

GOOD NEWS FRIDAY

June 5, 2009

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

- The following individuals were named the 2008-2009 Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Winners for Pitt County Schools:
 - Johann Bleicher, **Port School**
 - Rebecca Woolard, **Bethel School**
 - Paul Briney, **Creekside Elementary School**
 - Donna Alderman, **South Central High School**
 - Katheryne "Rhys" Potts, **E. B. Aycock Middle School**
 - Mary Cordova, **Bilingual/More at Four Testing Specialist**
 - Tim DeCresie, **Coordinator of IT and Media Services**
- **J.H. Rose High School's** Victoria Robinson and Jeffrey Johnson each brought home titles from the 4-A Track and Field State meet held at North Carolina A&T University. Victoria, who recently signed with Navy, won the girls' 300-meter hurdles championship with a time of 43.23 seconds, while Jeffrey cleared 6 feet, 8 inches to win the boys' high jump crown. Dennis Gibson and James Rankins were named the Coastal Conference track coaches of the year. Coach Gibson was awarded for the girls' team and Coach Rankins was chosen for the boys' team. Congratulations to all!
- Sue Purser, Teacher at **D. H. Conley High School**, has been named the Conservation Teacher of the Year by the Pitt County Soil and Water Conservation District Board.
- Mary Maultsby, from **H. B. Sugg Elementary School**, has been accepted to participate in the 2009 Summer Teachers Institute Seminar.
- **E. B. Aycock Middle School's** Band, under the direction of Jason Barclift, was named the Runner-Up in the Harris Teeter "Sing My Jingle" Contest.
- Laura McCarter, Counselor at **W. H. Robinson Elementary School**, was presented the Barry Gaskins Pitt County Schools Ambassador Award on Monday, June 1, 2009 by the Greenville Noon Rotary Club.

- Congratulations to all schools for their participation in the 7yh Annual Math Masters Challenge held April 29-30, 2009. The following is a listing of each school's place.

Group 1

- **GR Whitfield School – 1st Place**
- **Falkland Elementary School – 2nd Place**
- **Stokes School – 3rd Place**
- **Bethel School**
- **Belvoir Elementary School**
- **Grifton School**
- **Ayden Middle School**
- **Pactolus School**
- **Northwest Elementary School**
- **Sadie Saulter Elementary School**

Group 2

- **Wintergreen Intermediate School – 1st Place**
- **W. H. Robinson Elementary School – 2nd Place**
- **Elmhurst Elementary School – 3rd Place**
- **Eastern Elementary School**
- **Ridgewood Elementary School**
- **Chicod School**
- **South Greenville Elementary School**
- **Wahl-Coates Elementary School**
- **Sam D. Bundy Elementary School**
- **Creekside Elementary School**

Individual Winners

- Clayton Bjerkeset, **Grifton School** – Group 1 Individual Winner
 - Ian Viola, **South Greenville Elementary School** – Group 2 Individual Winner
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- Amy Mitchell, Teacher-of-the Year and Media Center Coordinator at **Grifton School**, graduated from East Carolina University with her Master's Degree in Library Science.
 - Chrislyn Beresheim, from **J. H. Rose High School**, received a \$500 grant from the North Carolina Hospitality Education Foundation for the Culinary Arts Program at the school.

- The sixth grade students in Charlene Whedbee's Language Arts class at **G. R. Whitfield School** recently held a tea party for their mothers in honor of Mother's Day. The students culminated a poetry unit by writing a poem to their mothers. The students invited their mothers to school for afternoon tea with refreshments and surprised them with recitations of their poem.
- The Elite Step Team from **A.G. Cox Middle School** finished out their competition year by taking home 1st Place in the "Rocky Mount Parks and Recreation Step Off." In other competitions, the group: received 2nd place for the "Triangle Youth Step Off" in Raleigh, placed in February at the "Junior Step Show in Jacksonville" and received 2nd place in January at the "Edgecombe Community College Step Off" in Tarboro. The purpose of the Elite Step Team is to help educate young ladies on the values of teamwork, leadership and community service. They are coached and mentored by the Lambda Mu Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. of East Carolina University. Each year more than 100 girls try out for one of only 20 spots on the team. In order to participate and remain on the team, the girls must maintain a certain level of academic and behavioral success. In addition to their work with the Step Team, the girls volunteer for Give to the Troops, tutored elementary students at W.H. Robinson Elementary School, and have also raised money in order to attend the area competitions.
- Clarissa Lee and Kate Lawson's fifth grade class at **Elmhurst Elementary School** are the proud winners of the 2009 Conference USA Classroom on the Court Program! They partnered with East Carolina University Women Basketball Team and attended the most home games. During the games they completed an educational worksheet that contained math and geography skills. Because they had the highest participation at the games they were awarded the following: 70 sport elite water bottles, 2 ball pumps, 2 team elite all court basketballs, 1 T90 strike soccer ball, 2 Nike youth footballs, 1 sport agility web, 2 sets of Nike speed discs, 2 Nike speed ropes and 1 Sparq training eye react ball.
- **Pitt County Schools' Migrant Education Program** hosted its 10th annual Family Fiesta at Wellcome Middle School on Sunday, May 31, 2009. This annual event provides the opportunity for area Latino families to receive information from over twenty different community agencies that provide health services, social services, and educational resources. In addition, attendees danced to live music provided by Bravo Norteño, enjoyed a luncheon, and participated in games and contests. There were approximately 350 people in attendance. The event was coordinated by migrant recruiter Angel Mondragón and the Federal Programs Department.

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