

## EarlyAct FirstNight Character and Ethics Program

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The Rotary Club of Greenville Evening is proud to announce the initiation of the EarlyAct FirstKnight character and ethics education program in Robert E. Cashion Elementary School, the first elementary school to have the program in Greenville County, SC. The program kicked off at the school on October 31, 2013 with a Tournament of Champions presented by the Knights of the Guild. The highlight of the jousting tournament was the “knighting” of a third grade student who showed courage and bravery when he saved the life of his younger brother and himself during a car-jacking incident. In addition, the knights, Sir David and Sir Jefferson, sliced heads of cabbage, caught hoops with their lances, and challenged each other to a duel, while teaching the students about being courageous, responsible and honest.

This is the third EAFK program sponsored by the Greenville Evening Club. The program has been at Powdersville Middle School for four years and at Powdersville Elementary School for one year. The club was so impressed with the positive behavior changes in the students at the Powdersville schools the plan to offer the program to Robert E. Cashion Elementary was a “no-brainer.” The club has been helping Cashion for many years with numerous projects: installing a flag pole; providing carpet squares; and giving the third graders dictionaries. Cashion kindergarteners will also be the recipients of the Josh the Otter water safety training program established by DG Lorraine Angelino.

Following the Tournament, the school’s EAFK Service Club was chartered on November 11<sup>th</sup> with DG Angelino inducting the officers into the club and handing out their certificates. They were also presented with a bell and gavel and two banners. The first virtue they are studying is “friendliness” and students will be chosen to be “knighted” for exemplifying this character trait in the near future. The Greenville Evening Club raises the funds to support the EAFK program in these three schools through the Reedy River Duck Derby, held every May in Falls Park in Greenville.

To learn more about EAFK and the relationship with Rotary go to:

[http://www.eafk.org/EAFK/EarlyAct\\_FirstKnight.html](http://www.eafk.org/EAFK/EarlyAct_FirstKnight.html)

More pictures from Robert E Cashion Elementary can be found at:

<http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/cashion/news/1314/tournament/TournamentofChampions/index.html>

