



Our Future, Our Commitment, Our Students

## Friday Update 12/9/5

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
BOE Meeting	12/12/5	7:00 p.m.	MMC
Principals' Meeting	12/14/5	8:30 a.m.	MMC
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
Early Dismissal – Traditional and Year Round	1/25/6	----	----

**GET READY!** I would love to complete this winter without missing a single day because of snow or ice, but as every Scout knows, we must “Be Prepared.” The Staff Guide for Inclement Weather is posted on our website, and I want every employee to read it. Look in the Reference column on the right of the homepage or on the Employees’ page under Policies and Procedures. Along with other important information, this guide lists some of the news media outlets that will announce our closings; however, television and radio stations do not always list separate information for students and staff. The information broadcast by the news media targets parents and students. *All Franklin County Schools employees should get their information regarding closings or delays directly from the phone tree at their school (or central office).*

**Principal’s Role in Teacher Retention: “Mending the Leaky Bucket”:** This timely conference, sponsored by the Principals’ Executive Program (PEP), will focus on one of the thorniest issues facing educators today: How school leaders may encourage and retain good teachers. The conference is scheduled for March 16+17 at the Sheraton Chapel Hill Hotel. For more information and online registration that begins January 3, 2006, visit the PEP website at [www.ncpep.org](http://www.ncpep.org). Conference capacity is limited to two hundred, so early registration is critical.

**“I am a teacher.  
 A teacher is someone who leads.  
 There is no magic here.  
 I do not walk on water.  
 I do not part the sea.  
 I just love children.”**  
 Marva Collins

**Happy A Great Weekend, Bert L’Homme, Superintendent**