What a great day for graduates from Archdale-Trinity area high schools to take one last trip to visit their alma mater elementary schools. Trinity High School and Wheatmore High School, in collaboration with Communities in Schools, sent five buses full of Bulldog and Warrior seniors to all A-T area elementary schools. A record 135 students participated in what has become an annual event.

Anticipation filled the bus during the ride to Archdale Elementary School, where students greeted former teachers and found their own hand print on the cafeteria wall. Students shared inspiring stories and remembrances of their elementary school days.

Teachers greeted former students with teary eyes and warm hugs as students exited the bus to take one last walk down the hallways of the school in which they began their educational journey. It was inspiring to watch the graduating seniors high-fiving elementary school students, encouraging them to stay in school and graduate, and then to see elementary school students congratulating the seniors on a job well done.

After the students visited the schools, a reception was hosted at Creekside Park’s big shelter, a place familiar to both Bulldogs and Warriors in the A-T community.

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