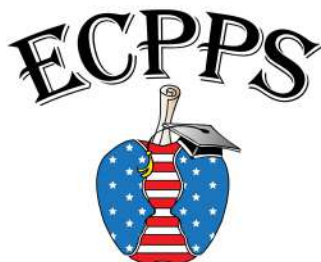


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## Pasquotank County High School DECA Students Place First in Competition



The PCHS DECA Marketing Club students attended the DECA District Marketing Competitive Events on Thursday, December 8th, in Greenville, NC. Out of the six events the students competed in, they had four first place winners, multiple series finalist winners in five of the six events and medalists in all six events. There were nearly 400 students competing overall with 30 competing from PCHS. The PCHS DECA Club works hard to raise funds to support their participation in the competitions. The next event will be the Career Development Competition in March in Greensboro, NC. If they are successful there, students will have the opportunity to attend the national competition in Anaheim, CA.

The following includes the events and winners from the competition:

Apparel and Accessories Marketing Series (AAM)  
Retail Merchandising Series (RMS)  
Quick Serve Restaurant Management Series (QSRM)  
Sports and Entertainment Marketing Series (SEM) - Individual  
Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team Decision Making (STDM) - Pairs  
Hospitality Services Team Decision Making (HTDM) - Pairs

### DISTRICT FINALISTS

1. Mykia White (AAM) - 1ST PLACE
2. Paul Rynard (SEM) - 1ST PLACE
3. Shaquel Phifer (QSRM) - 1ST PLACE
4. William Holmes & David Midgett (STDM) - 1ST PLACE

Overall Proficiency Winners include: Kirsten Bundy (AAM), TyMira Lightfoot (AAM), Mykia White (AAM), Angela Lee (RMS), Amir Arthur (SEM), Kiana Banks (SEM), Ashley Pennington (SEM), Patrick Riddick (SEM), Paul Rynard (SEM), Joshua Wood (SEM), Angela Lee (SEM), Shaquel Phifer (QSRM), Eryka Green & J'Nya Moore (HTDM), Kiana Chitty & Alyssa Rodriguez (HTDM). Jonathan Lamberson & Jawaun Gibson (STDM), Sean Andersen & Caleb White (STDM), Dominic Bojo & Vinh Bui, William Holmes & David Midgett

Comprehensive Exam Winners - Test (MEDALIST) include: Kirsten Bundy (AAM), Mykia White (AAM), Angela Lee (RMS), Mar'Asya Bowe (RMS), Paul Rynard (SEM), Joshua Wood (SEM), Shaquel Phifer (QSRM), Eryka Green (HTDM), J'Nya Moore (HTDM), William Holmes (STDM), Dominic Bojo (STDM)

Performance Winners - Interview/Role Play (MEDALIST) include: Mykia White (AAM), Paul Rynard (SEM), Shaquel Phifer (QSRM), Sean Andersen & Caleb White (STDM), William Holmes & David Midgett (STDM)

Series Finalist (MEDALIST) include: Mykia White (AAM), Angela Lee (RMS), Paul Rynard (SEM), Shaquel Phifer (QSRM), Dominic Bojo & Vinh Bui (STDM), Sean Andersen & Caleb White (STDM), William Holmes & David Midgett (STDM)



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# LET'S CONNECT

FEBRUARY 2017

ECPPS NEWS AND INFORMATION

CHROMEBOOK CLASSROOM  
1:1 TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE  
BEGAN WITH NEW SEMESTER



A MESSAGE  
FROM OUR  
SUPERINTENDENT



The first semester for ECPPS students is over and the new semester has begun. The 2016-17 school year is going by so quickly. ECPPS has many exciting events and opportunities taking place right now. It is a "new time, a new place and we are moving forward" with great things to share and celebrate.

The implementation of our Chromebook initiative, the approval of our Elizabeth City Pasquotank Early College, the bonuses our teachers recently received for performance, the approval of a second \$200,000 Golden LEAF Grant, a continually low dropout rate for ECPPS, STEM opportunities abounding....these are just a few of the positive things we are experiencing as a district.

I encourage community members and parents to register for two important events coming up....."Explore ECPPS" - A Tour of Schools on March 10th and our Parent Academy on March 16th. Information is available on our website. These are both excellent ways to gain a better understanding of ECPPS and the many opportunities available for our students.  
~ Larry W. Cartner, Ed.D.

### 4Q3T

#### 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?

#### Three Things:

Children • Leadership • Results



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## ECPPS Begins New Semester "Tech Ready"

ECPPS experienced new beginnings this week as a new semester started and we realized the implementation of our Chromebook Classroom 1:1 initiative. The Board of Education, Superintendent Cartner, district leaders and staff are committed to ensuring our students are learning in true 21st century digital classrooms. Monday was the first day for technology devices to be assigned to students individually. The students will not take the devices home at this point, but they have use of their device while at school.

The technology initiative to place devices in the hands of students is on a four year implementation schedule. During 2016-17, 3rd and 7th grade students will be given Chromebooks to use during the school day. High school students will have devices available during their English classes. The exception, of course, is Elizabeth City Middle School. They were afforded the opportunity to have devices in the school and available for student use earlier in the year due to the \$200,000 Golden LEAF Grant they received last year.

Teachers have been in training this year, preparing for the 1:1 technology roll-out. It is exciting for staff and students. The students in Ms. Cannon's 3rd grade class at P.W. Moore Elementary began utilizing their new devices on Monday. They used them to complete assignments for language arts and math as well as for research and discussion during group time. Elizabeth City Middle 6th graders were also assigned their Chromebooks

Monday morning and were engaged in lessons throughout the day on their devices.



"The decision to move forward with our Chromebook Classroom 1:1 has been a purposeful and thoughtful process for ECPPS," said Amber Godfrey, ECPPS Director of Technology. "This initiative is a direct result of the ECPPS Strategic Plan, in accordance with North Carolina's Digital Teaching and Learning Plan. The district has made an investment in technology designed to improve teaching and learning, and support curriculum and instruction for all students."

"Implementation of technology in the classroom is crucial to preparing students for today, tomorrow and for years to come," shared Superintendent Cartner. "Our Board recognized this need and persevered despite the many funding challenges we have faced and will continue to face. They have made this a priority for our students and I am honored to be a part of the process and to know that we are making great strides to ensure students are prepared and providing them tools necessary for success."





ECMS 8TH GRADERS VISITED MID-ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN SPORTS & ATHLETIC CENTER AS PART OF THE GROUNDHOG JOB SHADOW DAY

## UPCOMING FEB/MAR EVENTS

- FEB 7: STUDENT REPORT CARDS ISSUED
- FEB 7: BOE/COMMISSIONER JOINT MTG - 6 PM - PCHS
- FEB 13: FCC - PARENT SESSION NUTRITION SERIES
- FEB 15: 3 HOUR EARLY RELEASE FOR STUDENTS
- FEB 20: BOE COMM MTGS - 2 pm
- FEB 22: STUDENT INTERIM REPORTS ISSUED
- FEB 24: BOE LEGISLATIVE MTG - 3 PM
- FEB 27: BOE REGULAR MTG - 7 PM
- MAR 6: TEACHER WORKDAY
- MAR 10: EXPLORE ECPPS - TOUR OF SCHOOLS
- MAR 16: PARENT ACADEMY - 5:15 PM

MORE INFO ON EVENTS AT [www.ecpps.k12.nc.us](http://www.ecpps.k12.nc.us)



## ECPPS Board of Education Retreat



The Board of Education started 2017 off with a retreat on January 5th, designed to provide training and updates on various projects throughout the district. Dr. Pat Ashley from the North Carolina School Boards Association worked with the Board on Governance and Management for much of the morning. This is one of the modules in the NCSBA Master Board Training.

The Board was excited to complete this first module and will consider other modules in the future. Members of the ECPPS Leadership Team also shared updates with the Board on program services, finances, 1:1 implementation and the Elizabeth City Pasquotank Early College. The Elizabeth City Pasquotank Early College was approved by the NC State Board of Education this week.

## ECPPS Teachers Awarded Bonus for Performance

The North Carolina General Assembly passed House Bill 1030 (also called the 2016 Appropriations Act) this past year which enacted various teacher performance pilot programs in Sections 8.8, 8.9 and 9.7. According to [www.ncleg.net](http://www.ncleg.net), these pilot programs are an effort “to reward teacher performance and to encourage student learning and improvement.” Funds were appropriated, by the state, for bonus pay for staff that met the following criteria:

- Third grade reading teachers who placed in the top 25% of teachers within North Carolina that had students experience growth from 2014-15 to 2015-16 as well as the top 25% within the local districts. ECPPS awarded six teachers with bonuses for meeting this criteria.
- Teachers who taught Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate courses and had students who received a score of three or higher on the College Board Advanced Placement Examination or a score of 40 four or higher on the International Baccalaureate course examination for 2015-16. ECPPS awarded five teachers with bonuses for meeting this criteria.
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) teachers with students earning industry certifications or credentials that have a value ranking between twenty-five and fifty dollars for 2015-16. According to [www.ncleg.net](http://www.ncleg.net), the Department of Commerce, in consultation with the State Board, assigned value rankings for each industry certification and credential based on academic rigor and employment value. ECPPS awarded five teachers with bonuses for meeting this criteria.

“These teachers demonstrate excellence in the classroom and have high expectations for their students,” said Superintendent Cartner. He hand delivered the bonus checks to the teachers today to congratulate them personally for a job well done. “We have many talented teachers within ECPPS, working hard each day to provide an excellent education for our students. I am so pleased to be able to honor the work of these educators with these bonuses and wish we had this opportunity for all teachers who have students exceeding growth,” said Cartner. *For additional information please visit [www.ecpps.k12.nc.us](http://www.ecpps.k12.nc.us).*

## Sheep-Harney Celebrates Million Word Readers



Sheep-Harney Elementary School is proud to announce the first two members of the Million Word Reader Club for the 2016-2017 school year, Logan Schiffbauer and Kamryn Greer-Smallwood.

These two students are fourth graders in Ms. Dawn Stallings class. Congratulations on reaching this goal.

## ECPPS Among Lowest Dropout Rates

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction recently released a Consolidated Data Report for 2015-16 that provides the annual report on dropout rates throughout the state. The dropout rate for Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools was 1.23% for 2015-16. The district had 21 dropouts reported each year during 2014-15 and 2015-16. Superintendent Cartner shared that “even though the dropout rate for ECPPS remained steady over the past two years, we moved from the 11th lowest rate in North Carolina during 2014-15 to one of the 8th lowest rates in the state for 2015-16 (out of 115 LEAs). I am very pleased at the progress the district has made over the years with regard to the dropout rate and I am proud of the work being done to meet the needs of our students.”

ECPPS contributes much of the success of the continually low dropout rate to the district’s commitment to having a Dropout Prevention Coordinator, Mr. Kevin Sawyer, on staff. Mr. Sawyer, along with the secondary schools, work closely to provide pathways that help each student find success and to be college and/or career ready.

## NHS Future Business Leaders Association (FBLA) Installation Ceremony

Northeastern High School held the first FBLA Installation Ceremony since 2012 on December 20, 2016. FBLA has not been active at the school in the past few years, but it is back and staff and students are excited. The association has six members right now, five being officers that were installed on December 20th.

The installation ceremony included guest speaker, Mrs. Joycelyn Robinson, who was a business teacher at NHS for many, many years and a staunch supporter of FBLA. The ceremony was attended by other business students at NHS as well as parents and staff. Mrs. Robinson conveyed to the students the importance of business in today’s world and how FBLA would help to prepare them for life by training them to be leaders and to understand the business world. Mrs. Robinson invited her husband, Bishop A.C. Robinson, who is a lifetime member of FBLA to speak to the students as well as Kirk Rivers, a former FBLA student at Northeastern.

The following students were installed as officers during the ceremony on December 20th:

- Adriel Brothers, President
- Noah Kinen-Ferguson, Vice-President
- Alexis Ross-Diggs, Secretary
- Cory Jones, Treasurer
- Darrien Harrell, Parliamentarian



Nyla Harris was also installed as a member of FBLA.

## PCHS Ring Ceremony

Pasquotank County High School celebrated with the junior classmen and their families, the milestone of receiving their high school class rings recently.

This is a traditional ceremony for PCHS students and one they look forward to as juniors.



PICTURED (L-R): LETITIA MOORE (COUNSELOR), KIANA CHITTY, PRINCIPAL FYFFE & JULIE CHITTY (KIANA'S MOTHER)

## 8TH GRADERS ATTEND JOB SHADOW EVENT

The Elizabeth City Area Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual Groundhog Job Shadow Day on February 2nd. ECPPS had approximately 122 students take part in this event.



Students visited area businesses to gain an understanding of various careers available and to provide them some insight as to possible career pathways.

*Pictured: ECMS at ECSU Finance Lab*

## REVISED CALENDAR DUE TO WINTER WEATHER IN JANUARY

ECPPS recently revised the school calendar once again as a result of changes due to the days missed for winter weather during January.

Copies of the calendar were sent home with students and it is also available at [www.ecpps.k12.nc.us](http://www.ecpps.k12.nc.us).

## ECMS STUDENTS CONNECT GLOBALLY WITH PCHS TEACHER



PCHS Spanish teacher, Mr. Maldonado, recently shared information about Columbia with ECMS students during their Global Communications Class.



# **“Explore ECPPS” ....A Tour of Schools**

## **Friday – March 10, 2017**



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 County.

The tour will be held on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, beginning with breakfast at 8:30 am at the ECPPS Administrative Offices on Halstead Boulevard. Lunch will be prepared by the amazing cafeteria staff at Northeastern High School. The tour will end around 3:30 pm at the Administrative Offices with a question and answer session.

We will be traveling by bus to visit the following school sites:



Weeksville Elementary School



Northeastern High School



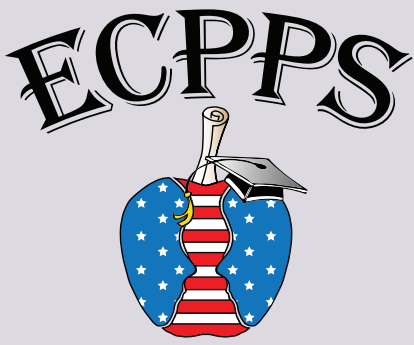
P.W. Moore Elementary School



River Road Middle School

To register for this opportunity, please visit [www.ecpps.k12.nc.us](http://www.ecpps.k12.nc.us) or contact Tammy W. Sawyer, Community Schools Director/PIO at 252.335.2981, ext. 142.

**Registration Begins January 23<sup>rd</sup> and Ends March 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
***Limited seats available....don't miss the opportunity!***



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#### ECPPS VISION

*In a changing world, ECPPS will prepare all learners to be productive, competitive, and successful citizens.*

#### ECPPS MISSION

*To ensure and provide an innovative, responsive, and safe environment that prepares and engages all learners.*



*ECPPS: Preparing Globally Competitive Citizens!*

# ECPPS Parent Academy

## Education & Information Sessions for Parents

Thursday, March 16, 2017

**Dinner Available - 5:15 pm**

(Hotdogs, Tots, Baked Beans, Veggies)

**Parent Academy Schedule**  **(on back)**

(Activities available for students Pre-K to 5th grade for parents attending the academy)

**Registration: [www.ecpps.k12.nc.us](http://www.ecpps.k12.nc.us)**



March 16, 2017  
5:15 PM

PW Moore Elementary  
606 Roanoke Avenue

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#### ECPPS GOALS

- Every student in ECPPS will graduate from high school prepared for work, further education, and citizenship.
- Every student in ECPPS will have a personalized education.
- In ECPPS, every student, every day will have excellent educators.
- ECPPS will have up-to-date financial, business, and technology systems to serve its students, parents, and educators.
- Every student in ECPPS will be healthy, safe and responsible.

ECPPS 2016-2017 PARENT ACADEMY

March 16, 2017

LOCATION: P.W. Moore Elementary School

~ OPEN TO ALL ECPPS PARENTS ~

SCHEDULE	AGENDA/TOPICS
5:15 – 5:50	<b>Dinner .... Please join us.....</b> <i>Hotdogs, Tots, Baked Beans, Veggies, Cookie</i>
	<i>FUN ACTIVITIES FOR PRE-K THROUGH 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS - AVAILABLE AT 6 PM</i> <i>THANK YOU TO OUR AFTER SCHOOL CARE STAFF</i>
5:50 – 6:00	WELCOME
	<b>SESSION I OPTIONS</b>
6:00 – 6:35	<b>All Grade Levels:</b> 1:1 and ECPPS TECHNOLOGY UPDATES
	<b>High School:</b> COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS-FAFSA
	<b>Middle &amp; High School:</b> Career and Technical Education Opportunities
	<b>SESSION II OPTIONS</b>
6:45 – 7:20	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and Up:</b> Testing Updates
	<b>Middle &amp; High School:</b> ECPPS Early College Info and Updates
	<b>Pre-K and Kindergarten:</b> Registration Information
7:20 – 7:30	Closing – Parent Survey