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From left, Anne Bartlett, Teri Willis, Kelly Floyd and Roberta Schofield

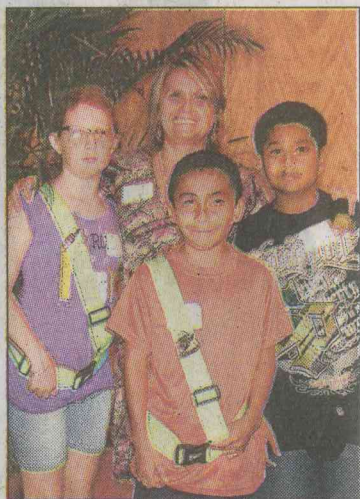


### Krewe of Grace O'Malley hosts a tea with a twist

Modern and old-fashioned ball gowns were the dresses of choice at Krewe of Grace O'Malley's 18th annual Court of Ruffs and Cuffs. **Teri Willis** and **Roberta Schofield** made the arrangements for the afternoon tea and fashion show held Aug. 28 at St. Mary's Hall in Tampa. The event featured a tribute to the original event's co-chair, **Nan Beytin**, who died in a car accident over the summer. A fashion show featured krewe members in modern apparel from Georgette's Fashions and period gowns from members' collections. Proceeds from the tea will benefit Morning Star School.

### Breakfast benefits teachers of at-risk students

About 450 supporters attended the fifth annual "Tools 4 Schools" breakfast hosted Sept. 2 by the Hillsborough Education Foundation at the Renaissance Hotel at International Plaza. Emceed by WTVT-Ch. 13 anchor **Nerissa Prest**, the breakfast featured welcoming remarks by **Mike Poland**, chair of the foundation's board of directors, and a teacher perspective from **Mary Valesano**, a Ruskin Elementary School fifth-grade teacher. Valesano was assisted by **Karen Fletcher**, a technology specialist at E.L. Bing Elementary School, and **Catherine Taylor-Bean**, a first grade teacher at Pride Elementary School. Event Chairman **Corey Neil** gave a video presentation followed by special remarks. Last year, the breakfast raised more than \$130,000 for the Teaching Tools for Hillsborough Schools program, which assists teachers who work with at-risk students in the public school system.



From left, Gabrielle Morris, 10, teacher Mary Valesano, Dakota Reyes, 11, and Robert Gonzalez, 10