Child killed in wreck

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A fifth-grade student at North Wilkesboro Elementary School was killed in a wreck early Saturday night on N.C. 115 about seven miles south of Wilkesboro, according to Trooper C.M. Anderson of the N.C. Highway Patrol.

Avee Deanute McCurdy, 10, of Fairplains Road, North Wilkesboro, died of at the scene from internal injuries, Anderson said. She was a passenger in the right front seat of a 2003 Chevrolet sport/utility vehicle driven by her mother, Deaon Shawnta McCurdy, 29, also of Fairplains Road, North Wilkesboro.



wreck photo

A North Wilkesboro Elementary School student was killed in this wreck Saturday on N.C. 115 South.

Ms. McCurdy was traveling south when she went off on the left and then off on the right, striking a telephone box and a guardrail, Anderson said.

The guardrail was torn away by the impact and penetrated the front of the car, hitting the child, the trooper said.

Deaon McCurdy has been charged with driving while impaired in the wreck, which happened around 6:30 p.m., Anderson said.

Ms. McCurdy and her 9-year-old daughter, Adia McCurdy, who was a passenger in the rear of the vehicle, were taken to Wilkes Regional Medical Center by Wilkes EMS.

Ms. McCurdy was transferred to Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem for treatment of internal injuries, Anderson said. Adia McCurdy, who suffered bruises and scrapes, was treated at WRMC and released.

"She was a sweetheart and she had such a pretty smile," North Wilkesboro Elementary Principal Sharon Shoupe said of Avee McCurdy. "Avee was known for the pretty turban scarves that she wore in her hair and also for the beads she wore," Mrs. Shoupe added.

Others at the school remembered Avee as an enthusiastic and polite girl. She was one among several girls at the school who were participating in the Work it Out Program, sponsored by Dreams and Kitestrings.

Mrs. Shoupe said teachers were able to tell parents of all but two North Wilkesboro Elementary fifth graders what happened by phone Sunday, so parents could talk to their children about it before they came to school Monday.

This morning, all of the fifth-graders were given time to write their sentiments on posters to share with Avee's family. Also this morning, Mrs. Shoupe went to classrooms in other grade levels to tell students

what happened.

Mrs. Shoupe said an additional counselor from another elementary school and a school psychologist came to North Wilkesboro Elementary today to help students deal with the tragedy.

The younger sibling who was in the wreck is a third-grader at North Wilkesboro Elementary.

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