

## King's College School marks 20 years in the community

By Bill Rea

There were a few tears, but plenty of celebration Saturday as King's College School marked its 20th anniversary.

"It was 20 years ago that we started this enterprise," commented Barbara Lord, founder and principal of the facility on The Gore Road. "I feel that all the alumni and all the current students are all my children."

Mayor Marolyn Morrison and Councillor Richard Whitehead were among the dignitaries on hand for the celebration, and Lord praised Whitehead and his wife Ruthe for always attending the school's plant sales.

Morrison called the school an "extremely important part of the community," citing the annual Taste of Africa event the school holds in support of its sister school in Kumba, Cameroon.

"I think it's absolutely amazing to instill in our children that they must be life-long givers," she added, pointing to the need to have good people with integrity and intelligence to eventually run the community and country. "I love guiding fine young people. I just love it."

"You've given back so much to the community," she told Lord as she presented her with a plaque in honour of the occasion.

"It's been fabulous," commented Sandy Kang-Gill, whose daughter was valedictorian at the school. "The joy of learning was ignited in her."

Teacher Bob Mitchener expressed the pride of welcoming students to the school for 20 years.

"God willing, we'll be doing this for another 20 years," he said.



King's College School Managing Director and Co-founder John Eta and Founder and Principal Barbara Lord accepted this plaque from Mayor Marolyn Morrison in honour of the school's 20th Anniversary. Photo by Bill Rea