



WITH HER HAND stretched out Emma Green (above) had her hand painted by Jackie Anderson before she signed the wall outside Oberlin Elementary School last week. Dr. Pat Cullen, superintendent, (below) signed the wall too.

Students sign white wall with handprints

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The fourth graders sat on the curb, staring at the white wall with the blue, red and yellow hand prints in front of them.

Painted on the wall out behind the Oberlin Elementary School in large letters were the words "pride, lifelong learning, respect, excellence and responsibility."

That sums up the school's Code of Conduct, which the students are

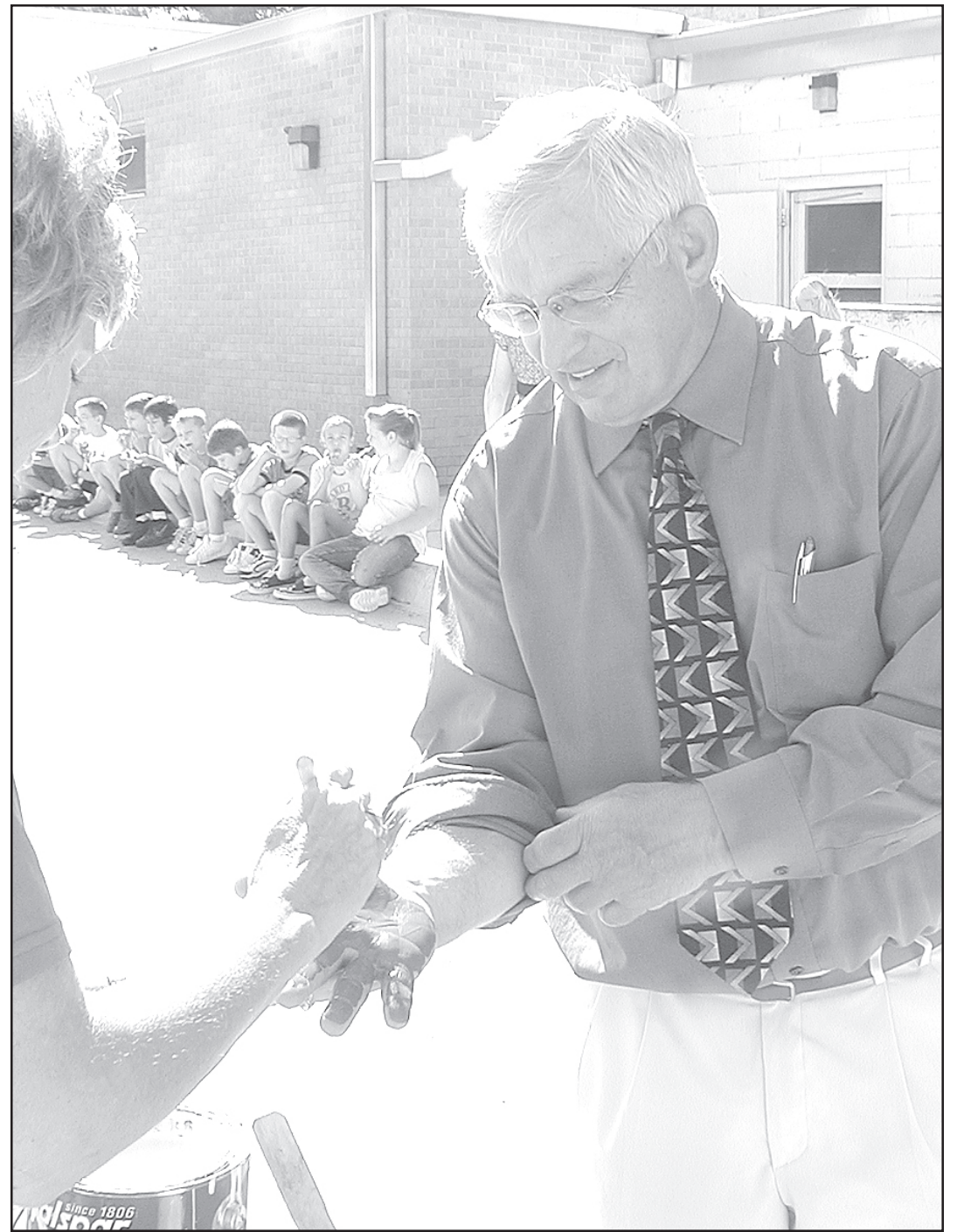
learning this year: "I am responsible for my words, actions and choices. I will show pride and respect for myself and others. I will strive for excellence in everything I do because I am a lifelong learner."

Principal Duane Dorshorst asked the students what the words meant to them, adding his own ideas.

Respect, he said, is about respecting yourself, not just others. In the end, he asked the kids if they do all of these things, having pride, re-

spect, work for excellence and have responsibility, what that makes them. One student raised his hand and said it makes them a lifelong learner. Mr. Dorshorst asked the whole class what it made them and they all yelled, "lifelong learners!"

The students that raised their right hands, swearing they would be a lifelong learner, then the whole class was able to sign the wall with their colored hand print and write their first name.



SITTING ON THE CURB, Keagen Blau (above left), Jonathan Howland and Ara Marine ate popsicles after they put their hand print on the wall while Andrew Wade (right) held his hand on the white wall.

