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# *Whiteside County* **PARENTS AS TEACHERS**

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## **From the Coordinator**

The Illinois State Board of Education requires that we evaluate the Whiteside County Parents As Teachers program each year. This information helps us plan next year's program and acquire the necessary funding.

Families received a program evaluation from their Parent Educator during home visits in March. If you have not yet done so, please take a few minutes to complete and return the forms. A self-addressed, stamped envelope is included.

Families participating in the 4-5 year old center-based program will receive an evaluation form when they attend an activity in April. Please complete the questionnaire and return to Debbie the day of the meeting.

Thank you for your help in gathering this information.

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## **CHILD FAIR 2000**

**Saturday, April 8**

**9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Sauk Valley Community College**

**173 IL Route 2**

**Dixon, IL**

**Free Admission**

**Please see the enclosed flyer**

## **Story Time with the Principal**

Our center-based program will be traveling around the county this month, offering a special story time for 4 and 5 year olds and their parents.

April is the last month we will be scheduling the storytime in elementary schools that participate in the Parents As Teachers Program. We are asking the principal or a representative from the school to be our "Guest Reader". This is an opportunity for families to visit the building where their child may someday attend school.

April story times are listed on the activities page of this newsletter.

Center-based P.A.T. is a voluntary early-learning program available without charge to all Whiteside County families with a child 4 or 5 years of age. It is designed to provide parents with opportunities to gain knowledge about child development through interaction with their child and other families with children of a similar age.

**It is not necessary to be enrolled in Parents As Teachers to attend these activities.**

*Debbie Klein, P.A.T. Resource Center Coordinator and certified teacher, will lead parents and their children in activities designed to make learning fun.*