamie Coleman  
Don Reed  
Joe Dan Roberts  
Chris Russell  
Julie Eaton

### NAHS/NASTUC:

Anita Alef  
Nannette Ballard  
Mallorie Biffle  
LaTrina Bynum  
Rolandus Cox  
Kimberly Langley  
Kenneth Moore  
Willie Paine  
Gladys Ponders  
Cody Stubblefield  
Tamara Waldrop  
Jim Muncie  
Betty Short



Family Fitness Night



Relay for Life Field Day