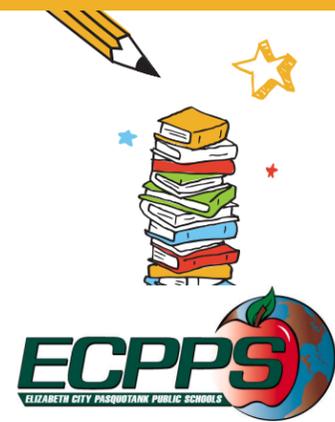


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## Data Reflects Continually Low Dropout Rate for ECPPS

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction recently released a Consolidated Data Report for 2014-15 that provides the annual report on dropout rates throughout the state. The dropout rate for Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools was 1.24% for 2014-15. This was slightly higher than the 2013-14 rate of 1.03%, but still one of the lowest rates in the state. Superintendent Cartner shared that "during 2014-15, ECPPS recorded the 11th lowest dropout rate in North Carolina (out of 115 LEAs). The 2014-15 dropout rate was the second lowest rate ever for the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools. I am very pleased with the progress our district is making to keep these rates low."

ECPPS contributes much of the success of the continually low dropout rate to the district's commitment to having a Dropout Prevention Coordinator in place and to the work the high schools are doing to meet the needs of the students we serve. The district is focused on having pathways available that help each student find success and to be college and/or career ready.



## RRMS eSTEAM Program Receives Grant

# BURROUGHS WELLCOME FUND

River Road Middle School was recently notified that they were selected to receive a Burroughs Wellcome Fund (BWF) Promoting Innovation in Science and Mathematics (PRISM) grant in the amount of

\$4,399.00. The grant is awarded to RRMS on behalf of Ms. Tameka Jackson, eSTEAM teacher, for a project titled "STEMulating Minds in Robotics."

Through these PRISM grants, the Burroughs Wellcome Fund seeks to support K-12 teachers in their efforts to promote excitement for science and mathematics by providing grants for materials, equipment, and supplies related to the implementation of high quality, hands-on science and/or mathematics curriculum or activities in the classroom. The PRISM grant funds are directed by the teaching professional in accordance with the submitted proposal.

## Army STEM Interactive Semi Visits High Schools

ECPPS high school students had a unique opportunity on Monday, March 14th and Tuesday, March 15th. Mary Luton, career development coordinator, worked with the Army to bring their interactive semi to ECPPS visiting PCHS on Monday and NHS on Tuesday. The semi focuses on STEM based careers within the Army and gives students a different perspective on job opportunities available.

Students were able to view a video inside the semi that enlightened them on how the Army is using the advancement of technology in many of the jobs now avail-

able. The Army recruiters also gave students an opportunity to operate robots remotely through computer software programs.



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ECPPS NEWS AND INFORMATION



PCHS BAND WELCOMES THE TOUR OF  
SCHOOLS.

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### A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT



March 24th marks the end of our third nine week grading period and March 28th begins our spring break. It is a crucial time for staff, parents and students to rejuvenate, refocus, and find a renewed excitement as we approach the end of the school year for 2015-16.

We will recognize volunteers and business partners in the month of April as part of National Volunteer Appreciation. Our school district is extremely appreciative of the volunteers and business partners that support our district and our students. "Thank you" seems so simple, yet is profound in our feelings of gratitude for those who do so much to embrace ECPPS and what we, together, are working to accomplish for children each and every day. Thank you!

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



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

ECPPS hosted a "Tour of Schools" on Thursday, March 10th. The tour began at the administrative offices on Halstead Boulevard, traveling to Pasquotank Elementary, Elizabeth City Middle School, Pasquotank County High School and Central Elementary School. The tour ended at the administrative offices with a question and answer session and light refreshments. There were approximately 30 attendees including Board of Education members, members of the ECPPS Leadership Team and various community leaders and members.

The tour was designed to give the community a glimpse at "a day in the life of an ECPPS student." The schools did a wonderful job highlighting the great things happening in our school district. There were student leaders helping, a student and teacher presentations, a grand welcome at PCHS by the band, and lunch prepared and served by our very own PCHS students. The

classrooms we visited throughout the day demonstrated the typical learning environment that one would experience in ECPPS.

Those that attended the tour were truly enlightened about what is going on in our schools and the opportunities that ECPPS has made available to the students we serve. The district and the schools have high expectations for our students and want all of them to experience success. Success comes in many different forms for students, but we believe strongly that all students will have the opportunity to realize it. Superintendent Cartner was extremely pleased with the attendance at this event and proud of the schools that participated. We plan to do it again and maybe offer it more than once a year. So, the next time you see, "Explore ECPPS... A Tour of Schools", don't miss your opportunity to be a part of the excitement!



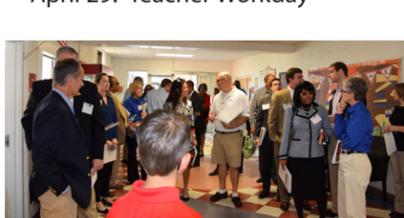


ARMY INTERACTIVE SEMI THAT VISITED PCHS AND NHS IN MARCH



# UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS

- April 12: Elem. Geo Bee 6 pm (MOA)
- April 12: Elem. Spelling Bee 7 pm (MOA)
- April 18: BOE Comm Mtgs 2 pm
- April 25: BOE Regular Mtg 7 pm
- April 26: SAT Awards 7 pm (PCHS) Event at SH Auditorium
- April 28: 3 HR Early Release
- April 29: Teacher Workday



'EXPLORE ECPPS' TOUR PARTICIPANTS AT PASQ. ELEMENTARY ON MARCH 10TH

## Sheep-Harney Pre-K Library Program

Submitted by Fran Worthington

Pre-K students recently began to check out school library books at Sheep-Harney Elementary School. All ECPPS Pre-K students attend Sheep-Harney. The school library collection includes board books and picture books, but the Pre-K students regularly borrow simple storybooks for their parents to read to them. This new book lending program promotes the development of literary skills such as relating illustrations to the plot and recognizing words.



The program will help to promote a lifelong interest in reading with the expectation of increasing student achievement. The excitement and motivation to read is developed when children are very young.

## NHS Jazz Ensemble Receives Highest Honor at Festivals

Submitted by Wayne James

The NHS Jazz Ensemble attended two jazz festivals on February 19th and 20th. On February 19th the ensemble attended the Elon University Jazz Festival. This was a one day event which featured over 15 high school jazz bands from across the state. There were three judges rating each band's performance. NHS received a rating of "superior" which is the highest rating a band can receive. Alana Houston also received a certificate for Outstanding Female Vocalist.

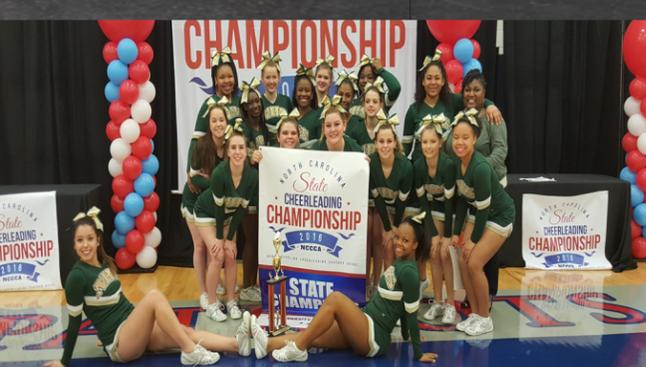
On February 20th, the ensemble attended the Carolina Jazz Festival on the campus of UNC Chapel Hill. They performed the same three selections for both festivals. The ensemble again received a superior rating. Alana Houston, Brandon Winslow and Lauren Shannon received certificates for Outstanding Soloists. Congratulations NHS Jazz Ensemble!



"Preparing globally competitive citizens"....

## NHS Cheerleaders Win State Championship

Submitted by Fatima Simmons



NHS VARSITY CHEERLEADERS WON ANOTHER STATE TITLE RECENTLY. THEY WON THE NORTH CAROLINA CHEERLEADING COACHES ASSOCIATION STATE COMPETITION IN THE SMALL VARSITY, NON-TUMBLE DIVISION. THAT'S THE SECOND STATE TITLE FOR THE CHEERLEADERS IN THIS ONE SEASON! THEY ALSO WON THE NCHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE MEDIUM VARSITY, NON-TUMBLE DIVISION IN DECEMBER.

CONGRATS TO THE NHS VARSITY CHEERLEADERS!

## Small Receives Morehead-Cain Scholarship



Margaret Small Morehead-Cain Scholarship Recipient

Margaret Small, a senior at Northeastern High School, was recently named a Morehead-Cain Scholarship recipient. Small is the daughter of Jeff and Suzan Small and the granddaughter of Mrs. Donna Boslau and the late Lyle Boslau of Deltona, Florida and the late Mr. and Mrs. William A. Small of Elizabeth City.

Small has had many accomplishments throughout her high school career thus far. She was selected as a participant for the North Carolina Governor's School and attended during the summer of 2015. She is an active part of the NHS Agriculture program, working with Mr. and Mrs. Manzer as a part of a grant writing team. She is president of the FFA Chapter and Project Coordinator for the NHS National Honor Society. Small utilized all of the opportunities offered through NHS such as honors and AP courses, dual enrollment through College of The Albemarle, and classes through the North Carolina Virtual Public School. She has participated in soccer, swimming and tennis at NHS. Small was ranked #1, for the school, in tennis for singles and doubles this year. The teachers at NHS awarded Margaret the Eagle Award for character all four years of high school. Small's community involvement has included traveling to Ecuador with the First United Methodist Church youth for a short term mission and serving with the Elizabeth City Junior Women's Club - Juniors and Juniors as a member and officer.

According to information from Morehead-Cain,

The Morehead-Cain Scholarship covers all expenses for four years of undergraduate study at UNC-Chapel Hill. In addition, it features a distinctive program of summer enrichment experiences designed to support students as they learn and grow. Selection criteria for the Morehead-Cain are leadership, academic achievement, moral force of character, and physical vigor. Morehead-Cain recipients are chosen solely on the basis of merit and accomplishment.

ECPPS is proud of Miss Small's accomplishment and the honor she has received through this prestigious scholarship award.

## Jersey Mike's Donates to Safe Schools for Annual "Day of Giving"

March 30th is Jersey Mike's "Day of Giving" where they give 100% of sales that day to a local partner charity. We are so pleased to announce that the Elizabeth City Jersey Mike's will once again, donate to the Safe Schools Fund. Please come on out to Jersey Mike's on March 30th for lunch or dinner and support the safety initiatives of the SAFE SCHOOLS FUND!



## ECPPS Hosts NERESA Legislative Summit

ECPPS hosted the Northeast Regional Education Service Alliance (NERESA) Legislative Summit on Friday, March 18th at Elizabeth City State University's KE White Graduate Center. There are 15 school districts in the Northeast region that are a part of NERESA. Representative Bob Steinburg attended the entire meeting, with Senator Bill Cook attending part of the meeting.



The various districts presented information to the representatives regarding: investment in public education and its importance, the impact of investing in human capital to strengthen North Carolina's schools, school calendar flexibility, impact of A-F School Performance Grades, support needed to turn around low performing schools, resources necessary for the state's Read to Achieve initiative, textbook/digital textbook resource needs, digital learning needs, need for increased early childhood education and issues surrounding charter schools.

## ECPPS PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS



### Pre-K Registration Schedule

(child's last name beginning with A-I previously held - if you missed the dates, please contact the Pre-K Office at 252.338.1194)

March 21st (9 am - 12 pm)

March 23rd (4 pm - 6 pm)

(child's last name beginning with J-R)

April 5th (9 am - 12 pm)

April 7th (4 pm - 6 pm)

(child's last name beginning with S-Z)

### Community Registration - Pre-K

Southgate Mall ~ April 12th  
Pasq. Co. Library ~ April 20th  
9 am to 1 pm - both days

### Kindergarten Registration

April 19th (3 pm - 6 pm)

April 20th (12 pm - 3 pm)

April 21st (8 am - 12 pm)

Held at all elementary schools on these dates.

MORE INFO AT:

www.ecpps.k12.nc.us

## ECPPS 2016-17 Teacher of the Year District Finalists

- Michelle Flach - AIG Facilitator/Inst. Coach at J.C. Sawyer Elementary
- Jennifer James - Business Education Teacher at Northeastern High
- Paula Keith - Elementary Teacher at Weeksville Elementary

These teachers will now begin the final selection phase for the district honor which includes an observation and interview with the TOY Selection Committee. The ECPPS District Teacher of the Year for 2016-17 will be announced at the Teacher of the Year celebration sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce on May 4th at Mid-Atlantic Christian University.

Congratulations and we wish you all the best!