

(l to r) Nicholas Winston, Joseph Barnett, and Kelsey Statom get a guided tour by their new principal, Mrs. Sandra Walker as she shows them the new media center at Bouie Traditional Theme School.

Bouie Officially Opens Its Doors

Edward L. Bouie, Sr. Traditional Theme School, the first DeKalb County School named after an African-American, will officially open its doors to over 900 students and 800 parents this fall. The Traditional Theme School is designed to offer students a comprehensive, interdisciplinary educational program in a highly structured setting. Emphasis is placed on high academic standards and a strict code of conduct. Parental involvement is also a major component of this program.

Parents and students are asked to sign a contract with the school, ensuring that their children will follow requirements for conduct, uniform dress, attendance, homework, and school involvement. Parental commitment has already been demonstrated by hundreds of parents who lined up extremely early on a very cold morning to enroll their children in the school. Also, the first PTA meeting was attended by over 600 parents.

The principal of Bouie is Mrs. Sandra J. Walker. Mrs. Walker has been active in the DeKalb School System since 1980, serving as ILT (Instructional Lead Teacher) at Knollwood Elementary, Assistant Principal at Avondale Elementary and as Principal at both Hooper Alexander and Medlock Elementary Schools before her selection at Bouie.

In celebration of the opening of the school, all DeKalb residents are invited to attend a Back-To-School Fair on **Saturday, August 24, 1996** from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the school. The school is located at **5100 Rock Springs Road, Lithonia.**

The fair is designed to promote community partnerships by bringing the faculty, staff, families, area businesses and organizations in the community together. Entertain-

ment will be provided by the Conservatory Dance Company at noon and 2 p.m. There

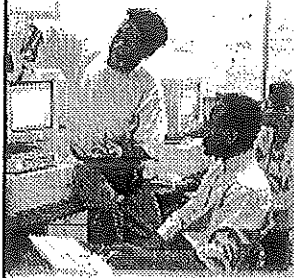
will be raffles, refreshments and of course, a day full of fun, excitement and information.

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