

Friday Update

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Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Hurricane Makeup Day	10/20	----	Traditional Calendar
BOE Retreat	10/23	12:00 noon	NC SBA Building – Raleigh
Board of Education Meeting	11/6	7:00 p.m.	Riverside Campus – A107
Holiday – Veterans' Day	11/10	----	Students, Teachers, and Staff
Principals' Meeting	11/14	8:30 a.m.	Riverside Campus – A107
Early Release Day	11/15	----	Traditional +Year-Round Calendar
High School Social Studies Teachers' Meeting	11/16	4:00 p.m.	Riverside Campus – A107
SHAC Meeting	11/17	8:30 a.m.	Child Nutrition Annex
APs' Meeting/Academy	11/21	4:00 p.m.	Riverside Campus – A107
Teacher Workday	11/22	----	Traditional +Year-Round Calendar
Thanksgiving Holiday	11/23+24	----	Students, Teachers, and Staff
BOE Meeting	11/27	7:00 p.m.	Riverside Campus – A107
Music, Band, and Drama Teachers Meeting	11/28	4:00 p.m.	Riverside Campus – A107
United Way Educational Grants Reception	11/30	7:00 p.m.	Mitchell Media Center

Red Ribbon Week: October 23rd – 27th is Ribbon Week. It's an annual event that supports being drug free. Each school counselor has ribbons for ALL students and ALL faculty and staff. Also, each central office building has an envelope with ribbons for ALL their employees. Monday, October 23 is designated as the official date to wear your ribbons to support being drug free. The theme this year is, "Show Good Character by Being Drug Free." (Monty Riggs)

Certified Teacher Local Supplements: The certified teacher local supplement for the 2006-2007 school year is \$2,400.00. The first half (\$1,200.00) of the supplement will be paid to all eligible certified teachers with the November 30 paychecks. The second payment will be in June 2007. (Fred Carter)

Employees Eligible for ABC Bonus: It appears right now that the funds for schools meeting the ABCs eligibility requirements will be paid in early December. This is my best guess and is NOT a guarantee. This is contingent upon the State Board of Education releasing the funds in November, NCDPI processing the data required, and the individual schools determining the employees from last school year who are eligible to be paid. Much work has to be done, but please know that the Finance Department will write the checks as soon as possible after the above are complete. (Fred Carter)

Coming to a School Near You – Flu Shots! Blue Cross/Blue Shield is offering flu shots at each school and central office. If you have the State Health Plan or the PPO, the shots are free. Being school personnel, we have ample opportunity to contract the flu virus. Take this opportunity to spend this winter "flu free."

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10/23	7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	BES	11/6	7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	EBES
10/23	3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	BMS	10/18	1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	CCMS
10/23	11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	BHS	11/6	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	FES
11/17	8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Central Office	11/14	10:50 a.m. – 1:05 p.m.	FHS
11/9	11:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.	LMES	11/14	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	RES
11/14	2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	LES	10/26	7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	TLMS
11/9	11:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.	LHS	10/18	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	YES

PRAXIS Test Preparation: The NC Model Teacher Education Consortium is offering Praxis Test Preparation Seminars. Seminars will be held on Saturdays at Nash Community College in Rocky Mount, NC. The schedule and registration forms are on www.ncmtec.org and click on the Praxis Seminar page. Praxis I Reading, Writing and Math Tutorials are offered for \$10 per tutorial day for Consortium partnership school system (FCS is a partnership system). The tutorials are led by master reading, writing, and math teachers who have a deep understanding of skills needed for Praxis I/PPST Reading, Writing, and Math tests success. Praxis II Test Preparation Seminar is a two-day seminar for the registration fee of \$40. Study materials are provided for seminar participants. For more information, contact Catherine Allen, Regional Director NC MTEC at 888-499-5013 or 252-862-4260.

New Licensure-Only Program in School Administration begins Spring Semester 2007 at North Carolina Central University. An individual who has a master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university and has three years of teaching or other professional experience or has been employed by an LEA as an assistant principal may be issued a individualized plan of study for a license in school administration. Candidates will complete a 24 credit hour program that includes 12 hours of coursework and 12 hours of internship/seminar. If you have questions about the program contact, Dr. Helen Jones, Department Chair at 919-530-7790 or email bjones@nccu.edu. Application deadline is November 15, 2006. You may contact Diane Marks in the Central Office at 496-2600 or DianeMarks@fcschools.net for application information.

**"If schools want to enhance their capacity to boost student learning,
they should work on building a collaborative culture.
When groups, rather than individuals, are seen as the main units
for implementing curriculum, instruction, and assessment,
they facilitate development of shared purposes for student learning
and collective responsibility to achieve it."
Fred Newmann, Education Commission of the States.**

**Have A Great Weekend,
Bert L'Homme,
Superintendent**