

GOOD NEWS FRIDAY

February 27, 2009

Pitt County Schools is pleased to share the following good news in our district!

- ❖ **Ayden-Grifton High School's** Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Club is working with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (BCBSNC) Foundation and its Breast Health Project for the NC HOSA Service Project. As part of the project, the HOSA Club will be sponsoring the Button Chair. The Button Chair will be at The Ayden Community Center on Lee Street from February 23rd through March 9th. The public may come and "experience" the chair at anytime that the center is open. The purpose of the exhibit is to educate visitors about breast cancer, to encourage women to get mammograms and to deliver messages of hope from survivors who have overcome the disease. The display is a dynamic, interactive experience highlighted by the glass enclosed Button Chair and four hands-on, educational kiosks. Come and see the BUTTON Chair and Support Breast Cancer Awareness. To learn more information, contact Lora Joyner at 252-746-4183.
- ❖ The Student Government Association at **Grifton School** raised \$140 during their Fall Bash Dance. The money will be donated to the Helping Everyone Achieve Recovery Together (H.E.A.R.T.) Fund started by Galveston School System in Texas. This fund was established after Hurricane Ike to benefit families who lost nearly everything.
- ❖ **W.H. Robinson Elementary School's** Student Council Association recently sponsored a penny drive called "Pasta for Pennies." The students raised \$2,967.20. All proceeds will go directly to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Tammy Baker's homeroom raised the most money during the event and will be treated to a Pasta Party from Olive Garden. Rhonda Sinuefield's homeroom finished in second place and will receive a pizza party. For raising the most money as a grade level, the fifth grade won a \$125 gift card to Staples.
- ❖ The Future Business Leaders of America at **D.H. Conley High School** competed in the Regional Leadership Conference at Washington High School last month. April Hausler placed second in the Word Processing II competition. She will now compete at the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Raleigh in April. Congratulations on a job well done and good luck at States!

- ❖ Congratulations to the following teachers at **Sadie Saulter Elementary School** for being awarded mini-grants:
 - Kindergarten Team (Nancy Owens, Lori Stone, Sylvia Steele) – \$118.90 for "Literacy For A Lifetime"
 - Fourth Grade Team (Brenda Saunders-Moultrie, Renee Whitaker) – \$350 for "Practicing Poetry with My Peers!"
 - Fifth Grade (Candice Wade) – \$350 for "Teaching Mathematics Using Children's Literature"
 - TAG Program (Teresa Stainback) – \$120 for "Brain Power"
 - Spanish Program (Carolina Herrera) – \$300 for "Yes, We Can Learn Spanish!"

- ❖ Congratulations to Kaela Parker, fifth grade student, for winning the **Sam D. Bundy Elementary School** Spelling Bee. She will continue on to the regional competition at Washington High School in March. Kaela won the school's Spelling Bee by correctly spelling the word "extravaganza."

- ❖ Four fifth grade students at **Sam D. Bundy Elementary School** were recognized by the Major Benjamin May Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) for their outstanding History Essays. The topic of their essay was "The Ideals of the Gettysburg Address: How did it have meaning for the people in 1863 and how is it still relevant today?"
Winners included:
 - Ashby DuBose – First Place
 - Kaela Parker – Second Place
 - Daniel Watson – Third Place
 - Bynum Walston – Honorable Mention

In addition, Ashby DuBose will now continue on to the Regional Competition. All four students were honored by the chapter at a reception at the Major Benjamin May Chapter House on February 14, 2009.

- ❖ Twenty-five students from **Sam D. Bundy Elementary School** were inducted into the Farmville Area Coming Together for Schools (FACTS) Leadership Academy.

- ❖ Janet Knox, Administrator and Jan Burnette, Counselor, of the Pitt County Health Sciences Academy along with Rick Wilkerson, Science Coordinator for Pitt County Schools, worked with Dr. Jean-Luc Scemama, Department of Biology, East Carolina University (ECU) and the ECU Chapter of Sigma Xi in developing guidelines for recognizing outstanding teachers in Pitt County in science education. By recognizing two teachers each year and extending an invitation into Sigma XI, the organization hopes to develop networks between the teachers and the members of the scientific community thus benefiting the students of Pitt County Schools. On Wednesday, February 18, 2009, the ECU Chapter of Sigma Xi hosted the annual Induction Awards Banquet at The Rock Springs Center. Teacher Recognition Awards were presented to:
 - Maria McDaniel, Eight Grade Science teacher, **Chicod School**
 - Sue Purser, Science Teacher and Advisor for the Brody School of Medicine Honors Program, **D. H Conley High School**

- ❖ The following students have been selected for the Pitt County Substance Abuse Coalition's Tobacco Intervention Leadership Team:
 - Tawanna Franklin, AGHS
 - Clarke Lee, AGHS
 - La'Quon Rogers, AGHS
 - Sydney Baker, FCHS
 - Jasmin Edmondson, FCHS
 - Malika Stokes, FCHS
 - Ajay Ajmera JHR,
 - Arun Ajmera, JHR
 - Sheyln May, NPHS
 - Diana Mendoza, NPHS
 - Candice Shepard, NPHS
 - Brittney Grillo, SCHS

- ❖ Congratulations to the following Science Fair winners at Wintergreen Intermediate School:

Third Grade

- ❖ 1st Place: Kamara Haywood for "Will a Balloon Blow Up By Using Vinegar & Baking Soda?"
- ❖ 2nd Place: Nicholas Futral for "Rusty Nails"
- ❖ 3rd Place: Lizthebett Waldivia for "How Do You Cook Without Fire or Electricity?"
- ❖ Honorable Mention: Kassidy Blount for "The Electromagnetic Crane"

Fourth Grade

- ❖ 1st Place: Danielle Jones for "Do Eyes or Ears Have It?"
- ❖ 2nd Place: Rachel Eberenz and Amrita Malur for "Do 'U' Have Money to Burn?"
- ❖ 3rd Place: Conner Christian for "Music's Effect on the Heart"
- ❖ Honorable Mention: Alden Wade for "Does Talking on a Cell Phone Distract the Way You Drive?"

Fifth Grade

- ❖ 1st Place: Coleman Bailey for "Does Your Sidewalk Give You the Slip?"
- ❖ 2nd Place: Serena Mooney for "Warding Off Windchill"
- ❖ 3rd Place: Olivia Hall for "Ball Fall"
- ❖ Honorable Mention: Turner Sitton for "What Is The Best Insulator for Ice?"

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