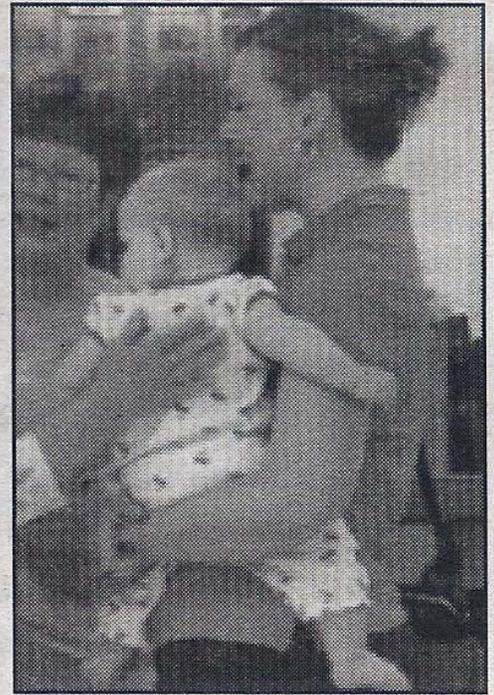




Sup. Jeff McKay and Annabelle Baer, president of the Groveton Civic Association.



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Crystal McKay and Leann McKay attended the event.

## *Celebrating Groveton*

Groveton, one of Lee District's oldest, most historical communities, was recognized in the Virginia 2007 Community Program commemorating Jamestown's 400th anniversary. On Monday, at an event at Groveton ES featuring Lee District Sup. Jeff McKay, a long-time Groveton resident, Dana Kauffman, former Lee District Sup. and state Del. Kris Amundson (D-44th), McKay made a special dedication to the school, represented by principal Richard Pollio, and St. Mark's Episcopal Church, represented by the Rev. John Weatherly.



Flanking Dr. Jack Dale, FCPS Supt., are former students of Groveton Elementary School.

# Groveton Recognized For 400<sup>th</sup> Participation

The Grovetown community and St. Mark's Episcopal Church were honored for their work in commemorating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Commonwealth.

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Groveton Community and St. Mark's Episcopal Church were recognized Monday night for their participation in the Virginia 2007 Community Program commemorating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Commonwealth with the found-

ing of Jamestown.

Lee District Supervisor Jeffrey McKay presented proclamations from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to Annabel Baer, chair, Groveton Civic Association and The Reverend John A. Weatherly, pastor, St. Mark's Episcopal Church. He also presented a State proclamation, signed by Virginia Governor Timothy Kaine, to Richard Pollio,

principal, Groveton Elementary School.

Noting that Groveton Civic Association is the oldest such organization in Fairfax County, McKay told the group assembled in the lobby of Groveton Elementary School, "For me this is a special treat tonight. It's not often that I get to come to my own neighborhood to present a special recognition. Despite all that is happening around us our neighborhood continues to

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survive and prosper."

In addition to receiving the recognition proclamations attendees were able to view several displays depicting Groveton's community history. "It is particularly fitting that this event is taking place in an elementary school because that is the time when children need to be introduced to history. And, not just what they read in their text books but what actually took place where they live," McKay said.

Also present for the event were Dr. Jack Dale, superintendent, Fairfax County Public Schools; Don Hakenson, author of "This Forgotten Land" and Patrick O'Neill, author of "Images of Mount Vernon," both representing the Franconia Museum; Spring Bank and Gum Springs community representatives; and representatives of Groveton Baptist Church.



**Lee District Supervisors Jeffrey McKay presents a proclamation from Virginia Governor Timothy**

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