



Our Future, Our Commitment, Our Students

Friday Update 2/10/6

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
BOE Policy Committee	2/13	6:00 p.m.	MMC
BOE Meeting	2/13	7:00 p.m.	MMC
National Career/Technical Education Week	2/13-17	---	---
Principals' Meeting	2/15	8:30 a.m.	Riverside School
STAC Meeting	2/15	4:00 p.m.	EBES
Teacher Workday	2/20	---	---
C+I Board Meeting	2/20	4:00 p.m.	MMC
APs Meeting/Academy	2/21	4:00 p.m.	EBES
Band, Music, and Drama Teachers Meeting	2/22	4:00 p.m.	LHS
Dropout Meeting	2/23	4:00 p.m.	BHS
Long-Range Facility Plan Task Force Meeting	2/27	7:00 p.m.	MMC
Art Teachers Meeting	3/1	4:00 p.m.	LHS
NC Writing Test	3/7	---	4 th , 7 th , and 10 th Grades

2006 Assistant Principal of the Year: Congratulations, **Mr. Roosevelt Alston**, 2006 AP of the Year for Franklin County Schools. Mr. Alston is the Assistant Principal at Louisburg High School. Mr. Alston represents the best of the best. Mr. Blice said, "Roosevelt is an integral and important part of the team, and we could not do what we have done without him."

Congratulations Franklinton Elementary School: The following is an excerpt of an email from Judy Stover to FES. "Dear Administrators, Teachers, and Reading Coach: ... The principal, reading coach, and all FES teachers ... did an outstanding job for the US Department of Education (Reading First) research team that observed an entire reading block. The really good news is that this kind of quality instruction is a typical day at FES. Mrs. Frederickson does an outstanding job as instructional leader, and Mrs. Greene epitomizes the role of reading coach. A special thank you to Mr. Williams and Dr. Joseph (School Board Members) who took the time to support us with their presence. Sincerely, Mrs. Judy Stover, Reading First Coordinator"

PTA/PTSA: Recently, I met with Mrs. Debra Horton, president of the NC State PTA. She is contacting principals of schools that currently have PTO/PTSOs. Her goal is to encourage PTOs to become PTAs. There are some obvious benefits of PTA membership in that they have policies and procedures that guide the collection and reporting of contributions and proceeds from fund raisers.

Funding Opportunity: Also, Mrs. Horton wanted to alert everyone regarding a PTA funding opportunity. PTAs can apply for \$1,500 grants that promote health and safety of our students. For example, they fund projects that provide shade (reduce ultraviolet radiation) by either building shelters or planting trees. If you are interested, visit the PTA website at www.ncpta.org.

Looking for One Good Principal who has a strong ego and an equally strong desire to know more about his or her leadership capabilities. As many of you know, I'm in the midst of the UNC/CH Superintendents' Leadership Academy. A requirement of the course is for a

principal to take the Balanced Leadership Profile 360. I need one principal to take the survey, and several of your teachers and staff will be asked to take a survey that assesses your leadership in regard to school reform. Teachers' responses are anonymous, and at the conclusion of the survey, you would sit with me and discuss the results. If you are interested or have questions, please call me at 496-4159.

Name Tags and Newsletters: 1) For security sake – a friendly reminder – please wear your name tags during the school day. 2) If you send a newsletter or publish a newspaper, please send me a copy. It helps me keep up with the events at your school, and I love reading them.

Progress Energy: Progress Energy is participating in National Engineers Week (Eweek) February 20 – 24, 2006. They have volunteers who can come to your school to make 45-60 minute presentations that are tailored to a single class. You can get information by going to their website at www.nc-eweek.org. Any questions, please call Martha Thompson (Progress Energy, Manager of Community Relations) at 252-438-1900.

A Retirement Planning Session is scheduled for March 24th (Teacher Workday) at 2:00 p.m. at the Mitchell Media Center. A retirement counselor will provide information to staff approaching retirement age. Registration is not required.

Art, Music, Band, and Drama Teachers Meeting: Dr. Ingram and I met with our arts educators on February 8, 2006. Needless to say, we had a lively discussion. We talked about supplies, budgets, personnel and schedules. We plan to meet again and discuss what is possible and what is impossible. The meetings are scheduled for music/band/drama teachers on February 22nd and for art teachers on March 1st. Both meetings are at 4:00 p.m. at Louisburg High School Media Center. Should you have questions or input, do not hesitate to call Eddie Ingram at 496-2116 or me at 496-4159.

NCWISE: With the news that IBM is no longer working with DPI, the NCWISE Symposium February 20-22 should be interesting as well as informative. Remember, data mangers will be gone those days and should have backup plans for attendance. Month 5 is in the process of being approved. That means there are less than 80 days of school left for 2005-2006.

Testing: The IPT testing is scheduled to begin on Monday, February 13th. The ESL staff has an ambitious schedule to get all students tested, so thanks for helping with room and proctor arrangements. There are about 300 students to test in FCS with this annual assessment. We are still waiting on EXTEND2 field test materials to arrive. We will notify schools when their materials are ready and can schedule to test their students. We hope to get this assessment done in the next two weeks. Don't forget that the Grades 4, 7, and 10 state writing test is March 7. There will only be one makeup day for this assessment which will be in the ABCs' performance composite for 2005-2006. The state accountability conference is next week (February 15-17), and several sessions are focusing on the new formulas for this year.

Summer School: Applications to teach summer school (4-week assignment) will be sent to the schools in the next few days. Of course, we don't know how the revamped summer school procedure will impact the number of teachers needed. We plan to improve upon our instructional practices during the summer, so we encourage all interested teachers to apply early.

WFSG Institute: Thirteen schools were represented this week at the WFSG Institute in Augusta, Georgia. Three schools presented sessions, and individual teachers were asked to share at other sessions. Thank you for all you are doing with this extremely important initiative.

Designers of Tomorrow: Individual 7th and 8th grade students competed in the annual Designers of Tomorrow competition sponsored by the Home Builders Association. Congratulations to Molly Campbell a Terrell Lane 8th grader, who placed first; second place went to Kristen Edwards, also of Terrell Lane in 8th grade. Their sponsoring teacher is Ms. Frary. Steven Weaver, an 8th grader at Cedar Creek, placed third. His sponsoring teacher is Mr. Thacker. Ben Kozora, a 7th grader at Cedar Creek, placed fourth. His sponsoring teacher is Ms. A. Jones. This was the 20th year of this competition. Kudos to all winners and participants.

PEPs: Thank you for your patience on the PEP monitoring process. Even though it has been delayed, it will still be scheduled. We will inform you of the schedule as soon as possible.

Have A Great Weekend,

**Bert L'Homme,
Superintendent**