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although Rohr doesn't feel this is as much of a problem at Firwood.

"We all get set in our ways," she said, but added, "Every single teacher at our school, the principal, the secretaries, everybody was so open to it. That's what was so neat."

When federal grant money became available last school year, it was again agreed that computers should be purchased. The school now has three Radio Shack Model 3s.

"Most of the teachers are willing to learn more about programing and that type of thing to help the kids," Rohr said. "Plus, they want to know what the kids are doing."

Computer literacy is the goal. Students learn about the different uses of computers, "computer buzz words," and basic programing.

The computer has paid off in unexpected ways. Last year Rohr had students research a topic and write a paper, with the final copy to be recorded on the computer's disk.

The students were

reportedly excited about putting their reports on the screen. "I saw a real increase in the writing abilities of my kids," she said.

Being that Rohr had two of her own computers in the classroom last year, her students were more proficient with them.

Last year her students would use their own time to instruct other students and teachers on how to use computers.

Whitmore, and Firwood teachers Barbara Curtis and Betty Cissna have taken a class taught by Rohr at MHCC, evidence teachers want to keep ahead of the students.

That's not always easy. "We have some really sharp kids," Whitmore said.

Twelve Firwood students participated in the computer-sports camp at MHCC. "They're way ahead of the game," Rohr said.

The Rohrs originally hoped to have 60 youngsters participate in their two-week camp, so they figured if they signed up 70 they'd be assured of 60 actually attending. As it turned out there

was a waiting list, so the Rohrs taught all 70. Absenteeism, pleasantly, wasn't a problem at all.

"Many parents came to me and asked if they could pay now to be sure their kids are in it next year," Rohr said.

Teaching can be a learning experience, and Rohr developed a number of programs for the camp that she'll now have available for use at Firwood.

Youngsters as well as adults can be leary of computers. Whitmore said they don't pressure the students to work with computers, but do try to encourage them.

After individual sessions on the computers last year students could go to the library on their own time and experiment, reportedly an important part of the learning process.

Whitmore said that not all students went to the library to work with the computers on their own, "but it was busy."

And though computer literacy is now the goal, it may not take as long as some think before computers are used as a resource in other classes.

## Area schools open soon

Custodial crews at area schools have spent the summer polishing floors, landscaping and touching up school grounds in anticipation of the floods of students that will soon fill the halls.

Now, with summer vacation fast approaching its end with the Labor Day weekend, school officials are getting ready to welcome students back for the first day, which for most area schools will be Sept. 7.

Here is a rundown of important dates:

### SANDY HIGH SCHOOL

Arena scheduling for seniors will be Aug. 30 from 9 a.m. to noon; juniors will schedule their classes that day from 1 to 4 p.m. Sophomores will plan their schedules Aug. 31 from 9 a.m. to noon and freshmen will meet that afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m.

Students who don't attend their scheduled arena time may go to the school Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to enroll in classes that are still available for their grade level. By going late, however, the student will lose the opportunity of first choice and a preferred schedule.

Buses will run their regular schedules on the first day of school for freshmen, Sept. 7. Classes will be held all day for

freshmen only as an orientation.

The rest of the student body will begin school Sept. 8 with a full day of classes.

### SANDY ELEMENTARY DISTRICT

Registration for all first-graders, who haven't previously registered, and new students in the district begins in district school offices this Monday, Aug. 30. School offices will be closed next Wednesday morning, Sept. 1, as teachers, classified employees and support staff participate in a special safety session.

The first day of school will be Sept. 7 with buses running.

There will be some modifications in the transportation system. Students who live less than one-half mile from a main thoroughfare will walk to the main road for pick-up. Students who live a greater distance will continue with the same service.

### WELCHES GRADE SCHOOL

New students may register anytime until the first day of school, Sept. 7, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

A sports physical will be held Sept. 2 at 9 a.m. for students in the sixth through eighth grades who will participate in athletics. Cost is

\$5.

On Sept. 7, kindergarten through eighth graders begin school. The first three grades will meet 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; grades 4 through 8 meet 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### BORING GRADE SCHOOL

Students in the Boring School District will start school Sept. 7. Registration may be accomplished any time, as the school will be open for new student sign-up.

School hours and bus routes will be the same as last year. School officials expect to have bus schedules in the mail this week.

### BULL RUN SCHOOL

Bull Run School opens Sept. 7 with new superintendent Wes John. Registration will be Sept. 2 from 8 a.m. to noon.

John expects to have a letter out soon with information a 'out bus scheduling for the year.

### COTTRELL SCHOOL

School will begin Sept. 7. Students may register Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A list of supplies need for the coming school year has already been mailed out. Information on insurance, school lunches and bus routes are in the mail or soon will be.

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