



Elizabeth City-Pasquotank County Public Schools

GOOD NEWS REPORT

January 2012

Central Elementary School:

- On January 10th, the PTA hosted a very successful Bingo and Silent Auction Family Entertainment Night.
- Relay for Life Team Captain, Mrs. Nandita Banerjee, collected over \$500.
- Our boys' basketball team won their first game on January 11th.

J.C. Sawyer Elementary School:

- Students are now using Tumblebooks, made possible by a grant.
- Students donated over 3,000 used books to the J.C. Sawyer "Where the Wild Things Are Used Book Fair." Students were also able to purchase books at half price and some of the books are now being used in the classrooms for AR purposes. Students who participated and donated books earned points and toward a showing of "Where the Wild Things Are."
- AIG Teacher Sandra Harris and several students are now making our morning announcements which are broadcast to each classroom daily. This effort is funded through a grant.
- The PTA helped with our annual Santa Shop and a Teacher Appreciation Staff Breakfast. The PTA also provided money to purchase supplies for teachers and classrooms.
- Our Chorus students, under the direction of Dennis Figgs (Music Teacher), performed for students and parents at a Christmas Concert.
- Our annual Math Night was held for all grades. Attendance was great. Feedback from students and parents was positive. Thanks to Lynn Barnhill and Sandra Harris for all their efforts for our Math Night, as well as our staff members for their attendance and help to make this successful.
- We would like to welcome the following people to our Dolphin Family: Lindy Nygaard, School Counselor; Vanessa Whidbee, Head Custodian; and Wade Staten, Custodian.
- Dolphin basketball season has begun and we applaud the efforts of our boys' and girls' basketball teams. Keep up your great work!
- Students are participating in the Math Olympiad.
- Our students have been participating in spelling and geography bees.

- Students in 4th and 5th grades are completing Science Fair Projects. Judging will be next week.

Northside Elementary School:

- On the first day of school Northside students were challenged to read 50,000 books by the end of the year. So far the students have read 24,208 books!
- K- 5 Science Night will be held on January 26th. Several grade levels will have science stations and science projects on display.
- Patricia Daniels, our Media Specialist, used media funds to purchase new Smart Boards for our teachers. Interactive games for K-5 were also purchased to use with the Smart Boards.
- Northside Elementary School was excited about playing our first game of the season. Our boys and girls won their first game! Our outstanding cheerleaders were there to cheer for our teams! GO BEARS!
- Our students are enjoying their ACE activities. They're loving science! Staff and students wore their ACE t-shirts. Students made wind socks and learned how wind socks are used at the airport and how they help the pilots.
- Second grade students' ACE activity was constructing a grid. When the students finished constructing the grid coordinates, it revealed a space shuttle and the planets. In math, the second grade students have been collecting data, as well as creating bar and pictographs. The data is displayed on the yellow hall.
- Third grade teachers and students conducted a Math Night for our third grade parents. The students and parents worked collaboratively to solve math problems. The parents were highly engaged!
- Elementary teachers from several schools participated in the first Spanish Math Night for Hispanic parents. Parents were engaged, asking questions, learning, understanding, playing games, and taking notes about "Investigations." Thanks to our Northside teachers and everyone who helped to make this a great success!
- WOWednesday will be held on Wednesdays in Ms. Williams's room. Teachers will be able to share ideas and discuss ways to engage their students.

Pasquotank Elementary School:

- Welcome Sandra Powers - our new Secretary/Receptionist.
- Congratulations to the Fourth Grade Team (Malik Jasper, Marquita Morris & Nancy Tatum) for receiving the Coastal Carolina Indian Council Award.
- Seven tutors were added during Team Time to work with small groups of students in reading and math.
- The following students read over 1,000,000 words: Hayley Rosewall (4th grade) and Keishaira Owens (5th grade).
- Doris Price attended a PBIS Regional Meeting on January 6th.
- Geography Bee Winners were Justin Becknel (4th grade) and Connor Reavis (5th grade).
- Shelby Hughes and Audrey Moore attended Communications Systems Training on January 9th.

- Spelling Bee Winners were Lannon Reavis (3rd grade); Ashantee Spence (4th grade) and Brianna Shannon (5th grade).
- Monica Riddick and Jennifer Rasmussen attended Reading Foundations on January 13th.
- The first Mini-Design Academy was held on January 13th. The lesson design was “Financial Literacy.” Participants were Jennifer Sharitt, Priscilla Spellman & Sharon White. The facilitator was Amy Spencer.
- Our first basketball game was held January 18th. Our girls' coach is Marquita Morris (4th grade math teacher) and our boys' coach is David Love (parent volunteer). Dena' Banks (2nd – 3rd grade reading teacher) is the cheerleading sponsor.
- The Science Fair was held January 20th. The sponsor is Sarah Lindsay.
- On January 30th and 31st Kacey Stallings and Holly Winslow will attend a District Design Academy.
- Jump Rope for Heart will kick off with an assembly on January 31st. The sponsor is Eddie Spencer, P.E. teacher.

P.W. Moore Elementary School:

- Wilhelmina Cartwright received a grant for \$400 from the North Carolina Alliance for Athletics, Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. She will use the money to purchase pedometers for students so they can add up the miles as they walk to Spain.
- Dr. McLeod was extremely pleased with how our staff worked collaboratively and effectively. She was thrilled to hear the dialogue of our data-driven decisions. We discussed some of the data that we have available and how differentiation implemented in our classrooms. She is excited for P.W. Moore and enjoyed seeing how students were attentive in class. She also positively commented on the PBIS standards for which we are holding each child accountable.
- We collected 1,403 pounds of food during our winter food drive. That's enough to feed 33 families of 4 (132 people).
- The SGA Raised \$82.36 for the Salvation Army by participating in the Kettle Drive. They sang carols and rang bells in front of Farm Fresh on Monday, December 19th from 4:30-7:00.
- The Math-a-thon has started! We are raising money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.
- Mrs. Mansfield and Ms. Castillo attended and assisted with the district-wide Spanish Math Night. It was the first time the district held a parent night that was entirely in Spanish and designed to overcome the communication barrier between Spanish-speaking parents and school personnel. Many families from P.W. Moore attended.
- Our grade level spelling bee winners are Mackensie Potter-James, 3rd grade; Pamela Bowman, 4th grade; and Veriah Williams, 5th grade.
- The geography bee winners are Quang Bui, 5th grade and Amiah Freshwater, 4th grade. Quang Bui was also our school winner.

Weeksville Elementary School:

- Four teachers in grades 2-5 (Meads, Carver, Whedbee, and Flach) are participating in the upcoming Fraction and Decimal Study. The sessions will be taught by Dr. Susan Friel from UNC-Chapel Hill.
- Florence Carver has been asked to be a member of the Advisory Council of the ECPPS Education Foundation. Her involvement will assist in the growth and continued achievements of the Education Foundation's initiatives supporting public school education.
- Our spelling bee winners were Barrett Bloch (5th grade), Trinity Rentas (4th grade) and Laine Carter (3rd grade).
- The ten finalists for the WES Geography Bee are: Mitchelle Corp, Jackson Cullens, Madeline Twiford, Brandon Jackson, Robert Newell, Loguen O'Donnell, Barrett Block, Brittany Bundy, Bryan Woody, and Dalton Mann.
- Port Discover came to visit our 4th and 5th graders in December to present Science Fair 101.
- On January 17th, the 2nd grade participated in Lunch and Learn. About thirty parents and grandparents came to eat lunch with their child. After lunch, Evan Stewart, a meteorologist from Channel 13 News, did a presentation on the types of weather we experience in NC and he also talked about being a meteorologist.

Elizabeth City Middle School:

- ECMS held a free health screening on January 10th for staff and faculty. Special thanks to Albemarle Hospital and school nurse, Carol Gallop, for coordinating this effort.
- AVID students took a field trip to the Waste Treatment Plant and TCOM on January 12th. At the treatment plant, they learned where the waste from certain parts of the city goes and how they prevent the waste from getting into the river. At TCOM, they saw how blimps are manufactured.
- The ECMS Basketball and Wrestling teams are doing great!
- On January 10th, the entire school completed a benchmark reading test to assess progress over the first semester.
- ECMS held its Science Fair in January. Special thanks to judges from ECSU and the community for taking the time to come in and evaluate our students' work.
- Another successful Club Day was held on January 13th!
- Sixth grade AIG students took a field trip to Nauticus on January 13th.
- Pam Bellanca's music classes, along with some of Dan Simmons's band students, presented a montage concert of music studied this semester on January 12th to attentive parents, family and friends!

River Road Middle School:

- Congratulations to Dyann Stephens, 7th grade Communication Skills teacher, on being named the RRMS Teacher of the Year.

- RRMS Cheerleaders won first place at the Hampton Open Nationals Cheerleading Completion on January 14th.
- Science Fair Winners:
 - Physical Science:
 - 1st: Jake Jennings: When Not in Use, Cut Off the Juice!
 - 2nd: Jethro Adedeji: Photocurrent Versus Surface Roughness of Oxidized Copper Plates
 - 3rd: Haidyn Fairweather and Elspeth Swindell: Heating it Up!
 - Honorable Mention: Adam Turner: Kick It!
 - Biological Science:
 - 1st: Chaz McDaniel: Do Cockroaches & Phorid Flies Have Antimicrobial Properties in Their Brains?
 - 2nd: Shelby Austin and Emily Perry: Your Health is in Their Hands!
 - 3rd: Madison Wills: The "It" Crowd
 - Honorable Mention: Shama Birla and Emily York: Wacky Words
 - Earth/Environmental:
 - 1st: Lizzy Betts: Where's the Beach?
 - 2nd: Kathryn Robertson and Maggie Small: Oil Spills
 - 3rd: LP Hornthal and Brent Jenkins: Is it Brown Near Town?
 - Technology/Engineering:
 - 1st: Parker Betts: Structural Engineering and Carnival Games
 - 2nd: Dale Greenlaw: Paper, Gliders and the Essentials of Flight
- Sports: Congratulations to our basketball and wrestling teams. Boys' Basketball is undefeated so far (6-0), Girls' Basketball (5-1) and Wrestling (5-2).

Northeastern High School:

- On Wednesday, January 11th, Northeastern High School hosted a College Foundation of North Carolina Financial Aid Workshop for students and parents. About sixty parents and students attended and received information about the financial aid process, different types of financial aid, and completing the FAFSA.
- Northeastern High School's Agriculture program was the recipient of a wonderful community service project headed by Matthew Brothers. He coordinated building twenty-five greenhouse tables to replace most of the aging ones at Northeastern. As part of his Eagle Scout Project he received donations from members of the community and Elizabeth City businesses donated materials valued at over \$1,000. He and Reece Neiderer, Mark Brothers, Josh Broyles, Cameron Carr, and Alex Gerig constructed the tables and delivered them to the Northeastern Agriculture Complex.
- Northeastern FFA donated ten food baskets to families in the Elizabeth City area for the 2011 holiday season. They also donated over twenty boxes of citrus and apples to the shelters and shut-ins in Elizabeth City. This is one of Northeastern FFA's yearly community service projects.

- Yana Ginzburg from NHS was selected as a semi-finalist for the NCSU Park Scholarship and was interviewed on Sunday, January 8th.
- The Rotary Academic Students of the Month are Nakesha Spellman and Tyler Weeks.
- The SAT will be given at NHS on January 28th.
- Audrey Garrett, a Senior Flute Player in the NHS Band, auditioned and made the All-District Band of the Eastern District. She placed 5th out of 59 who auditioned.
- The NHS Drumline marched in the Martin Luther King Day celebration on Monday, January 16th. The Parade started at the G.R. Little Library and ended at S.L. Sheep Auditorium. The NHS Band Director rendered the National Anthem.
- The NHS Band Director represented the NHS Band at the MLK Day Celebration on the USCG Base on Thursday, January 12th. He rendered two selections: *We Shall Overcome* and *Lift Every Voice and Sing*.
- The eighth grade band of River Road Middle School will be joining the NHS Band on Tuesday, January 31st as the NHS basketball teams face John A. Holmes High School of Edenton.
- The Northeastern Girls' Basketball team played in the Carolina Invitational Girls' Basketball Tournament in Charleston, SC over the Christmas break. They represented Northeastern High School, Elizabeth City, and Pasquotank County well. They received many compliments from the tournament staff about their demeanor both on and off the court. We can be very proud of these young ladies as representatives of our community. Jasmine Nixon was recognized as an All-Tournament Player.
- Jasmine Nixon has now scored over 1,000 points during her basketball career at Northeastern High School.
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes: The FCA packed 10 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

District/Other:

- ECPPS has been recognized with a Blue Ribbon Award for Effective Communications from the North Carolina School Public Relations Association (NCSPRA) for our district handbook. Angela Noblitt will be accepting the award on behalf of the district at an Awards Ceremony in Durham on January 27th.
- Elaina Lawson (Pasquotank County High School) has been awarded National Board Certification. Patricia Daniels (Northside Elementary), Jennifer Hawkins (Northeastern High School), Jorice Manuel (P.W. Moore), and Roberta Manzer (Northeastern High School) have renewed their certification. Congratulations!