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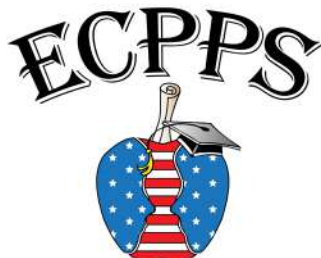
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Grant News and Updates.....

Central Services:

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded Elizabeth City Pasquotank County School System a \$3,516.69 grant to support youth literacy. The grant will provide leveled readers for Pasquotank Elementary School students. 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:

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation also recently awarded Sheep-Harney Elementary School a \$4,000 grant to support youth literacy. Sheep-Harney Elementary School will use the grant funds to purchase over 200 Hi-Lo books (High Interest / Low Reading Difficulty) for the library to encourage reading by students who are currently reading below their grade level.

Weeksville Elementary:

WES 4th grade teacher, Nancy VandeSande, applied for and won a \$1000 travel grant from the North Carolina Museum of History Associates to visit Raleigh and the Museum of History. This will be used to help offset costs for the 4th grade trip.

WES 5th grade teacher, Kristin Jackson, received a \$500 grant from Dogwood Property Management for the purchase of classroom needs and supplies. She has used this money to establish an orderly and beautiful classroom environment, and as the first weeks of school progress she will use the remaining amount to fund additional classroom needs as they are identified.

ECPPS Holds Successful Parent Academy



Family & Community Center Presentation



Scholarships & College Applications Presentation



ECPPS Family & Community Center
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

ECPPS held their first Parent Academy on Saturday, September 17th, beginning with breakfast at 8:15 am. The academy was held at Northeastern High School and concluded with a ribbon cutting/open house for our Family and Community Center.

The academy provided a variety of informational topics for parents to choose to attend throughout the morning and Mr. Abel Sutton was the featured speaker for the day. Some of the informational topics included: 1:1 technology implementation, dual-enrollment/ Career & College Promise for high school students, scholarships and college applications, STEM update for RRMS and K-3 mClass and literacy updates.

The academy was well attended with nearly 40 parents, community members and staff there. The implementation of the parent academy was a direct result of the strategic planning process that took place during 2015-16.

ECPPS will hold another Parent Academy late winter/ early spring. The next event will be held in the evening and will include a family night supper along with activities for students to do while parents attend the sessions.

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A MESSAGE
FROM OUR
SUPERINTENDENT



It is hard to believe we are getting ready to send home interim reports on September 27th. The school year is off to a great start and we are looking forward to a successful year.

October marks one year since we began the strategic planning process for ECPPS. Our Board, community members and staff worked hard to put together a plan of direction for this district that will ensure we are meeting the needs of students and families in Pasquotank County. Our goal team leaders meet monthly to discuss the progress of the strategic plan and we are moving right along and are on target with implementation of the plan.

Great things are happening within ECPPS and we are proud of where our district is headed. I encourage parents and community members to seek ways to become involved in the schools. There is no better way to truly understand public education and the impact of what we do for children daily than to be an active part of it.

~ Larry W. Cartner

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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



P.W. Moore Opens Outdoor Learning Center



P.W. Moore Elementary recently opened their new Outdoor Learning Center which is an interactive, experiential space where students can explore and inquire about science. The center provides a safe and beautiful space for students to learn about science through inquiry and exploration.

The center includes a water table, at which students can explore how water moves over land and changes the features of earth's surface. There are several areas for gardening that will support experiential learning about plants, their needs for survival, life cycles and growth. In addition to the gardening areas, we have 10 mobile greenhouses that will allow teachers and students to study plants both outdoors and in the classroom. The Master Gardeners' club helped with getting a butterfly garden established, so students can also study the interactions between plants and insects.

The center also includes two outdoor classrooms, complete with comfortable seating and large blackboards. One of these classrooms can also serve as an outdoor science laboratory, with tables that can be used for hands-on experiments.

The overall cost was approximately \$4000, which included a grant from the ECPPS Education Foundation. That also includes the costs of the materials that were donated by Lowe's Heroes Project, Builder's Discount Center, Stevenson Sand, Kathy Kincaid, and NHS Agriculture Program. In addition, we had very generous donations of food for volunteers from Chick-Fil-A, Firehouse Subs, Food Lion, Panera Bread and Subway.

The Elizabeth City Fire Department was a huge part of the success of getting this center up and going. They spent several days working in the center and building the outdoor classroom for students.





PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
FOR STAFF
PASQUOTANK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

UPCOMING SEPT/OCT EVENTS

- SEPT 27: INTERIM REPORTS FOR STUDENTS ISSUED
SEPT 29: Pasq. Co. Public Library Open House Event (Pre-K ~ 12th Grade) 5 - 7 pm
SEPT 29: PARENT INFO SESSION: mClass for K-3 Gr Parents 12 - 1 PM or 5:30 - 6:30 PM NC COOP EXT OFFICE
OCT 13: SP TASK FORCE LUNCHEON & REVIEW
OCT 17: BOE COMM. MTGS 2PM
OCT 23: BATTLE OF THE ALBEMARLE
OCT 24: BOE REGULAR MTG 7 PM
OCT 31: TEACHER WORKDAY POVERTY TRAINING



Weeksville Student Wins Contest & Supports Playground Upgrades



Skyler Ambrose wanted change for the playground at Weeksville Elementary School and he decided to make that his mission! He wanted all Weeksville Elementary students to enjoy the playground and have more options for fun during recess.

Skyler, who is the son of Tommy and Stephanie Ambrose, donated his own money from his pumpkin patch last fall and encouraged Weeksville students and staff to sign a petition for a new playground. He also began fundraising efforts for the new playground.

Skyler's mom is an ECPPS educator and being the proud mother that she is, she decided to enter Skyler in a contest sponsored by the North Carolina Education Lottery ... NC Proud Moments. If he won the contest, he would receive \$20,000 which would be split...half for college savings and half for the playground at Weeksville. Skyler was named a winner for NC Proud Moments and his donation to Weeksville Elementary for their playground has been approved and accepted.

What a great way to make a difference! ECPPS is proud of Skyler as well and grateful for his efforts to make the Weeksville Elementary School playground a great place for students to enjoy recess.

Quarter Cent Sales Tax Referendum



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 November 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 have adopted resolutions in support of it.

Pasquotank County voters will have the opportunity to vote on this referendum on November 8th. More information on the referendum is available at www.ecpps.k12.nc.us.

ECMS' College Pride Wednesdays

Elizabeth City Middle School participates in "College Pride Wednesday" throughout the year which is a program sponsored by the ECMS Counseling Department to promote college & career readiness. The first event this year was on September 14th and the Viking from Elizabeth City State University was at the school to greet everyone that day.



Staff and students are encouraged to participate in "College Pride Wednesday" by wearing a college t-shirt and the teachers lead classroom discussions regarding college & career readiness and long-term goal setting (also using some of the tools on College Foundations of NC).

NHS Holds Scholarship Information Event



Northeastern High School recently hosted a "Scholarship Night" for all ECPPS parents and students. The visiting universities included: University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Appalachian State University, North Carolina State University, East Carolina University, and Elizabeth State University. The universities discussed scholarship opportunities and deadlines as well as answered other academic questions by parents and students.

ECPPS Students Win iPads for Summer Reading

ECPPS elementary students had a wonderful summer reading opportunity this year. ECPPS partnered with myON which is an online literacy program where students can log in to read books. The program tracks the number of books each child reads, the number of words and other important information to help understand their reading habits and encourage a love for reading.

This summer, myON decided to reward the top readers in our district with an iPad which they can use to continue online reading. ECPPS is proud to announce we had two winners this year. Reynaldo Hernandez from P.W. Moore Elementary was awarded an iPad for the most time spent reading. He read a total of 38 hours and 90 minutes this summer. Diana Hernandez from Northside Elementary received an iPad for the most books finished. She finished 203 books over the summer. CONGRATULATIONS Reynaldo and Diana! Job well done!!



PW Moore Elementary Winner: Reynaldo Hernandez
Pictured with PW Staff and Family Members



Northside Elementary Winner: Diana Hernandez
Pictured with Northside Staff and Family Members

ECPPS' PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FOR 2017

Mrs. Katina Priest, principal of Northside Elementary School, has been selected as the 2017 Principal of the Year for Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools.

Priest has 18 years of experience, nine of which have been dedicated to Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools. She began her career with ECPPS at Sheep-Harney Elementary as a kindergarten teacher in October 2007, later becoming the instructional specialist/reading coach at P.W. Moore Elementary. In November 2012, she was named assistant principal at Pasquotank County High School, then named Principal of Northside Elementary in 2014. Mrs. Priest holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in literacy as well as school administration.



"It is an honor to recognize Mrs. Priest as the ECPPS Principal of the Year for 2017", said Superintendent Cartner. "She has demonstrated excellent leadership as the principal of Northside Elementary. We are proud of Mrs. Priest and share in the excitement of this honor with her." Priest was named and recognized by Superintendent Cartner during the district's September Leadership Team meeting.



ECPPS' Maintenance Employee & Custodian of the Year



Robert Jones - HVAC Tech
Maintenance Employee of the Year



Antoine Jones - Northside Custodian
Custodian of the Year