

PRINCIPALS RECEIVE AWARDS...Elementary school principals were honored recently during the 2nd Annual S.T.E.P.S. Awards Program. From left lo right are: Eddie Lane, Holmes School; Everlyn Williams, Kumpf School; James Wade, Graceland School; Elinor Wilson, director of Elementary Education at the KCMSD; Dr. Bill Groom, Richardson School; Carole Ladd, Meservey School; Conrad Miner, Willard School; JoAnn Cooper, Pershing School; Nathan Crookshank, Woodland; Audrey Bullard, Pinkerton School; and Collins Drake, Garfield School.

## Aumual STEPS AwardsProgram

 Held At Vocational Tech CenterApproximately 100 par. ents, students, teachers and administrators filled the auditorium of the K.C. Vocational Technical Education Center, 1215 E. Truman Road on Tuesday evening to attend the Annual STEPS (Striving Toward Excellence In The PerforCmance Of Students) : Awards Program.

According to Michael Charles, acting coordinator of the Kansas City, Mo. School District STEPS program, the occasion for awards was to recognize outstanding growth and achievement students and schools have made during the year in the areas of reading and mathematics.

Charles gives credit for much of the growth to teachers' participation in inservice training sessions which have focused on improving the classroom learning environment and avenues to enhance the process.
The STEPS program operates in 18 of the District's elementary schools. It is funded through the Effective Schools component of desegregation court orders presently being implement.
ed in the District.
Awards were given to schools by grade categories for first, second and third places. Criteria for ranking award recipients was based on the spring. 1987 performance on the Iowa Test Of Basic Skills (ITBS)

Award recipients for grade one in reading were: first place-Chick; second place-Holmes; and third place-Attucks. In mathematics those receiving awards were: first place, Willard; second placeHolmes; and third placePershing.

Recipients for grade two in reading were: first place-Meservey; second place-Kumpf; and third place-Faxon. For mathematics they were: first place-Kumpf; second place-Meservey; and third place-Holmes.

Getting awards for grade three in reading were: first place-Graceland; second place-Willard; and third place-Pinkerton. Mathematics recipients were: first place-Willard; second place-Faxon; and third place-Franklin.

Fourth grade award recipients for reading were:
first place-Pershing; second place-Chick; and third place-Meservey. Mathematics winners were: first place-Chick; second place-Willard; and third place-Meservey.
Grade five recipients of awards for reading were: first place-Pershing; second place-Woodland; and third place-Attucks. In mathematics winners were: first place-Woodland; second place-Graceland; and third placeKumpf.
For sixth grade, award recipients for reading were: first place-Attucks; second place-Richardson; and third place-Chick. In mathematics they were: first place-Franklin; second place-Kumpf; and third place-Chick.
The • Meservey Prancers" entertained the audience with a dramatic dance presentation from "Another Opening, Another Show." Gary Dozier from Woodland School gave the welcome.

Presenting awards were: Roseanne Burns-Stowers, math department; Loyce

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