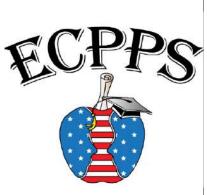
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# **ECPPS Holds District Geography and Spelling Bees** ECPPS held the district geography and spelling bees on Thursday, March 22nd at Museum of the

Albemarle. The geography bee began at 6:00 pm and the spelling bee began at 7:00 pm. There were 11 4th and 5th grade participants in the geography bee and 21 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade participants for the spelling bee.

Geography bee participants included: Kate Cerveny (J.C. Sawyer), Mattie Ditro (Sheep), Travis Gray (Sheep), Sammuel Hatch (Northside), Finneas Henley (Northside), Shaun Hoffler (Weeksville), Bradan Kavanaugh (Central), Asher Niphakis (J.C. Sawyer), Dominic Price (Weeksville), Jenason Reed-Payton (P.W. Moore), and Julie Simons (Central).

The geography bee winner was Mattie Ditro, 5th grade student at Sheep-Harney Elementary School.

Spelling bee participants included: Akyra Adams (P.W. Moore), Emma Bailey (Northside), Marissa Banks (Weeksville), Ava Ditro (Sheep), Hamilton Gooding (Central), Travis Gray (Sheep), Kamryn Greer-Smallwood (Sheep), Diana Hernandez-Hernandez (Northside), Kathryn Hutto (J.C. Sawyer), Zariah Johnson (Pasquotank), Nola Lee (Pasquotank), Shytiara Lewis (J.C. Sawyer), Daniel McDowell (Weeksville), Caden Munden (P.W. Moore), Maggie Sawyer (Centra), Elora Shepherd (Pasquotank), Julie Simons (Central), Jada Simpson (J.C. Sawyer), Rhyen Spruill (Northside), Lester Weems (Weeksville), and Shakiah White (P.W. Moore).

The spelling bee resulted in tie for first place for Diana Hernandez-Hernandez, 4th grader at Northside, and Julie Simons, 5th grader at Central.



The geography bee participants with winner, Mattie Ditro holding the trophy.



The spelling bee participants with winners, Diana Hernandez-Hernandez & Julie Simons holding the trophy.

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#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

We will be quickly approaching spring break when our newsletter goes out this month. Students and staff are anxiously awaiting the break. Once we return, we will be on the fast track to bringing the 2017-2018 school year to a close. It seems as if we just started the school year....time goes so quickly.

Students and staff in this district are doing amazing work. During our Tour of Schools and our CTE Conference in March, many community members and businesses had the opportunity to see first-hand what is taking place in our schools. We send out information each week in the newspaper, publish our newsletter, post information on our website and social media, but it can never truly illustrate the incredible things taking place in classrooms across the district. It really is something you have to experience and not just read about. Please take a day next March to join our Tour of Schools ... you will not be disappointed.

I look forward to the next couple of months as we will have numerous opportunities to celebrate the successes of another school year with our students and staff.

~ Larry W. Cartner, Ed.D. Superintendent

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Are we teaching them the right way?
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How doy out switches are learning?
What are you doing for those who are not learning.
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Children - Leadership - Resulto

## **Northeastern High Receives \$50,000 Donation**

Dollar General representatives surprised Northeastern High School with a \$50,000 donation on Thursday, March 1st. The donation will provide support for literacy at the school. According to a press release from Dollar General, "The donation from Dollar General is part of its Reading Revolution program. The program aims to provide schools with additional resources to purchase books, computers and other educational supplies to enhance their reading and literacy programs. Since its inception in 2013, the program has provided more than \$2.6 million to schools."

Principal Campbell, staff and students were surprised and excited to receive such a generous donation from Dollar General.



NHS Staff & Students Receive \$50,000 Donation from Dollar General Representatives

### **ECPPS Holds CTE Conference for Area Businesses**



ECPPS 2018 Career & Technical Education Conference for Area Businesses
Pictured are CTE Student Participants & Guest Speakers

Area businesses were invited and encouraged to attend a new event hosted by ECPPS this year, a CTE/Workforce Development Conference. The event was held March 1st at Northeastern High School.

The CTE/Workforce Development Conference was created to provide community businesses and employers an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the various Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs available through ECPPS. Many of our students are pre-

pared and available to work in area businesses, while in high school, through internship opportunities or direct employment.

The ECPPS CTE program offers career pathways for students in a number of career clusters such as agriculture, architecture & construction, business, finance, health science, hospitality and tourism, human services, information technology, marketing, public safety, STEM, and transportation.



SHEEP-HARNEY STUDENT DURING TOUR OF
SCHOOLS BREAK



# UPCOMING NAR/APR EVENTS

MAR 30: Optional Teacher Workday

#### April 2nd through April 6th SPRING BREAK

APR 10: Public Info Mtg - Sales Tax

7 PM - Sheep Auditorium

APR 13: Special Olympics

APR 16: BOE Committee Mtgs - 2 PM

APR 18: Kindergarten Reg. 3-6 PM

APR 19: Kindergarten Reg. 12:30-3:30 PM

APR 20: Kindergarten Reg. 8 AM-12 PM

APR 23: BOE Mtg - 7 PM Admin Offices

APR 24: Public Info Mtg - Sales Tax

7 PM - Knobbs Creek Rec Ctr.

APR 28: FCC Community Expo - MOA

APR 28: PCHS Prom

FOR EVENT INFO VISIT www.ecpps.k12.nc.us

# P.W. Moore Students Challenged to Read

Hot-diggity Dog! Students at P.W. Moore Elementary read over 4,000,000 words, as a school, in just three weeks. Principal English, as promised, donned a hotdog costume and read to students throughout the day. She read *The Pigeon Finds a Hotdog* by Mo Willems and *Wipeout of the Wireless Weenies* by David Lubar to classes throughout the day.

P.W. Moore set a huge goal for the students to read 4,000,000 words between March 1st and March 22nd. They came through on March 22nd by reading the final 982,071 words in one day! The goal was set to encourage interest in reading and to increase reading goals.

Principal English and the incredible staff at P.W. Moore believe in their students and encourage them to always reach for the stars!



ON MARCH 23RD ~ CELEBRATING THEIR SUCCESS

## **Northside Celebrates School-Level Bee Winners**



GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS:
FINNEAS HENLEY (4TH) & SAMMUEL HATCH (5TH)



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#### 1/4 Cent Sales Tax Referendum - Public Informational Meetings

April 10th - 7 PM - Sheep Auditorium (200 W. Elizabeth Street)

April 24th - 7 PM - Knobbs Creek Recreation Center (200 E. Ward Street)

# NHS Eagle Award Recipients - 2nd Nine Weeks



Northeastern High School presented the Eagle Character Award, for the 2nd nine weeks, to the following students: Thomas Beals, Malikh Combs, Xante Dicks, Robert Ferguson, John Godwin, Jaila Gross, Damond Hall, Tayvia Johnson, Christina Kight, Tiffany Krajewski, Quashawn McMurrin, Love Ott, Lemorris Parker, Justino Peña – Rodriguez, Mykal Polite, Breana Poyner, Raya Proctor, Bryant Riddick, Marissa Romero-Hernandez, Axel Sanchez, Christopher Sellers, Caroline Shubel, Amiya Stokley, Diamond Swain, Quaysia Thomas, Adriana Vandenbrink, Caya Williams, Tatum Wilson, Amari Wood, Vincent Wood

## 1/4 Cent Sales Tax Referendum - May 8th Ballot

In an effort to financially support education for this community, the Pasquotank County Commissioners voted to place a one-quarter cent sales tax referendum on the May 8th ballot.

If passed, this referendum would add 1/4 of a penny to sales within Pasquotank County. A tax that would be paid by all consumers, not just residents. Many agencies and organizations have endorsed this referendum and are adopting resolutions in support of it.



The ECPPS Board of Education is meeting with community organizations to provide information on the referendum. We are permitted to educate and provide information; however, we cannot advocate. We will hold public informational meetings on April 10th at 7 pm at Sheep Auditorium and April 24th at 7 pm at Knobbs Creek Recreational Center. More information on the referendum is available at www.ecpps.k12.nc.us. Also, please feel free to share our Facebook and Twitter posts.

#### **ECPPS Announces Summer Book Bonanza**



ECPPS is pleased and excited to announce our book collection campaign to provide books for Pre-K through 5th grade students to take home and read during the summer. ECPPS will hold our Summer Book Bonanza through May 11th. The ECPPS Summer Book Bonanza is also in support of NC Reads, a statewide reading initiative.

Book donations may be dropped off at any ECPPS school as well as the ECPPS Administrative Offices, 1200 Halstead Blvd.

We encourage the community to join us in providing books for our students as we work together to advance literacy for our children...as literacy is a key to lifelong success.

# **ECPPS Seeks Bus Driver Applicants**

For more information on becoming a bus driver for ECPPS, please contact the ECPPS Transportation Department at 252.335.5684.

The district is seeking dependable, responsible applicants who are positive and enjoy working with children.



### **Miss North Carolina Visits ECPPS**

Miss North Carolina, Victoria Huggins, spent March 1st in several of our elementary schools. She visited P.W. Moore, Pasquotank, J.C. Sawyer, Sheep-Harney and Central Elementary Schools. While there, she read with the students, sang some of their favorite Disney songs and provided each student a book to take home. Citgo partnered with Miss North Carolina to make it possible for her to visit many of our Northeastern counties. Citgo also provided the books for

students to take home.

It was truly a special day for many of our students as "the princess" ....so they called her.... encouraged students to read, to do their very best in school, to make good choices and to be respectful.

She serves as an excellent representative of North Carolina. It was a true honor to have her spend the day with us.



Miss NC, Victoria Huggins, engages with students as she distributes bookmarks to them.

# ECPPS FAMILY & COMMUNITY CENTER

The Family & Community Center held a Childcare Providers Conference on March 24th. The Family & Community Center plans this annual conference to give area childcare providers an understanding of what kindergarteners are expected to know when starting school.

Attendance was great this year with 30 providers registering to attend. ECPPS educators provide the training and information for the providers.



# ECPPS Family & Community Center

TherewillbeaCommunityExpo Event on Saturday, April 28th at Museum of the Albemarle. Make plans to come by for fun, food and great ideas for summer care for children.

11 AM to 2 PM

