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## Front Page

### Gridiron moms help tackle cancer Heathwood Hall students give up recess and send moms to the football field.

Story and photo  
by Mike Maddock



**Lisa Hicks goes out for a pass. Unfortunately, this particular pass fell through Hicks' hands.**

was sketchy at best, but the cause was extremely worthy.

The second annual fifth grade moms versus sixth grade moms gridiron battle is part of a student community service project benefitting the Curing Kids' Cancer program and the Palmetto Health Children's Cancer Center. The Curing Kids' Cancer program was started by Grainne Owen of Marietta, Ga. after she lost her nine-year-old son, Killian, to leukemia. Owen is the sister-in-law of Elizabeth Owen of Columbia who introduced the students at Heathwood Hall to the program.

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then, fifth and sixth graders at the school formed a Curing Kids' Cancer Student Board and created committee s. The students distributed



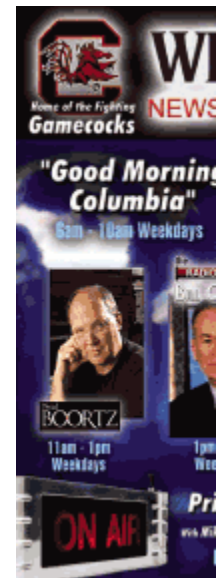
**Dr. Anne Weston, Associate Head of Heathwood Hall and Head of Intermediate/Middle Schools, runs for a loss of two yards.**

information during basketball games, brought in experts to teach about cancer treatments and helpful programs, and they toured the Palmetto Health Children's Cancer Center.

Board members meet every other Wednesday at lunch and during recess time to discuss on-going projects, new ideas, and future projects. Those projects include letters and cards for cancer patients, decorative banners to brighten bland clinic hallways, and, of course, the football game.

The efforts put forth in this football game are all in fun, but the efforts put into this community service project are immeasurable. As Elizabeth Owen says, "We never know how far the efforts of one can go or where those efforts will be seen. One of these fifth or sixth grade students may be the child who is the recipient of a drug developed through funds raised by Curing Kids' Cancer and whose life is saved. Or one of these students may be the future researcher who makes the discovery and thus finds the end to all childhood cancers. And yet again, one of these students may have a child of their own one day who is healed from cancer and is given the chance that Killian Owen never had...the chance to enjoy being a kid and live a normal healthy life. All this because they gave up some recess time while they were a student in middle school and responded when they were called to duty."

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