



Our Future, Our Commitment, Our Students

August Update 8/22/5

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Early Release Day – Year Round School	8/24/5	---	REMS and YES
First Day of School Traditional Calendar	8/25/5	---	---
Labor Day Holiday – No School	9/5/5	---	---
Board of Education Policy Committee	9/6/5	4:00 p.m.	MMC
STAC Meeting	9/7/5	4:00 p.m.	Royal Elementary School
SHAC Meeting	9/9/5	8:30 a.m.	WRRRA
Joint Meeting BOE/BOCC	9/12/5	6:00 p.m.	MMC
Board of Education Meeting	9/12/5	7:00 p.m.	MMC
Principals' Meeting	9/14/5	7:00 p.m.	MMC
APs Meeting/Academy	9/20/5	4:00 p.m.	Royal Elementary School
Early Release Day – Year Round and Traditional	9/21/5	---	---
Board of Education Retreat	9/26/5	12:00 noon	NCSBA – Raleigh

First Day of School (Traditional Calendar): Best wishes to faculty and staff who will begin school this Thursday. Thanks to everyone who worked tirelessly to ensure that schools are ready for teachers and students. Special thanks to the men and women who work for facilities and our custodial staff, who cleaned, repaired, installed, and completed countless tasks to make sure our schools are in good shape for the first day of school.

Early Release Days: The first early release day for students on the year-round calendar (YES and REMS) is scheduled for August 24th. Principals, please send me your agenda and summary of the events by Friday, August 26th.

Convocation: Many people worked to create a useful and productive Convocation. Special thanks go to Dr. Eddie Ingram and his staff who designed the level/job alike meetings and especially Dianne Carter, who designed the Power Point presentation, and Diane Marks, who paid attention to all the details.

Friday Update: We will resume publishing weekly updates on Fridays beginning September 2nd. If you have a news item or a meeting announcement for the update, please e-mail your information in a Word file to me by Friday morning.

Workweek for Classified Employees: Classified employees are required to work a forty (40) hour week. According to local policy, Teaching Assistants are exempt from this policy and work 37.5 hours per week. This state policy is directed at all classified employees who are not TAs. If you are unsure whether you are included in this requirement, please contact your supervisor or me at x222.

Organizational Chart: Over the summer there were several changes to the organizational chart. For all intents and purposes, that process is complete for the 2005/6 school year. But, as always, changes will be made as the need arises. Like today! Ms. Patty Jones, formerly the Coordinator for Student Accountability will now be known as the Director for Student

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Accountability and Ms. Jenny Radford, formerly SIMS Coordinator will be known as NC Wise Coordinator. (Please note, these changes are "title" only.)

Leadership Program for Experienced Principals (PEP): This program is designed for experienced principals with three or more years' experience. The program will prepare principals to excel in their present positions and progress in their abilities to lead, manage, and create. If you are interested, please call me ASAP; PEP reserved one position for a Franklin County principal.

Schedule for Franklin Times School Page: Listed below is the schedule for schools that will be featured on the Franklin Times School Page. Please submit all your materials to Jane-Waring Wheeler three days prior to the deadline date.

Publication Date (3 rd Saturday of the Month)	Featured School	Deadline Date
September, 2005	Youngsville Elementary	9/5/05
October, 2005	Riverside Elementary	10/5/05
November, 2005	Louisburg Elementary	11/5/05
December, 2005	Bunn Elementary	12/5/05
January, 2006	Edward Best Elementary	1/5/06
February, 2006	Royal Elementary	2/5/06
March, 2006	Bunn Middle	3/5/06
April, 2006	Louisburg High	4/5/06
May 2006	Cedar Creek Middle	5/5/06
June, 2006	Franklinton Elementary	6/5/06
July, 2006	Bunn High	7/5/06

FISH! EXTRAVAGANZA: The author of *Fish! And Fish! Tales*, Steve Lundin, is coming to Durham for a one-day seminar. Hosted by NCSU, the event will take place Thursday, October 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Durham Marriott. If you would like more information, please contact Diane Marks.

Code of Student Conduct and Suspensions: You should have received enough copies of the revised "Code of Student Conduct" (now called the "Blue Book") for each student and staff person. If you need additional copies please call Debbie at 496-4159. For the 2005/6 school year, fax all suspension notices (short and long-term) to my office at 496-3341.

District and School Websites: I just received an e-mail from a member of the community who informed me that our district website and twelve of our fourteen school websites were outdated. She was looking for information on school open houses and other back-to-school information. I know that there are scores of chores that need to be completed prior to the first day of school, but please do your best to have updated information on your website and we will do our best to keep the district website timely and accurate.

Have a great school year,

Bert L'Homme
Superintendent