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## From the desk of the Superintendent

Spring is in the air and Spring Break is just around the corner. Spring Break for Nassau County students is the week of March 20<sup>th</sup>. I wish everyone a safe and restful week and look forward to your return as we move quickly to the final days of the 2016-17 school year.— Dr. Kathy Burns



## March is Music in Our Schools Month

Music involvement has a positive impact on self-discipline, thinking, listening, and creative abilities. The Nassau County School District has a variety of music programs for students throughout Nassau County. We also have programs like Arts Alive and the Instrument Zoo that enhance our ability to touch the lives of every student with the gift of music. Last Friday, our middle school bands (Yulee Middle, Fernandina Beach Middle, and Callahan Middle) earned **straight superior ratings** at their Music performance Assessment. In February “The Instrument Zoo” visited our elementary schools. Students had the opportunity to try out a variety of instruments. In April “Arts Alive” will be hosting an “All County” choir event. Music makes a difference.

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*Ms. Annette Hodges, Teacher  
Hilliard Middle Senior High School*

## PREVIOUS GRADUATE RECOGNIZES CTE TEACHER AS AN INSPIRATION IN HER LIFE

The following article was written by a former Hilliard Middle Senior High graduate, Heather Reingold. In the article Heather discusses the benefits of CTE programs and recognizes what an inspiration her former CTE teacher, Mrs. Annette Hodges, was in her life.

<http://blog.flvs.net/how-career-technical-education-changed-my-life/#more-6955>

## CALLAHAN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL HOST A STEM FAMILY NIGHT



Students and families participated in an evening of hands-on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities. As they explored STEM, they experienced various topics and hands-on activities that involved a rocket balloon race, robotics, coding, astronomy, building catapults and skyscrapers.

The best part of a Family STEM Night is the quality time spent among school teachers, students and their families.

Thank you so much to Mr. Simmons and Ms. DeAngelo for your leadership and direction with this parental involvement activity.