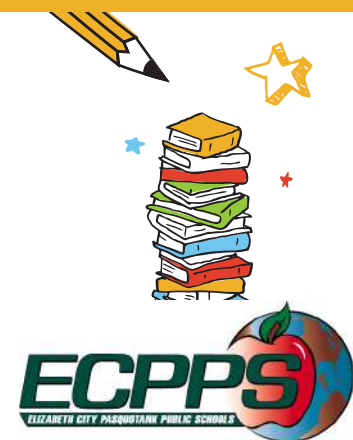


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ECPPS' 2016-17 Teachers of the Year



Congratulations to our school-level Teachers of the Year! These individuals now qualify for the district-level competition! Each winner will be recognized by the district at the Elizabeth City Area Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year Awards

Presentation on May 4th. The ECPPS District Teacher of the Year will be announced publicly at the event as well.

The 2016-17 School-Level Teachers of the Year include:

Jacqueline Copeland - Central Elementary
Michelle Flach - J.C. Sawyer Elementary
Terra Goodbody - Northside Elementary
Joycelyn Hinton - P.W. Moore Elementary

Dena Banks - Pasquotank Elementary
Eboni Stallings - Sheep-Harney Elementary
Paula Keith - Weeksville Elementary
Selisa Godfrey - H.L. Trigg Community
Lindsay Cohoon - Elizabeth City Middle
Norma Jeffcoat - River Road Middle
Jennifer James - Northeastern High
Amanda Tufts - Pasquotank County High



Middle Schools Compete in Mock Trials

Middle school students from ECMS and RRMS competed in the Justice Iredell Mock Trial Competition on December 11th at Bertie County Courthouse. The team from RRMS placed 1st in the region, making them eligible to compete at the State Mock Trial Finals at the Durham County Courthouse on January 9th.

The ECMS team (top photo) included: Victor Cardenas, Johnathan Dunlow, Jaden Flowers, Jean Carlos Gonzalez, Zane Joyce, Erik Knight, Bella Dos Santos, Elizabeth Stokley, Arabella Villeneuve. The ECMS coach was Millie Griffith.

The RRMS team (bottom photo) included: Tyler Braddy, Mallison Bright, Blake Doughtie, Tianna Haskett, Anna Houston, Rowan Kenney, Ivan Li, Jaiden Lister, Emma Montero, Andrew Parker, Jacob Raduns, Isabella Sitnic John Vo, Jeremy Winslow, and Evan Young. The RRMS Coaches were: 6th Grade ELA/SS teacher Michelle Cowan and Attorney David Pureza.



Pasquotank Elementary Students Complete D.A.R.E. Program



The fifth graders at Pasquotank Elementary School recently completed the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. According to www.dare.org:

This year millions of school children around the world will benefit from D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), the highly acclaimed program that gives kids the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence.

D.A.R.E. is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children from kindergarten through 12th grade how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives.

CHECK THIS OUT.....THE "WEST WING NEWS" ... ECPPS NEWSLETTER
FROM OUR PROGRAM SERVICES TEAM: <http://bit.ly/1VmSaud>

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT



ECPPS students are getting ready to begin the second semester of school on January 25th. It is a great time to renew their minds, focus on a new beginning and encourage them to do their very best each day.

School should be engaging and exciting. Students should wake up eager to go to school to see what new things they will learn and discover that day. This is the passion that we are working hard to establish with our staff and students. We want to encourage staff, parents and those who work with our students to share in the excitement of learning with them.

As we round the corner to February, the school year will seem to go by rather quickly. There will still be much to learn, tests to prepare for, awards to be presented and goals to meet. Enjoy the educational journey we are all on.

Larry W. Cartner, Ed.D. ~

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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?

Three Things:

Children • Leadership • Results



ECPPS Recognized by NC State Board of Education

The North Carolina State Board of Education, along with the College Board, recognized Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools at a special issues session on January 7, 2016, as one of only two districts in North Carolina to be named on the College Board's 6th Annual District Honor Roll. Union County Public Schools were recognized as the other district receiving this honor.

According to information from the College Board,

ECPPS has simultaneously achieved increases in access to Advanced Placement courses for a broader number of students and also maintained or improved the rate at which their AP students earned scores of 3 or higher on an AP Exam. Inclusion on the 6th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on the examination of three years of AP data, from 2013 to 2015, for the following criteria:

- Increased participation/access to AP by at least 4 percent in large districts, at least 6 percent in medium districts, and at least 11 percent in small districts;
- Increased or maintained the percentage of exams taken by African American, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian/

Alaska Native students, and;

- Improved performance levels when comparing the percentage of students in 2015 scoring a 3 or higher to those in 2013, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70 percent of its AP students are scoring a 3 or higher.

Superintendent Cartner was pleased to receive the invitation to the State Board of Education meeting and shared that he is "proud of the work being done in our district to provide more opportunities for students to be challenged academically. The Advanced Placement courses and the dual-enrollment opportunities available at our high schools prepare students for the rigorous classes they will experience in college." Mrs. Joanne Sanders, ECPPS Chief Academic Officer, attended the State Board of Education meeting on January 7th for the recognition event.





MRS. RHONDA JAMES-DAVIS
CTE DIRECTOR



UPCOMING FEB EVENTS

- FEB 3: SP TASK FORCE MEETS
- FEB 8: ED FOUNDATION MTG
- FEB 12: 3 HR EARLY RELEASE FOR STUDENTS**
- FEB 15: TEACHER WORKDAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- FEB 22: BOE COMM MTGS
- FEB 23: SP TASK FORCE MEETS
- FEB 23: INTERIM REPORTS GO HOME FOR STUDENTS
- FEB 25: ED FOUNDATION ANNUAL DINNER - KE WHITE (TICKETED EVENT)
- FEB 26: BATTLE OF THE BOOKS EVENT (RRMS)
- FEB 29: BOE REGULAR MEETING

ECPPS Teachers Earn AIG Certification

Academically/Intellectually Gifted (AIG) teachers are becoming fewer in number in many districts, especially in Northeast North Carolina. The certification requirements necessary to obtain licensure in this area makes it difficult for teachers to add this to their teaching license.

The cost of on-line courses and the distance to attend classes at institutions offering the coursework were both deterrents for educators wanting to add AIG to their teaching license. Barton College is the closest college to our area that has completed the rigorous accreditation process necessary to be able to offer this licensure program. Mrs. Joanne Sanders and Mrs. Dianne McDowell worked closely with Barton to form a partnership to provide this program locally. Thus, the 2014 AIG Cohort began. Mrs. Sanders not only rallied support for ECPPS to host this cohort, but also secured funding to pay for our teachers to take the courses necessary to gain their certification. ECPPS was the host site for the entire northeast region. The first cohort consisted of 16 educators from the northeast region: Nine from ECPPS, four from Dare County Schools, three from Perquimans County Schools.

Congratulations to the following ECPPS teachers for completing this program: LaShekia Brothers (ECMS), Mary Jackson (RRMS), Jennifer James (NHS), Christopher Pinto (ECMS), Jessica Prayer (NES), Angel Swimme (NES), Joni Stuart (NHS), Caren Williams (ECMS), and Lauren Williams (NES). These teachers, along with Joanne Sanders and Dianne McDowell, will be recognized at the Board of Education meeting on January 25th as "Employees Exceeding Excellence."

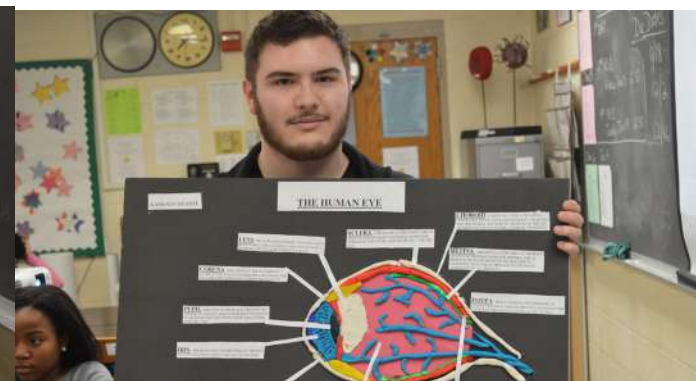


"Preparing globally competitive citizens".....

NHS Health Sciences - Body Systems Study



Desiree Risener - Skeletal System



Kameron Iriarate - Human Eye



Sierra Slater - Digestive System



Bailey Krivanec - Skeletal System

"Explore ECPPS....A Tour of Schools"

ECPPS is hosting a "tour of schools" on March 10th from 8 am to 3:30 pm. This event is open to the community; however, a registration form must be completed so we can plan accordingly. We will be visiting, by bus, Central Elementary School, Pasquotank Elementary School, Pasquotank County High School, and Elizabeth City Middle School.

Registration for this event will begin on Wednesday, January 27th and close on Friday, March 4th. For more information, please contact Tammy W. Sawyer, Community Schools Director, at 252.335.2981, ext 142 or tw Sawyer@ecpps.k12.nc.us.

Registration will be available at www.ecpps.k12.nc.us... don't miss this awesome opportunity!

ECPPS BEGINS STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT



We are currently in the process of developing the district's strategic plan or "action plan" to meet the newly adopted mission, vision and goals.

Community meetings were held on January 19th and 21st, with an additional meeting scheduled for January 27th. These meetings were designed to give the community an opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas about the future of education for ECPPS.

A Strategic Planning Task Force has been selected to develop the district's plan using the mission, vision, goals and community input. The ECPPS Strategic Plan should be finalized in March.



Time for "Bees" Spelling and Geography Bees



CENTRAL ELEMENTARY GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS:
B. CLEMONS (1ST), H. LAMM (2ND), A. MORRIS (3RD)

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ARE HOLDING SCHOOL SPELLING AND GEOGRAPHY BEES AND WILL SELECT THOSE THAT WILL COMPETE AT THE DISTRICT EVENTS IN APRIL.

THE ECPPS DISTRICT SPELLING AND GEOGRAPHY BEES FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 12TH AT THE MUSEUM OF THE ALBEMARLE. THE GEOGRAPHY BEE WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 PM, FOLLOWED BY THE SPELLING BEE AT 7:00 PM.

Northside Art Murals

Pasquotank County High School Students recently painted storybook murals in the library at Northside. Charlotte is beautifully poised in her web, Peter Pan is flitting through the evening sky and the Lorax from Dr. Seuss is watching over the Truffula trees.

Northside students are extremely excited to have the artwork in their media center. Thank you PCHS for sharing your talent!

