



GOOD NEWS FRIDAY
January 29, 2010

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

- The NC Council for Exceptional Children has selected Rhys Potts, teacher at ***E. B. Aycock Middle School***, as the NC Teacher of Excellence for this year!
- ***Farmville Middle School*** students attended Peer Mediation training on January 19-20, 2010. Students were selected by their teachers to be a part of the first Peer Mediation for the 2010 school year. Students were trained by Maggie Crandall of the Pitt County Mediation Center. Advisors are Deputy Susan Johnson and Mr. Thomas Feller. PICTURE
- ***W. H. Robinson Elementary School*** was recognized on Wednesday, January 27th by the United Way. W. H. Robinson was the top earning school in Pitt County for the United Way and the top earning overall per capita. Representatives from the school were recognized at a luncheon at the RG Michaels Center.
- Eighth grader, Clifton Haynes, recently won the ***A.G. Cox Middle School*** National Geography Bee. PICTURE
- Ginger Symons, 5th Grade Teacher of ***South Greenville Elementary***, is a recipient of the 2010 Target Field Trip Grant in the amount of \$600.
- The ***Farmville Middle School*** Chapter of the National Junior Society collected books for the area homeless shelters and the battered Women's Shelter. Students, staff, parents and area residents collected over 850 books. Pictured are several members of the National Junior Honor Society helping count and load books for distribution. PICTURE
- Thirty-nine students from ***A.G. Cox Middle School*** participated in the Science Olympiad Student Challenge held at Washington High School on December 12, 2009. Science teacher, Mary White, is the team's coach. Pictured are students who won medals for their projects. PICTURE
- East Carolina University Professor Dr. Sharon Schleigh conducted a rocket science lab with Adrienne Fornes' sixth grade students from ***E. B. Aycock Middle***

School. Students made predictions; recorded the data collected during the experiment, and analyzed their data to draw conclusions.

- The **Stokes School** SGA is sponsoring a project to benefit Haiti called "Shoes 4 Souls". The school is asking the entire school community to participate in this project. The project involves donating used and **clean** tennis shoes or other enclosed shoes. (no sandals or open toe shoes) All donated shoes should be washed and strings tied together, or rubber banded together. Shoes can be given to any Stokes School student or brought by the school. Shoe collection will take place from Feb 1-15. On Feb 22, students will have an "In my Shoes" event and wear mismatched shoes to school in support of cultural diversity and to remind them of cultures in need and how their generosity can make a difference.
- The Spanish Club from **North Pitt High School** adopted a school as a service project for this Christmas. In partnership with Pactolus School's English as a Second Language Department and Guidance Counseling Office, the students and staff of North Pitt high School were able to collect donations to buy toys for over forty children at Pactolus School.
- Renee Whitaker, 4th grade teacher at **Sadie Saulter Elementary School**, recently earned support at DonorsChoose.org for a classroom project called "Guinea Pigs Nurture Learning!" She will be provided with resources totally more than \$200.
- Students at **Ayden Middle School** recently collected \$391.95 in the Help for Haiti fundraiser at their school. All funds will go to the Red Cross for the Haitian Earthquake Relief Fund.
- Gena Hurdle, fifth grade teacher at **Stokes School**, has been accepted to NCCAT. She will attend "Connect to Your Future" on Ocracoke Island January 31-February 4, 2010.
- **Stokes School** recognized the following teachers for perfect attendance during the first semester:
 - Sherry Buck
 - Veronica Burch
 - Heather Cribb
 - Pam Silverthorne
 - Susan T. Warren
 - Chris Young
 - **Rosa Andrews**
 - Monica Martin (TA)

They each received a gift certificate to Texas Roadhouse.

- ***D. H. Conley High School*** DECA members recently competed at the District 1 Marketing Competitive Events Conference. First-place winners were Skylar Mills in Quick Serve Restaurant Marketing, Kaitlyn Dutton in Apparel & Accessories and the team of James Gentry and Warren Allen in Sports & Entertainment Marketing. Second-place was Abby Brown in Retail Merchandising and third-place was Collin Wiggs in Principles of Marketing.

Series finalists were Jessica Hudson in Apparel & Accessories and the team of Jenn Warren & Kaitlyn Umphlett in Sport & Entertainment Marketing. Role-Play finalists were the teams of Robbie Lynch & Charles Myers and Anna Woody & Meredith Quinn in Sports & Entertainment Marketing. Exam finalist was Sydney Barill in Quick Serve Restaurant Marketing. Proficiency winner was Tressa Hoos in Quick Serve Restaurant Marketing.

Other participants were Adam Lassiter, Brandon Smirne, Ryan Gupton, Jordan Deloatch, Megan Wingate, Dillon Ross and Marc Bankoski.

Several DECA members are currently preparing written projects to be presented at the state competitive events conference in March.

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