

GOOD NEWS FRIDAY May 15, 2009

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

- The Pitt County Schools Media and Technology Department has announced Sharon O'Neill, **Eastern Elementary School**, as the Media Coordinator of the Year. Seth Brown, principal at **Ayden Middle School**, was also named the Media Administrator of the Year. To read more about these individuals, please log onto <http://www.media.pitt.k12.nc.us/>.
- The **Ayden-Grifton High School** Girl's Track team won its third 1A Carolina Conference Championship in a row. They also finished first at their Conference Meet on April 28, 2009.
- Congratulations to the following **Ayden-Grifton High School** track athletes who were named All-Conference this year.

Girls team

Chelsea Dufour
Angelica Curry
Katie Hart
Keonna Brown
Derrica Jones
Tawanna Franklin
Sarah Tyson
Jasmine McNair

Boys team

Tavon Singletary
Jemarlon Walker
Terrance Fornis
Maurice Mitchell
Donte Atkinson
Craig Chapman
George Yiznitsky
Ontha Sutton
Larez Dail

- **E. B. Aycock Middle School's** Relay for Life Team raised \$9,150 and earned the "Top School" recognition for fundraising at the Pitt County Relay for Life.
- Morgan Smith, seventh grade student at **E.B. Aycock Middle School**, was recently awarded second place in the Greenville Noon Rotary Club's Four-Way Test Essay Contest. The Four-Way Test defines ethical principles for living and working. This year's theme was "Make Dreams Real: The Four-Way Test."

- **D.H. Conley High School** seniors, Brian and Brittany Wilkins, and **North Pitt High School** senior, Makeea Suggs, recently signed with Guilford Technical Community College to play basketball!
- **D. H. Conley High School** competed in the FBLA State Conference on April 16-18. Congratulations to the following:
 - Charles Myers and Robbie Lynch-2nd Place in Business Presentation
 - Claire Foster – 3rd Place in FBLA Principles and Procedures
 - April Hausler – 3rd Place in Word Processing
 - Kevin Cooper and Zach Williford-Top 8 Finalist in Banking and Financial Systems
 - Mario Tune – Top 10 Finalist in Marketing

Charles Myers and Robbie Lynch will have the opportunity to compete at the FBLA National Conference in Anaheim, California in June.

- Vounghie Clemons, a second grade teacher at **G. R. Whitfield School**, was honored by the Daily Reflector in the "My Teacher, My Hero" writing contest. Austin Bryan, eighth grade student, wrote the winning essay recognizing Clemons.
- **G. R. Whitfield School** took home 1st place honors for Region 1 in the 7th Annual Math Masters Challenge competition held at the Murphy Center at ECU on April 29, 2009.
- **Grifton School** was selected by the Perkins Trust for a \$50,000 grant to refurbish and renovate the school's media center. Amy Mitchell, Media School Coordinator, wrote and submitted the grant on behalf of the school.
- Janice Moore, teacher at **J. H. Rose High School**, graduated from East Carolina University this past weekend with a Master's Degree in Special Education.
- The **Northwest Elementary School** Media Center has been selected by Cracker Barrel Old Country Store to be part of the Rockin' Reader program. As a part of the program – which establishes a comfortable reading place in schools - Northwest will receive two double rocking chairs, a collection of books, and a "barrel" bookshelf.

- A "Book-tacular" Reception was held in the Media Center at **Sadie Saulter Elementary School** on April 22, 2009. This special event recognized Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church for donating over \$1,000 to the media program for library books. Senior Pastor, Rev. Albert Shuler and Associate Pastor, Diane Christianson were special guests along with other members of Jarvis Church. It was hosted by media personnel Rebecca Hamill and Jo Ann Lee.
- **Sadie Saulter Elementary School's** Media Center has been selected by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association to receive free hardcover editions of 17 classic non-fiction and fiction books as part of the "We The People Bookshelf" national grant project. The theme for this year is "Picturing America."
- A team from **H. B. Sugg School** was selected to participate in the Teacher Academy Residential Program - Building Professional Learning Communities – during the week of June 28-July 2. The following staff will attend:
 - Stephanie Alston
 - Emelia Gordon
 - April Shackelford
 - Mary Burton
 - Zina Pittman
 - Judy Beaman
 - Shelita Richardson
 - Regina Nixon
 - Deirdre Ingram
 - Mary Maultsby
 - Kenyada Pretlow
- A team from **Sam D. Bundy School** has been selected to participate in the Teacher Academy Residential Program – Differentiation in K-12 Classrooms – during the week of June 28 - July 2. The following staff will attend:
 - Valerie Galberth, Principal
 - Bailey Pope
 - Karen Scriven
 - Heather Gilbert
 - Amber Jones
 - Mallory Gomes
 - Jennifer Collins
 - Claudia Walker
 - Kimberly Wisely

- Katelyn Biggs, a senior at **South Central High School**, has been selected as a finalist in this year's NC Council of Teachers of Mathematics State Math Logo contest. Out of a field of approximately 2,300 entries, Katelyn's is one of eleven finalists.
- Three teachers have been selected to travel to Japan for four weeks through the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program. In total, 12 North Carolina teachers will be participating. Congratulations to the following:
 - Dina Speck, **Northwest Elementary School**, Reading
 - Glenna Theurer, **Sadie Saulter Elementary School**, Music
 - Jennifer Love Gironda, **Wintergreen Primary School**, Art
- **Wintergreen Intermediate School** took home 1st place honors for Region 2 in the 7th Annual Math Masters Challenge competition held at the Murphy Center at ECU on April 29, 2009. Team members included:
 - 3rd grade – Kevin Wang, Kassidy Blount, Lexi Tamvakis, Hallie Smith, Quinton Ross, Elizabeth Martin
 - 4th grade – Garrit Soney, Amrita Malur, Sayan Dutta, Ethan Li, Adam Wright, Lang Duong
 - 5th grade – Autumn Pollard, Courtney Roebuck, Angie Day, Cole Jordan, Garrett Barkley, Bo Kim

In addition to coming in 1st place as a team, the school also received recognition for the following:

- The 3rd grade team (Kevin Wang, Kassidy Blount, and Lexi Tamvakis) placed 1st in the 3rd grade team competition;
 - The 4th grade team (Garritt Soney, AMrita Malur, and Sayan Dutta) placed 1st in the 4th grade team competition; and
 - The 4th Grade team (Ethan Li, Adam Wright, and Lang Duong) placed 2nd in the 4th grade team competition.
- Annie Lee, School Nurse at **Elmhurst Elementary, Northwest Elementary and Stokes** schools; and Laurie Reed, School Nurse at **Wintergreen Primary** and **Wintergreen Intermediate** schools, recently passed the national certification exam for school nurses. The certification process for School Nurses represents a national standard of preparation, knowledge and practice, and assures that students across our country receive a high level of care. Congratulations to Annie & Laurie for this significant accomplishment.

- The following schools were awarded grants from the Greenville Noon Rotary Club's Pancake Funds:
 - ***Farmville Central High School*** – \$660 for CPR class
 - ***Pactolus School*** – \$256.87 for the school's Media Center

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