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Head Start

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PRESS RELEASE

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E.D. White Key Club Recognized for Contributions to Lafourche Parish Head Start

Lafourche Parish Government recognized the E.D. White Catholic High School Key Club this week for their contributions to the Lafourche Parish Head Start program. Representatives from the school, including students and teachers, were presented with a plaque at Tuesday night's meeting of the Lafourche Parish Council.

Beginning in March of this year, students from E.D. White have been assisting in the classrooms at all three (3) of the Thibodaux Head Start sites. The students, mostly high school seniors, help prepare afternoon snacks, play games with the children and assist at the end of the day when children board the bus to go home. Some students have even remained at the classrooms at the end of the day or returned on weekends to paint cartoon characters in the restrooms of the Head Start classrooms. The Key Club also purchased and donated \$4,200 of playground equipment for the Marydale site.

The students will also soon help paint all the rooms of the new modular building for the Head Start site on Veterans Blvd. in Thibodaux.

"Our Head Start children and our teachers have been delighted to have them, and the E.D. White students truly enjoyed working with them," said Head Start Director Martha Babin.

Because of their service to the Lafourche Head Start program, the E.D. White Key Club won three awards at the regional Key Club conference and will now be competing at the 2011 Key Club International Convention this summer in Phoenix, Arizona. Collectively, E.D. White Key Club members have logged over 120 hours assisting and playing with the Head Start children and more than 200 additional hours painting. The estimated value for these hours combined with the donation of the playground equipment earned a grand total of \$10,394 in non-federal shares for Lafourche Parish Head Start.

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Presentation of recognition plaque to E.D. White Key Club at May 24 Lafourche Parish Council meeting.

Pictured (from left to right): Martha Babin, Director of Head Start; Claire LeBouef, Key Club Vice-President; Charlotte Randolph, Parish President; David Boudreaux, School President; Andrea Hymel, Key Club Moderator; Kade Smith, Key Club member; Michelle Robichaux, Key Club Moderator.