

## EVANSDALE SCHOOL HISTORY

Evansdale opened its doors to 650 students in September of 1967 under the leadership of Mr. Robert Dunning. 1968 saw an addition of 16 rooms with an enrollment of 720.

The school year of 1969 began with Mr. Phillip A. Bradley as principal and an enrollment of 788.

Evansdale's fourth year, 1970-71, began with Mr. James D. Turpin at the helm. Enrollment continued to grow to a maximum of 805 students. Due to community stabilization the enrollment declined and remained around 475 for the next four years.

A number of instructional improvements have taken place during the years with Music, Specific Learning Disabilities, a Reading Specialist, Special Help, Band and String Teachers serving Evansdale boys and girls. A Resource Teacher for the Gifted students was added and many other services are available at the district level. Our teaching-learning concepts have been expanded and implemented during the past few years. The Continuous Progress Plan has been fully implemented.

School year 1977-1978 opened with a new principal, Dr. Arthur T. Dexter and an enrollment of 445. A new self-contained Behavior Disorders Class was added.

School year 1978-1979 opened with an enrollment of 417. For the second year a new self-contained Behavior Disorders Class was added. The Continuous Progress program was modified and expanded.

School year 1979-1980 opened with an enrollment of 424. The program of Individualized Continuous Progress was modified. An Instructional Lead Teacher was added.

School year 1980-1981 opened with an enrollment of 410. The program of Individualized Continuous Progress has undergone revision with enrichment activities added at all levels. Exploratory Arts have been added to the upper years curriculum.

School year 1981-1982 opened with a projected enrollment of 360. Wide range experiences in the cultural arts have been added. Exploratory Arts continues to be extremely popular and varied.

School year 1982-1983 opened with a projected enrollment of 344. The middle-school concept has been fully implemented.

School year 1983-1984 opened with a projected enrollment of 337. We continue to experience an increase in parent participation as teacher aids and participation in classroom experiences.

School year 1984-1985 opened with a new principal, Mr. Gilbreth D. Aldridge and a projected enrollment of 325.

School year 1985-1986 opened with a projected enrollment of 287.

DEKALB ACE

# Education Group Installs Officers

DeKalb Association of Childhood Education (ACE) installed new officers at the

May meeting at Nancy Creek School.

Mrs. Mary Freeman, ACE advisor, installed the following: Polly Christie, Toney School, president; vice presidents, Jean McGriff, Robert Shaw Center; Alean Cooper, Oakcliff; Francis Bennett, Flat Shoals; and Jean Thomas, Evansdale; Elizabeth Brown, Medlock, secretary; Brian Dobbs, Knollwood, treasurer; and Alyce Putnam, Toney, parliamentarian.

Burt Fulford, principal of Nancy Creek School, welcomed ACE members and introduced Jim Cherry, superintendent of DeKalb County schools.

Cherry pointed out accomplishments of the past and stressed hopes and plans for the future in early childhood education, continuing education for adults, occupational training and lower pupil-teacher ratio in classrooms.



### **Evansdale Kids Compete**

Evansdale Elementary School's Pride Club is working on its entry in the DeKalb Teenage Pregnancy Task Force's fifth annual "Diplomas First" video contest. The competition, designed to emphasize to teenagers the importance of completing their education before becoming parents, has two categories: 7th grade and under and 8th-12th grades. Cash prizes up to \$100 will be awarded to winning videos. Information is available from the task force's project coordinator, Nancy Ray, at 371-2185. Evansdale students here are, left to right, Ryan McCaigue, Stephanie Ellis, Litonia O'Neal, Kevin Griggs and Regan O'Boyle.