Honors students help kids create Valentine’s cards

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Layout Editor

Foam hearts, colorful construction paper, glue sticks, scissors, stickers and cutout hearts filled the tables in Heather Bonds’ pre-kindergarten class on Feb. 11.

In order to get closer with the surrounding community, six Honors College students visited Washington Park Elementary School in Laurinburg, N.C., to make and decorate Valentine’s Day cards with pre-kindergartners.

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