

Friday Update November 10, 2006 Volume 4 #9

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Principals' Meeting	11/14	9:00 a.m.	Riverside Campus – A107
Early Release Day	11/15	----	Traditional +Year-Round Calendar
SHAC Meeting	11/17	8:30 a.m.	Child Nutrition Annex
Interactive Classroom Training	11/20	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Riverside Campus – Tech Lab
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
US History/Civics and Econ Teachers Meeting	12/5	8-10:30 a.m.	Riverside Campus – A107

Advisory – The Choking Game: It has been brought to the attention of Franklin County Schools that participation in a very dangerous activity known as the choking game has been on the rise across the nation. The choking game, sometimes referred to as the passing-out game, is not really a game, but a dangerous stunt in which many teens participate. The activity is exactly what the title suggests. People choke themselves in hopes of getting a rush. In some cases, students choke themselves, or each other, until they pass out. Studies have shown that this activity occurs most often with students in their early teens. Needless to say, this activity is extremely dangerous and can cause permanent neurological damage, or even death. Teachers and administrators should be on the lookout for such activity. Oftentimes this activity goes unnoticed.

2005 Statistics

US Deaths: 61
 NC Deaths: 6
 US Injuries: 19

* 70 percent of all accidents and deaths related to the choking game occur with students aged 11 to 14.

* Data provided by the Dylan Blake Foundation

REMS Sorry for the Omission: In the last couple of weeks we published the final data and school recognitions for the 2005/2006 school year, and I omitted Riverside Elementary Magnet School. The chart (left) gives the composite reading and math scores for Riverside for the last two years. Additionally, Riverside did not make “Expected Growth”, and the school was labeled “No Recognition” by the State Board of Education. No Child Left Behind recognized Riverside for making “Adequate Yearly Progress”. I apologize for the omission. To all the teachers, administrators, students and parents – Congratulations!

	Reading	2004/2005	2005/2006
3 rd	Reading	72.2	78.6
	Math	83.3	50.0
4 th	Reading	88.9	78.8
	Math	100.0	66.7
5 th	Reading	92.3	100.0
	Math	84.6	100.0

Principals' Meeting change: Next week's Principals meeting has been rescheduled for **November 14th on the Riverside Campus at 9 a.m.**

Substitute Teacher ID Badges: Joy Thorne will be sending each school 15 ID badges labeled “substitute teacher”. Each substitute teacher should be issued a badge each day they are on campus. A list should be kept in the office of which substitute has which numbered badge. The badge should be turned in at the end of the day. Mr. Henderson asks that first-time substitutes show their drivers license to verify who they are.

Spanish Translation of the Student Code of Conduct: The Spanish version of the Student Code of Conduct will be available on the Franklin County Schools website very soon. Faculty needing a Spanish version should resort to the website.

Diabetes Expo: There will be a Diabetes Expo at the Louisburg Senior Center on November 16 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Activities will include free glucose screening, cooking demos, chair exercise demo, goody bags (free to the first 100 people) and drawings for door prizes.

McKinney-Vento News – New Web Link: The Franklin County Homeless Education Advisory Council suggested that a web link be added to the National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE). This site can now be accessed through the FCS homepage. This site offers helpful information for those who may be experiencing homelessness. The link can be found on the FCS page by clicking on departments, then student support services, then McKinney-Vento and National Center for Homeless Education. For more information, regarding the Franklin County Homeless Education Assistance Program, contact Amy Galloway (496-2457).

Deadline extended for Teacher Assistants: The North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority has extended the application deadline for current teacher assistants who wish to apply for funds to pursue initial licensure. The deadline has been extended to April 15, 2007. Applications and supporting materials are available online at www.ncseaa.edu/tas.htm. Applicants must also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FAFSA information can be found online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

High School Football Playoffs: Bunn High School and Louisburg High School host state playoff football games Friday night. Louisburg takes on Pamlico (7-3), and Bunn entertains Tarboro (6-4). The Wildcats finished the regular season with a 9-1 record, while the Warriors earned an 8-2 mark. Game time is set for 7:30 at both sites.

High School U.S. History and Civics and Economics (C+E): The U.S. History and C+E Teachers meeting scheduled for November 16th has been rescheduled for **December 5th from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at the Riverside Campus**. We will be meeting with Judy McGinnis and Kelly Thomas, both DPI Social Studies Consultants. They focus on essential questions, major concepts, terms, thinking skills, activities and resources (print and electronic). If you are unable to attend this meeting, please call me at 496-2600.

Online Reading/Language Arts License Program: This program is being offered by UNC/CH and it's completely online. The program is designed to help practicing classroom and special education teachers of writing, reading and language arts add to their professional license. A new cohort (30 teachers) will begin Fall 2007. The application deadline is May 1st. Go to <http://soe.unc.edu/services/apply/nondegree.php> to complete the application process. If you have questions, please call Mr. Tim Eldred at 919-843-5458 or teldred@email.unc.edu.

Interactive Classroom Training: Please note the date change: **November 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Tech Lab on Riverside Campus. If you plan to attend, please email Susan Leisy.

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