



Our Future, Our Commitment, Our Students

Friday Update 12/16/5

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Central Office Christmas Party	12/20/5	3:30 – 6:00 p.m.	MMC
Winter Break Begins – Traditional Calendar	12/22/5	----	No School
Winter Break Begins – Year-Round Calendar	12/22/5	----	No School
Students Return – Traditional Calendar	1/3/6	----	----
Students Return – Year-Round Calendar	1/17/6	----	----
Board of Education Meeting	1/9/6	7:00 p.m.	MMC
Principals' Meeting	1/11/6	8:30 a.m.	MMC
PTA/PTO District Council	1/12/6	7:00 p.m.	MMC
SHAC Meeting	1/13/6	8:30 a.m.	Child Nutrition Training Lab
STAC Meeting	1/18/6	4:00 p.m.	LES
Special Called Board Meeting – SIPs	1/23	6:00 p.m.	High and Middle Schools –MMC
Special Called Board Meeting – SIPs	1/23	7:00 p.m.	Elementary Schools – MMC
Carlene Murphy Visit	1/23-1/27	----	All Schools
Early Dismissal – Traditional and Year Round	1/25/6	----	----

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Kwanzaa, Feliz Navidad, and Happy

Hanukah: The Board of Education, Leadership Team, and Central Office Staff wish you a wonderful holiday. Rest, recreate, and enjoy your families during this well-deserved break. The Update will not be published next week and will resume publication next year – that is January 6th, 2006!

Hearing Officer/Safe and Drug Free Schools: Effective immediately, Mr. Dale Byrns will be taking on two additional responsibilities. He will be the FCS Hearing Officer, and he will direct the Safe and Drug Free Schools project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Dale.

Carlene Murphy's Final Visit: Carlene's third and final visit for this school year will take place the week of January 23rd to 27th. In the next couple of days, principals will receive an email outlining the information she would like to review and discuss. Should you have any questions, please call Dianne Carter at 496-2116.

SIP Review and Approval: The Board of Education scheduled a special called board meeting on January 23, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. (Middle and High) and 7:00 p.m. (Elementary) to review and approve school improvement plans. An executive summary that highlights new initiatives is due to Dianne Carter no later than Wednesday, January 11, 2006. Summaries will be mailed to board members on Friday, January 13th. Questions should be directed to Dr. Ingram.

Parent to Parent: Administrators may offer the **Parent to Parent Program** for first-time offenders of Rule 18 Sections A, B, D, E, F, G, (**Franklin County Board of Education Student Code of Conduct 2005-2006**) as an administrative intervention procedure. Students shall receive a ten-day suspension and a recommendation to the superintendent that the student be suspended for an additional four weeks, provided, however, that the recommendation for an additional four weeks be waived and the suspension be reduced to the original ten days if the student has a chemical assessment **at parent expense and**

choice of provider and the student and student’s parent(s) or guardian(s) agree to participate in the Parent to Parent Program. Failure to complete the required program will result in the enforcement of the original recommendation for long-term suspension of four additional weeks. If you choose this option, please follow the steps listed below:

- STEP 1:** The principal or his designee shall notify parent(s) or guardian(s) of the option to participate in the Parent to Parent Program.
- STEP 2:** If the parent(s) or guardian(s) chose to participate, they will notify the Creative Education Centre at (919) 496-7349.
- STEP 3:** The Creative Education Centre will enroll parent(s) or guardian(s) in the program and provide them with the necessary materials to complete the program.
- Step 4:** The Creative Education Centre will notify the principal or his designee when the parent(s) or guardian(s) has completed the program.
- STEP 5:** The principal may then recommend a reduction of suspension for the student if deemed appropriate.

Wellness Policy: Attached to the email transmitting the *Friday Update* is the draft Wellness Policy for Franklin County Schools. Please print a copy for your staff and PTA/PTO president. Questions should be directed to Jama Gilliam or Marla Peoples. (See attachment)

IEP/PEP Comparison: The following chart lists the differences and commonalities between PEPs and IEPs. Attached to the email transmitting the *Friday Update* is a copy of the draft PEP form and the approved PEP monitoring form. Should you have any questions, please call Faye Keith or Dianne Carter. (See attachments)

IEP	PEP	IEP/PEP
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mandated by Federal Law (IDEA).• Developed prior to the delivery of special education and related services.• Subject to due process rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mandated by State Board of Education.• Developed after a student has performed below proficiency.• Not subject to due process rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individualized Focuses on identified needs.• Developed by a team which includes parents.• Must report progress.

2006/2007 Traditional Calendar Update: Sample No. 2 of the three options was selected as the top choice in the recent vote by teachers, parents, and administrators. It was presented to the Board of Education at the December board meeting. A question was raised about the early release days in October and March as there were teacher workdays on the following Fridays. This was discussed at the Principals’ Meeting, and it was acceptable to move the early release days to October 11 and March 14. This calendar will be voted on at the regular January meeting. The updated Sample 2 is now posted on the web page.

NC Wise: This weekend is a regular-scheduled maintenance weekend for NCWISE. The system will go down at 5:00 PM on Friday and return to service by Monday, 6:00 AM.

A problem has occurred at times with teachers and staff having difficulty printing various reports in NCWISE. We have learned that this is often due to the installation of “Google” toolbar and “Yahoo” toolbar to the web browser (Internet Explorer). These need to be uninstalled from the browser to resume printing in NCWISE. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact your data manager or technology team member.

Have A Great Vacation,

**Bert L’Homme,
Superintendent**