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High Schools Place in Mathematics Event

This fall, young ladies from Northeastern and Pasquotank County High Schools participated in the "Celebration of Women in Mathematics Day" at Elizabeth City State University. Students had the opportunity to participate in interactive displays and to hear various ECSU students and professors, Virginia Air and Space Center and NASA scientists talk about why they love math and the role it plays in our lives.

According to Ms. Brinker, science teacher at Northeastern High, students "sent air powered rockets over 300 feet into the sky, saw how our solar system and the stars in our galaxy are displayed in our night sky at the ECSU Planetarium, and explored the many ways math is applied to all aspects of our lives." Various schools throughout northeastern North Carolina participated in the "Celebration of Women in Mathematics Day", which also included a "Math Sprint Competition". The math competition consisted of teams of girls completing math problems under a time constraint. The NHS math team, which included Nyla Harris, Corleis Riddick, Lashawnda Gary, Laura Rosenberger and Trinity Rentas, placed first and received a nice trophy to display at the school. The PCHS team, which included Niamh Massey, Lexi Pierce, Jasiyah Raynor, and Tykira Beasley, placed third.

Congratulations to these students and thank you to the teachers for encouraging a love for mathematics and exploring opportunities for the students to strengthen their skills and to further their engagement beyond the classroom.





Thank You Mr. Beasley ~ 12 Years of Service

The Board of Education and ECPPS extend sincere and grateful appreciation to Mr. Harvey Beasley for serving our district for 12 years as a member of the Board.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



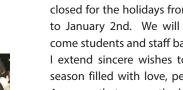
PCHS Panther Pride Marching Band Places in Competition

Panther Pride Marching Band earned 3rd place in Overall Effect and 3rd place Visual at the Crystal Coast Band Classic in Havelock, NC on Saturday, October 29th.

Their overall ranking for the 2A division was 4th place.

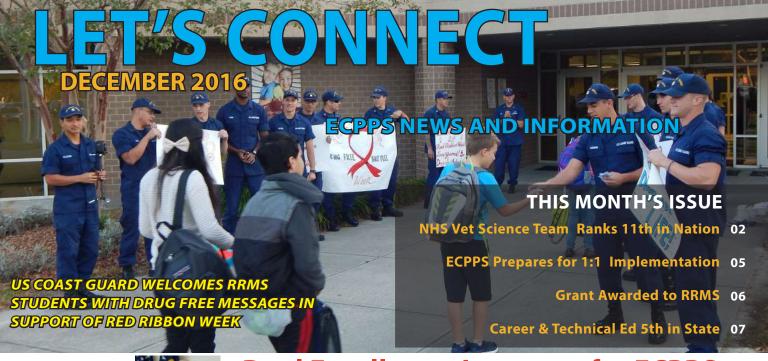


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~ Larry W. Cartner, Ed.D.





A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT



The holidays are here and our students and staff are working hard to stay focused yet enjoy the festivities of this wonderful time of year. The winter break will be here in the blink of an eye and once we return, we will be nearing the end of the first semester of the 2016-2017 school year.

Our district is also well on the way to realizing the initial implementation of 1:1 for students. The Board of Education worked very hard to find funding, within the limited resources we have, to begin placing technology in the hands of our students so they can truly experience learning in a 21st century environment. The Board of Education realizes the importance of technology for our students and placed it as a priority for this year.

ECPPS schools and offices will be officially closed for the holidays from December 22nd to January 2nd. We will re-open and welcome students and staff back on January 3rd. I extend sincere wishes to all for a holiday season filled with love, peace and goodwill. A season that warms the heart, refreshes the mind, and ignites the soul with a passion for new and wonderful things in the new year!

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Four Questions: Are we teaching the right things? Are we teaching them the right way? How do you know your students are learning? What are you doing for those who are not learning?

Dual Enrollment Increases for ECPPS

the opportunity to earn college credits free through the Career and College Promise Program (CCP). According to College of The Albemarle, ECPPS has 83 students, 41 from ing their education. Northeastern and 42 from Pasquotank County High, dually enrolled this fall. The number of ECPPS began a cohort last year so students students participating this fall is a significant increase from fall 2015 which was 50.

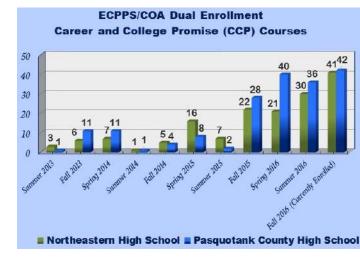
The Career and College Promise program is supported by our Legislature and ensures tuition free college courses via the community college system.

CCP is designed to increase access to postsecondary education and to accelerate students' entry into a skilled workforce. Students have the option to select transferrable general education courses or a Career and Technical

North Carolina high school students have Education pathway. Either option provides our students with the experience to be successful in the next step of their journey after high school whether it is the work force or further-

> beginning their first semester of their junior year and continuing through the second semester of their senior year, will have the potential to complete 33 college credit hours which is over half of the required hours of an Associate of Arts degree.

> The school district is proud to be able to offer this opportunity to our students and is appreciative of our partnership with College of The Albemarle in making it possible.





NHS STUDENTS RECEIVE EAGLE AWARDS FOR DEMONSTRATING POSITIVE CHARACTER TRAITS FOR **1ST NINE WEEKS**

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV 28: BOE REG. MTG. 7 PM

DEC 5: BOE ORGANIZATIONAL MTG

2 PM

DEC 7: INTERIM REPORTS ISSUED

DEC 19: BOE REG. MTG. 4 PM DEC 22 - JAN 2: WINTER BREAK

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NHS FFA Vet Team Ranks 11th in National Competition

The vet science team from Northeastern High School competed at the state level last year and placed first out of 58 teams. By placing first in the state, the team qualified to compete in Indianapolis, Indiana during October 2016 at the National FFA Veterinary Science Career Development Event (CDE). This event was in conjunction with the 89th National FFA Convention and Expo.

> According to a press release from FFA, "The National FFA Veterinary Science CDE

is a competitive event that tests the participant's ability to apply veterinary science knowledge and skill in practical settings as well as identify breeds, parasites and equipment. Participants also complete a written exam and respond to scenario questions about current topics in the veterinary industry. Teams present to a panel of judges about the roles and responsibilities of the veterinary team in a variety of situations involving patients from companion animal to large animal."

The vet science team included: Lauren Hemenway, Dawson Newton, Taylor Flach and Caroline Scott. The teachers and advisors included: Ted Manzer, Roberta Manzer and Chelsea McPherson. Dr. Darlene Lannon, local veterinarian, was highly involved in coaching the team and is a staunch volunteer and supporter of FFA at Northeastern.

Sheep-Harney Receives Grant from Dollar General

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded Sheep-Harney Elementary School a \$4,000 grant to support youth literacy. This local grant is part of \$4.5 million in youth literacy grants awarded to approximately 1,000 organizations across the 43 states that Dollar General serves. Given at the beginning of the academic school year, these grants are aimed at supporting teachers, schools and organizations with resources to strengthen and enhance literacy instruction. Sheep-Harney Elementary School used the grant funds to purchase over 200 Hi-Lo books (High Interest / Low Reading Difficulty) for the library to encourage reading by students.





The Northeastern High School AFJROTC II class recently built radio controlled aircraft during their aerodynamic flight and aircraft control les-

ECPPS Career & Technical Education Fifth in State for Credentials Earned

Career pathways lead to credentials that qualify students for a range of career opportunities from entry to professional level.

Credentials earned by secondary North Carolina Career and Technical Education (CTE) students have increased steadily since 2010-2011, the first year of data collection in the state. Credentials are endorsed by business and industry and document student mastery of skills required for employment and advancement in a career. The 2015-2016 NC CTE Credentialing Data report shows 140,097 credentials earned by NC CTE students, an increase of nearly 500% from the 24,782 credentials reported in 2010-2011. In 2015-2016, student results were collected for 90 different credentials that include all NC CTE program areas and career clusters. Individual students may report more than one credential earned. TOP CREDENTIALS in the state were from Career Readiness Certificates, which are available at four different levels, Microsoft Office Specialist PowerPoint and Word. (NCDPI)

Teachers in our CTE department have been working diligently to prepare our students for college and December 13th at 7:00 pm careers. One of the goals of the department is to increase the number of students with the education skills, and training needed to be college and career ready. Credentials earned attest that our students are qualified and competent to begin a career in their chosen fields. "I am proud of our students and the teachers who helped them achieve these credentials," said Mrs. Rhonda James-Davis, CTE Director.

ECPPS ranked 5th in the state with the highest percentage of credentials earned compared to student \$5 Adult Admission ~ \$3 Student enrollment in CTE courses at 40.5%. "I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of our CTE students and teachers," said Superintendent Cartner. "We, as a district, have much to celebrate throughout the year as a result of the hard work taking place within this program."

Agriculture Education

Veterinarian Assisting-2

Business, Finance and Information Technology

Everfi - 128 Microsoft Word - 61 Microsoft PowerPoint - 77 W!SE Financial - 61

Health Science Education

CPR - 36 First Aide - 36 N.C. Nurse Aide I - 6

Family & Consumer Science

CPR- 6 ServSafe Food Protection Managers - 2

Trade & Industrial Education

OSHA 10-hour Construction Industry - 40

Career Readiness Certificates

Career Readiness Credential: Bronze - 30 Career Readiness Credential: Gold - 40 Career Readiness Credential: Silver - 108

Public Safety

Building Construction (FIP# 3022) - 26 Emergency Medical Care (FIP# 3016) - 31 Fire & Life Preparedness (FIP# 3021) -24 Fire Behavior (FIP# 3004) - 34 Fire Hose, Streams, & Appliances (FIP# 3011) - 30 Forcible Entry (FIP# 3007) - 30 Health and Wellness (FIP# 3024) - 35 Ladders (FIP# 3010) - 27 Loss Control (FIP# 3014) - 25 Mayday (FIP# 3026) - 24 Orientation & Safety (FIP# 3001) - 33 Personal Protective Equipment (FIP# 3006) - 35 Portable Extinguishers (FIP# 3005) – 32 Rescue (FIP# 3017) – 20 Ropes (FIP# 3009) - 26 Safety & Survival (FIP# 3025) – 22 Sprinklers (FIP# 3019) - 21 Ventilation (FIP# 3008) – 28 Water Supplies (FIP# 3018) - 21

Alarms & Communications (FIP# 3003) - 31



ECPPS BAND/CHORUS HOLIDAY CONCERTS

ECMS Holiday Band Concert December 9th at 7:00 pm **ECMS Gymnasium** \$5 General Admission ~ Children 5 and under FREE

NHS Symphonic, Jazz and Chorus Holiday Concert "Sounds of the Season" December 12th at 7:30 pm **ECSU Fine Arts Center** \$5 General Admission ~ Children 5 and under FREE

RRMS Holiday Band Concert ECSU Fine Arts Center \$5 General Admission/Donation

PCHS Holiday Band Concert December 13th at 7:00 pm **COA Auditorium** Admission (K-12) ~ Children 5 and under FREE

PCHS Winter Choral Concert December 15th at 7:30 pm First Baptist Church - Main Street **Admission is FREE-donations** accepted

ECMS Holiday Choral Concert December 16th at 7 pm **ECMS Gymnasium** \$5 General Admission ~ Children 5 and under FREE

NHS BAND, CHORUS & ROTC PARTICIPATE IN **VETERANS PROGRAM**



NORTHEASTERN HIGH SCHOOL CRICUT ENTERPRISE

STUDENT GRAPHIC DESIGN OPPORTUNITY

Awesome personalized (affordable) gifts for any occasion.

The program does not charge, but will accept donations of \$1.00 for set up fee and then 25 cents per square inch.

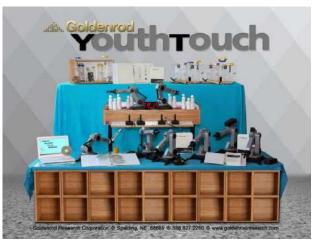
Stop by the Cyber Campus at NHS to see some of the designs. Turn a cup or candle into a work of art! Great for personalized tree ornaments, cups, glass jars, and more. They also can make greeting cards.



NHS CYBER CAMPUS CONTACT: Jennifer Simons 252.331.2416



Grant Awarded to River Road Middle



River Road has been awarded a matching grant for technology integration by Goldenrod Research Corporation. Through the grant, high-tech robotics and fluid power (hydraulic/pneumatic) equipment will be installed at River Road Middle School to enhance student learning. The grant is for \$9,850 with River Road matching those funds for the purchase of the equipment and training. The total grant value for equipment, training and instructional resources is \$19,700.

River Road Middle School joins a select group of approximately 300 schools nationwide selected as Goldenrod's YouthTouch Matching Grant program winners since 1997. River Road was one of 20 US awardees in 2016, and it is the first school in eastern North Carolina. River Road was chosen as an award recipient on the strength of the school's written application. For more information, please visit our website at www.ecpps.k12.nc.us.

ECPPS Completes 2016 United Way Campaign

ECPPS has been a supporter of United Way for many years with district personnel having the opportunity to donate to the non-profit which sponsors many programs throughout our area that directly impact the students we serve daily.

ECPPS is proud to report that our district donated a total of \$11, 336 this year with H.L. Trigg Community School having 100% staff participation and Sheep-Harney Elementary have over 80% participation. Staff from these two schools will receive a catered lunch during December for their awesome participation.



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The following ECMS students from the Quiz Bowl Team and National Junior Honor Society competed in the 2016 Let's Explore Africa Quiz Bowl Tournament at Duke University on Saturday, November 19th: Ellie Bojo, Sadie Bojo, Jasmine Carawan, Sophie Clarkson, Tyler Critcher, Johnathan Dunlow, Azlynn Eckert, Noah Lowery, Ysabelle McNeeley, Jenna Simmons, Chandler Walton, Holley Weiss, Anna Wissner, and Kennedy Worrell. Mr. Brad Buckner is the Quiz Bowl sponsor for ECMS and Hannah Saunders is the sponsor for the ECMS National Junior Honor Society.

- In the first competition, 6th graders Sadie Bojo and Holley Weiss received 2nd place. (Pictured)
- In the second competition, 7th graders Ellie Bojo and Ysabelle McNeeley received 3rd place.

Weeksville Elementary Opens New Playground

Weeksville Elementary School has been the recipient of great things recently in an effort to improve their playground equipment for the 3rd - 5th grade classes. Skyler Ambrose, a student at Weeksville, began the fundraising toward a new playground when he was not satisfied with the equipment they had to play on each day. He raised money, donated some of his own savings and was able to make a \$10,000 contribution toward the playground due to winning the NC Proud Moments contest as part of the NC Education Lottery. He won a total of \$20,000 with the other \$10,000 placed in a savings account for college.

Dr Pepper Snapple Group (DPS) and national non-profit KaBOOM! awarded Weeksville Elementary School a \$15,000 Let's Play Community Construction Grant recently that, along with local donations, was the final amount needed to finish the playground. Mr. Trevor Batts, PTA President, was instrumental in securing this grant and organizing the final details of the playground construction.

According to a press release from Dr Pepper Snapple Group (DPS) and KaBOOM!, "The grant is part of Let's Play, an initiative by DPS to provide kids and families with the tools, places and inspiration to make active play a daily priority. Unstructured, child-directed play has proven to help kids develop physically, emotionally, socially and intellectually, yet today's kids have less time and fewer opportunities to play than any previous generation. As a result of expanded Let's Play grants and projects, more than 1 million kids will benefit from new or improved playgrounds around the nation by the end of 2016."

Weeksville held a ribbon cutting and fun day on Saturday, November 19th for their families and the Weeksville community.





Wake Up to Ag Day 2016

ECPPS and Camden third grade students had an opportunity to attend the annual "Wake Up to Ag Day" on Monday, November 23rd. Not only do the third grade students have this opportunity, but the high school FFA students are responsible for educating the third graders on the various exhibits at the event.

There are farm animals to see and pet, games to educate students on agriculture, demonstrations on herding and many others. This day was designed to give all students the opportunity to understand more about the role animals and agriculture play in our lives daily.





COMMUNITY & STAFF SUPPORT FAMILIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The community was very supportive of ECPPS families this year once again. Elizabeth City First Church of the Nazarene in partnership with Hall Honda/Ford/ Hyundai donated a total of 60 Thanksgiving boxes. The boxes included: a \$15 food gift card and items to make all the side dishes for a Thanksgiving meal. Each school received and distributed five of the Thanksgiving boxes to needy families in their school.

Fountain of Life church donated 75 Thanksgiving meals. The meals included: a frozen turkey, a bag of sweet potatoes, a bag of collards and a paper bag filled with items to make all the side dishes for a Thanksgiving meal.

The Newland-Providence Ruritans sponsored three families for Thanksgiving. They made arrangements with the families that live in the Newland area to deliver everything needed to make a Thanksgiving meal, including a turkey, all the fixings and dessert.

ECPPS staff members also joined in the efforts to support families during the holidays. The Elizabeth City- Pasquotank Association of Educational Office Professionals sponsored two families for Thanksgiving this year by providing a gift card to each family so they could dine at Golden Corral for Thanksgiving.

The Northeastern High School staff joined in a team-building project to provide canned goods and non-perishable items to the Food Bank of the Albemarle. The staff collected a total of 1794 items.



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ECPPS Updates from the NC Annual Conference for Exceptional Children

ECPPS staff recently attended the state conference for Exceptional Children. We are proud to announce staff members that were recognized or selected for participation during the conference.

Karen Alexander (NHS EC Teacher) was selected as the ECPPS "Exceptional Children's Educator of Excellence" for 2016. She was honored by the NC Exceptional Children's Director, Dr. William Hussey, at a reception during the NC Exceptional Children's Conference in Greensboro.

Christina Persico and Renee Tamarelli (JCSES EC Teacher Assistant and ECPPS

Behavior Specialist) were selected by the NC Council for Exceptional Children

to provide a poster presentation at the conference. Their presentation,

"Taming Your Stress", drew many folks throughout the event. Attendees

learned how to implement successful strategies such as deep breathing,

yoga, and sensory feedback for helping students reduce their stress and



Alice Moncla & Michelle Clark (NHS EC Teacher and ECPPS Transition Coordinator) were selected by the NC Council for Exceptional Children to participate in the school-based enterprise sale event at the conference. This event is designed to highlight the school-based vocational work of high





Goodwill Community Foundation Donates School Supplies to Elementary Students

All ECPPS elementary students received donated school supplies from the Goodwill Community Foundation during November. Ms. Stephenie McLean, Director of Regional Community Development, spent four days visiting each elementary school to distribute the school supplies while sharing the mission of Goodwill and encouraging the students to do their very best academically.

school students with disabilities.

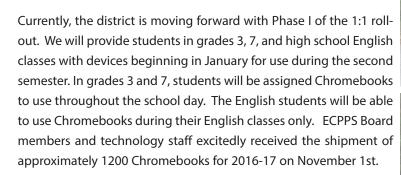
regulate their emotions.

ECPPS is grateful for the partnership with Goodwill Community Foundation and appreciative of the gifts they shared with our students. The Foundation donated approximately 2850 bags of school supplies to ECPPS students. Each bag contained three notebooks, pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, hand sani tizer, scissors, ruler, crayons and a glue stick.



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ECPPS is excited to share an update regarding our Chromebook Classroom 1:1 initiative. To better equip teachers for teaching in a digital environment, the district provided core content teachers with new presentation station carts, including new laptops, projectors, and document cameras, when they arrived back to school in August.



The district intends to move forward with Phase II of the roll-out next year which will provide Chromebooks for grades 4, 8, and high school science classes. Plans are to continue through Phase IV, providing all students with 1:1 devices for school use. The purpose is to allow students to participate in a digital learning environment, blended class instruction, and learn the importance of technology in today's world.





Sheep-Harney Begins Buddy Reader Program



Sheep Harney has begun a schoolwide "Buddy Reader Program.' Students are partnered with one another and for at least twenty minutes once a week to read together.

The children are excited about the opportunity to read with their friends and it is building their reading and comprehension skills.



NORTHEASTERN VARSITY CHEERLEADERS PLACE FIRST IN STATE

The NHS Varsity cheerleaders competed at the Raleigh Convention Center for the NCHSAA Invitational Cheerleading Championship on November 19th. They competed in the D2 Medium Varsity Non-Tumble divison against six other teams and placed first! Congratulations!

