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#### ECPPS Plans Reality Store Event for 8th Graders

ECPPS is planning a new event for our 8th grade students this March, a Reality Store. The Elizabeth City Area Chamber of Commerce will be supporting ECPPS with this project by recruiting businesses to participate.

The Reality Store is an interactive simulation of life in which 8th graders are assigned a career with basic educational requirements and family life. Depending on their life assignments, the students visit stations representing various life experiences/expenses. Students will gain an understanding of the reality of paying utilities, rent, taxes, car payments, as well as setting up bank accounts, visiting the doctor, paying for child care, buying groceries – all based on the salaries for their assigned career and family. As students travel through the stations, they track their expenses and deduct the costs at each station. The Reality Store is designed to provide students with a glimpse into the future and help them understand financial planning and why goal setting, decision making and career planning is so important.

The ECPPS Reality Store will take place on March 29th. There are two areas in which we could use some help from Chamber members/community members:

- We need volunteers to manage the various booths and work with the students as they visit. If your
  experience is in any of the following areas and you are available to volunteer for this event, please
  contact the Elizabeth City Area Chamber of Commerce: grocery/clothing/philanthropy, child care,
  personal care (hair, nails, etc.), entertainment, housing, insurance, transportation, utilities, and
  employment.
- We also need help with donated items for goody bags the students will receive at the end of the event. Does your business/organization have information that may be relevant to this event or something fun the students would enjoy? The program will reach nearly 350 students. If you do not have 350 items available, please provide whatever you can and we will gladly include them in the bags. Please deliver items to the Chamber office by Friday, March 9th.

### **ECPPS Educators Honored by Thank America's Teachers**

Farmers Insurance® representatives recently honored two ECPPS teachers, Sandra Harris from Northside Elementary School and Jennifer Loeffler from ECP Early College, with \$5,000 in educational grants as part of the insurer group's Thank America's Teachers® program.

Sandra Harris submitted a grant application to fund mentor text sets for guided reading groups. The text sets will help motivate and support student writers through a curriculum that helps show students how to write versus simply telling them. She received \$2500 for this project.

Jennifer Loeffler submitted a grant application to fund a program that will aid in creating an individualized vocabulary program for her students. The program targets students' individual level and provides a variety of learning styles to help them improve their reading fluency and accuracy as well as broaden their vocabulary acquisition. She also received \$2500 to support this project.

According to Farmers Insurance, "Harris and Loeffler are among the third group of 60 teachers nationally to receive a \$2,500 educational grant through the Farmers Insurance® Thank America's Teachers® national program in 2017."

Harris' Presentation at Northside Elementary



Loeffler's Presentation at ECP Early College





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SUPERINTENDENT



The end of a very snowy January is upon us. The winter storms have been quite a challenge for ECPPS as far as trying to schedule exams and determining makeup days. School resumed on January 22nd with a normal schedule and without snow in the immediate forecast. Exams for first semester also began on January 22nd with the semester wrapping up on January 26th. There will be communication from the district to parents and the community on makeup days/time.

ECPPS will be offering Explore ECPPS....A Tour of Schools on Friday, March 9th. This is an annual event provided by the district that includes a tour of at least four schools, giving the community and parents a better understanding of what takes place in our schools. There is more information included in this newsletter, but I would like to personally encourage everyone to register for this event. Our tour this year will include Northside Elementary, ECP Early College, Sheep-Harney Elementary and J.C. Sawyer Elementary.

~ Larry W. Cartner, Ed.D. Superintendent for Area Employers

Elizabeth City/Pasquotank County businesses are invited and encouraged to attend a new event hosted by Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools this year, a CTE/Workforce Development Conference. This event will be held March 1st at Northeastern High School.

The CTE/Workforce Development Conference is a new initiative 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 prepared and available to work in area businesses, while in high school, through internship opportunities or direct employment. The CTE program also prepares students for career/college immediately upon graduation from high school

The ECPPS CTE program offers career pathways for students in a number of career clusters such as agriculture, architecture & construction, busi-

ness, finance, health science, human services, information technology, marketing, public safety, STEM, and transportation.

The conference will feature breakout sessions for businesses to receive information on programs that will specifically meet their needs. The featured speakers for the conference include Christina Harris, Northeast CTE Coordinator and Dr. Dion Clark, NCWorks Career Pathway Director. Dinner will be provided as well.

Online registration for the conference will begin Monday, January 29th at www.ecpps.k12.nc.us. Businesses may also contact Tammy W. Sawyer at 252.335.2981, ext. 142 or twsawyer@ecpps.k12.nc.us to register.

ECPPS is excited to offer this opportunity to area businesses. We look forward to networking and sharing information on our Career & Technical Education program as well as the accomplishments of our students.

#### P.W. Moore Elementary Receives Lowe's Grant

P.W. Moore Elementary was selected to receive a 2017 Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant in the amount of \$5,000. The money awarded will be used to purchase iPads for students to use in the Exceptional Children's classrooms.



P.W. Moore Exceptional Children's Staff and Principal Sara English Recipients of 2017 Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant



**CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** WINTER STORM 2018 - SNOWMAN



PRINCIPAL ADRIAN FONVILLE PARTICIPATESINMARTINLUTHERKINGJR.DAY **EVENT AT RRMS 1.12.18** 



# **UPCOMING** FEB **EVENTS**

FEB 19: BOE Committee Meetings -2 pm FEB 26: BOE Regular Meeting -7 pm Northeastern High School

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### **ECPPS Prepares for Annual Tour of Schools**

Pasquotank County residents are invited to "Explore ECPPS"—a wonderful opportunity to tour Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools. As community members, it is important that you have firsthand knowledge of how our schools operate and provide instruction for the children of Pasquotank

The tour will be held on Friday, March 9th, beginning with breakfast from 8:00 to 8:30 am at the ECPPS Administrative Offices on Halstead Boulevard. We will begin our tour at 8:30 am. Lunch will be prepared by the amazing cafeteria staff at Sheep-Harney Elementary School. The tour will end around 2:30 pm at the Administrative Offices with a question and answer session.

We will be traveling by bus to visit the following school sites: Northside Elementary, ECP Early College, Sheep-Harney Elementary, and J.C. Sawyer Elementary. Online registration for this opportunity will begin Monday, January 29th. To register, please visit www.ecpps.k12.nc.us or contact Tammy W. Sawyer, ECPPS Director of Community Schools/PIO at 252.335.2981, ext. 142.



# **NHS Students Raise Money for Food Bank**

Northeastern High School raised \$809.00 for the Food Bank of the Albemarle in a week-long changedrive recently. The money, along with resources from the Food Bank, can provide over 3,000 meals for people in need on our community. Students in Michael Ratzlaff's class raised the most money and received a pizza party sponsored by the Northeastern High School Student Government Association.



ALTONCAMPBELL(NHSPRINCIPAL),BREANNAPROCTOR,ASHANTISUTTON,MR.BRYANGRAY(FOODBANKOFTHEALBEMARLE REPRESENTATIVE), LIZZY BETTS, ANDREA JAMES, AND JENNIFER JAMES (NHS TEACHER)

# **NHS Health Sciences Study Infectious Diseases**

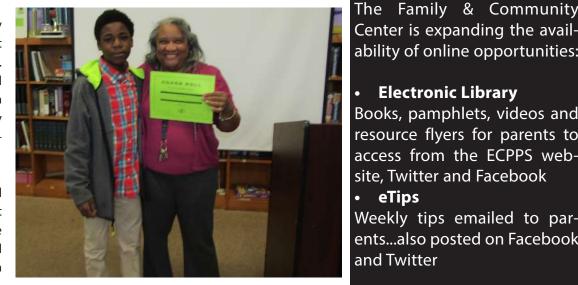


Biomedical Technology I students at Northeastern High School, Amir Payton and Makieyah Liverman, observe different types of bacteria while studying infectious diseases in their health sciences class.

## **H.L. Trigg Recognizes Students for Honor** Roll

On December 8th, H.L. Trigg Community School celebrated the end of the first nine weeks with an awards ceremony. All students who made the honor roll were given a certificate. Austin Allen was presented a laptop, donated by Elizabeth City Pawn and Guns, for having the highest GPA.

Takoris Ebron, pictured, was recognized for being the only middle school student to make the honor roll for the first nine weeks. Principal Ainslie Jones presented him with a certificate and a special gift in recognition of his hard work.



#### **Weeksville Elementary Announces Spelling & Geography Bee Winners** Daniel McDowell - 1st Place



5th Grade Spelling Bee Lester Weems - 1st Place

4th Grade Spelling Bee

Marissa Banks - 1st Place 3rd Grade Spelling Bee

Shaun Hoffler - 1st Place 5th Grade Geography Bee

Dominic Price - 1st Place 4th Grade Geography Bee



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available resources.

our website at...

There will be a center available

at each school for parents to

pick up various information on

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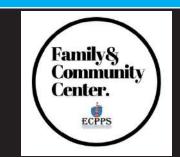
Community Center page on

eTips

**ECPPS Family & Community Center Tip #1** 

Show you care. Give hugs and words of support, and ask about school each day.

#TipsOnHelpingYourChild #MondayMotivation



# J.C. Sawyer Students Give Back to **Community**

On December 19th, students from the Young Men and Women of Distinction group at J.C. Sawyer Elementary took over 90 holiday bags to Concordia Rehabilitation, the Elizabeth City Fire Department, and the Elizabeth City Police Department. This group was developed at J.C. Sawyer to help build character and provided academic support for students.

## RRMS Celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Staff and students participated in a program on Friday, January 12th to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. There were various readings and musical selections performed by students and staff.

Students participating in the program included: Tiana Hassell, Nyzer Jordan, Natalee Meads, Jaime Swain, Mickaila Hoshing, Jessica Jenkins, Chanelle Johnson, Selena Lane, Trent Wakeham, Tamya Adams, Madison Downing, Douglas King, and Nallely Portillo. Mr. Abel Sutton was the featured speaker for the program.



RRMS SGA President