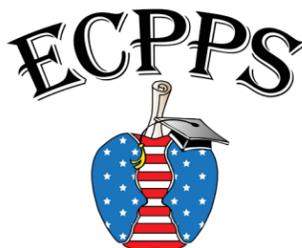


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ECPPS Offers Training in "Teaching Children of Poverty"

The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public School District has an excellent professional development/information session coming up on October 31st that will address "teaching children of poverty." During the course of the Community Forums held to develop our district Strategic Plan, we learned that our community has a limited knowledge of how poverty actually affects the classroom -- what poverty means and does to students in the classroom. All children can learn, though perhaps not at the same pace. Poverty brings physical, mental, and emotional stressors to our students and staff. If we are to help our students, while we cannot change their living circumstances, we can change what we do in the classroom.

This training event will be held at Sheep-Harney Elementary School in the auditorium, and will feature nationally known speaker, Dr. Tammy Pawloski. Dr. Pawloski is Professor of Education and Director for the Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty at Francis Marion University. She is an amazing speaker and will truly impact the way you view poverty and its impact on student achievement. We are inviting community members to join us for one of two (or both if you wish) sessions offered that day. The first session will be held from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and will focus on K-5 students and the second session from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm will focus on students in grades 6-12.

Our district is working diligently to overcome all barriers which could hinder our students from achieving their full potential. We are committed to meeting the needs of all of our students where they are, and giving them the instruction and tools necessary to grow and develop academically as well as personally.

We are grateful for the support that has been given and continues to be provided to ECPPS. Together, we are making a difference in education in Pasquotank County.

Sheep-Harney Students Dream Big....



Students with Ms. Cindy Moore-Bridges
Dreams of Becoming an Artist

Eboni Stallings, fifth grade teacher at Sheep-Harney, has set a goal to build life-long relationships with each of her students this year. She was inspired by the Academically Intellectually Gifted (AIG) certification class she is currently enrolled in and has put the knowledge she has gained into action.

During the first week of school, Mrs. Stallings asked her students to share their dreams in life. She listed their dreams on a poster and displayed it outside of her classroom. She told the students that one of her personal goals this year was to make a special connection with

each of their dreams for them by the end of the school year. Immediately after posting the students' dreams, Mrs. Stallings asked coworkers, family, friends, neighbors, AIG classmates and others to look at her poster and see if they could help make connections with her students.

There were three students in the class, Dinedra Sutton, Yasmin Diaz and Da'Shayla Wright, who aspire to become artists. A Sheep-Harney parent, Ms. Cindy Moore-Bridges, volunteered her time recently and surprised these three students with an awesome art activity. The students were elated to have the opportunity and were very proud of their artwork.

Mrs. Stallings is very excited about other community members that have reached out to her and expressed their interest in visiting her students to make their dreams come true. Mrs. Stallings stated, "I want to make sure my scholars have a school year that they will never forget."

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT



As we approach November, we begin to reflect on things we are thankful for in our lives. We also begin to look forward to the festivities of the upcoming holiday season.

November 11th, we will take time to honor the many veterans that have so bravely served our country. ECPPS extends heartfelt appreciation to all that have served and currently serve to protect us and this great nation.

At the close of the month, we will celebrate Thanksgiving. As we share time with family and friends during this time of year, please remember those who have experienced great impacts from Hurricane Matthew. Many will still be in the midst of recovery from the loss during this devastating storm.

I am thankful for family and friends as well at this time of year, but I am also grateful for our students, families, staff, schools and this community. We are all working together to build relationships, to enhance partnerships and to provide excellent opportunities for students.

~ 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 Holds Strategic Plan Review



It has been one year since the Board of Education for Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools began the work of developing a new mission, vision and supporting goals for the district. The Board worked with The Masonboro Group to develop the district's new focus and direction which was adopted in November 2015.

Following the adoption of the mission, vision and goals, the Board began the work of developing a new strategic plan to guide the work of the district and to ensure we are "preparing globally competitive citizens." The Board held public forums during January 2016 to gain a better understanding from parents and the community as to their needs and expectations for ECPPS. While all of this was taking place, a task force, representative of the community, was being developed to begin shaping and guiding the strategic plan based on the mission, vision, goals and the feedback from the community.

The Strategic Planning Task Force met three times between February and March 2016 and from these meetings the ECPPS Strategic Plan for 2016-2021 was created. This task force worked hard to ensure strategies were in place for each of the district's goals that

would address all of the needs and concerns shared by parents, community members, staff and students during the public forums. This plan would be the map necessary to chart the course for the next five years to increase student achievement, to meet the needs of students and staff, and for ECPPS to become an integral part of the community.

The ECPPS Strategic Plan was officially adopted by the Board of Education on April 25, 2016. Since that adoption date, school district staff have been working together to address the strategies and steps in the plan and much progress has been made toward implementation.

On Thursday, October 13th, the district held a luncheon for the task force to provide an update on the plan since last October. Superintendent Cartner shared that, "the work that has been done with this plan over the past year was a direct result of the commitment of the Board of Education members and the hard work of district staff." Cartner credits the Board for working so well together and having a deep passion for the work they do for the children and families of Pasquotank County. Additionally, he thanked the task force for their work in designing this plan as we could not have done this without their assistance. District leaders presented during the luncheon to update the task force on what has been accomplished.

More information on the review, along with the report shared with the task force on Thursday is available on our website at www.ecpps.k12.nc.us.



PCHS ANIMAL SCIENCE STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM NEW BARN FUNDED BY GRANT FUNDS FROM MONSANTO

UPCOMING OCT/NOV EVENTS

- OCT 28: 1st NINE WEEKS ENDS
- OCT 31: TEACHER WORKDAY
- OCT 31: POVERTY TRAINING
- NOV 1: BOE/CO COMMISSIONER JOINT MTG - 6:00 PM
- NOV 4: STUDENT REPORT CARDS ISSUED
- NOV 11: HOLIDAY (VETERAN'S DAY)
- NOV 14: AMERICAN ED. WEEK
- NOV 14: FAM & COMM CTR NUTRITION WORKSHOP
- NOV 21: BOE COMM MTGS - 2 pm
- NOV 23: 3HR EARLY RELEASE DAY
- NOV 24: HOLIDAY
- NOV 25: HOLIDAY
- NOV 28: BOE REG MTG - 7 pm



2016 Pasquotank County High School Yearbook Places 1st in Contest



The 2016 Pasquotank County High School Yearbook received 1st place in the American Scholastic Press Association Yearbook Contest.

The American Scholastic Press Association Contest includes entries from over 2,000 schools each year. The yearbook shows excellence in the fields of writing, photography, and page design and contains elements/sections of an effective yearbook that will be treasured for years to come. Congratulations to the editors, writers,

photographers, layout/graphics designers, staff and advisor who made this publication possible. The 2016 Yearbook Staff included: Advisor John Lee, Staff: Caroline Chapman, Maddie Cox, Kendall Gawlik, Kennan Hickman, Christina Lavinder, Najharae Neal, Jennifer Orlando, Shane Priest, Brittany Raynor, Faith Roane, Grace Rogers, Maggie Sawyer, Samantha Smith, Kelley Stancil.

Yearbook advisor, John Lee is very proud of the group's accomplishment. He says, "The 2015 yearbook took 1st place with a score of 860 out of a possible 1000 points and we put the goal of getting 1st again but with a higher score and every day we worked for it. I tried and pushed my staff to be better each day they worked on the book, and expected them to do the best they could. This was a great group of staff members, it shows how hard they worked by getting 1st place again."

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 tax 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 residents 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.

PCHS Band Places at Competition



Cecilia Domke & Aaron Ford

Panther Pride Marching Band, directed by Mr. Russell, took 2nd Place Drum Major at the Southeast Virginia Music Games band competition at Hickory High School in Chesapeake, Virginia on Saturday, September 24th.

This is the first time the band has placed at this highly competitive event. There were 20 bands in attendance and six in our 2A division.

P.W. Moore Students Study Weather in Outdoor Learning Center

Second grade students at P.W. Moore were the first to explore and investigate in their newest learning resource, the weather station in the Outdoor Learning Center. This experience became part of an ongoing lesson comparing online weather forecasts to the actual data recorded in the courtyard.



Students created their own forecast posters and weather journals, recording and comparing the different readings of the online resource and the P. W. Moore weather station. The classes look forward to using this fantastic center throughout the remainder of the school year.

Weeksville Students Study Weather with Meteorologist in Guam



On September 20th the second graders at Weeksville Elementary School were excited to have the opportunity to Skype with meteorologist, Landon Aydlett. He works for the National Weather Service (NWS) in Guam. The class had been spending time studying weather and weather patterns in science. He talked with the students about weather and climate. He showed them some of the tools, computers and satellite images that he uses to predict the weather.

The students and Landon talked about how our seasons are different than where he lives. We have four seasons and he only has two in Guam, a wet season and dry season. The children asked interesting questions and gained more knowledge about major storms and weather. He gave them a virtual tour of where he works and shared with the students that he became interested in being a meteorologist when he was their age and still living in Elizabeth City. He told them that his interest developed when a hurricane roared through and devastated our community. He said that he knew at that point that he wanted to work for the NWS and help give people warnings about storms like that one to keep them safe. This was a great experience for the students. *(Mr. Aydlett is a graduate of ECPPS)*

PCHS Students Participate in Farm to Table Project

Students in Mrs. Perry's horticulture class and Chef Remillard's foods class are working together on a Farm to Table project in which they are growing vegetables in the school garden that will soon be prepared in a delicious meal. Students are learning about the entire process from Farm to Table.



NHS ATHLETES TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP

NHS athletes partnered with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and ECSU football athletes to clean-up around the community after Hurricane Matthew.



Students picked up limbs and raked on school grounds, various churches in the area, and at residences near NHS.

ECPPS REVISES CALENDAR DUE TO HURRICANE MATTHEW

ECPPS will distribute revised calendars during the week of October 24th as a result of changes due to the days missed during Matthew.

The calendar is available at www.ecpps.k12.nc.us.

NHS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN "REAL LIFE" WORKSHOP



Students attended a workshop at Camp Cale that allowed them to understand "real life" finances and other important aspects of being an adult and having responsibility.

Students attended workshops on budgeting, banking, social skills and insurance.