

## Friday Update December 1, 2006

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Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Christmas-Tree Trimming	12/4	4:00 p.m.	Franklin County Courthouse
US History/Civics and Econ Teachers Meeting	12/5	8-10:30 a.m.	Riverside Campus – A107
Board of Education Policy Meeting	12/5	7:00 p.m.	Riverside Campus – A107
Foreign Language Teacher's Meeting	12/5	4:00 p.m.	Mitchell Media Center
PE Teachers Meeting	12/5	4:00 p.m.	Riverside Campus – A107
Dropout Prevention Meeting	12/7	4:00 p.m.	Riverside Campus – A107
Board of Education Meeting	12/11	7:00 p.m.	Riverside Campus – A107
Principals' Meeting	12/13	8:30 a.m.	Riverside Campus – A107
SHAC Meeting	12/15	8:30 a.m.	Child Nutrition Annex
Teacher Workday for Year-Round Calendar	12/20-21	-----	-----
Christmas Break	12/21 -1/1	-----	-----



**Email Addresses Needed:** In an effort to increase the number of subscriptions for First Thursday, we would like for teachers to submit email addresses of their students' parents or guardians. We ask that teachers collect the email addresses of those who would like the publication and send them to [nathanmoreschi@fcschools.net](mailto:nathanmoreschi@fcschools.net).

**Christmas-Tree Trimming:** There will be a Christmas-tree trimming celebration on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Franklin County Courthouse featuring elementary students, art teachers and music teachers from FCS. Elementary students will make ornaments for the tree. Music teachers will lead students in the singing of Christmas Carols.



**Upcoming High School Performances:** If you are looking for a way to spend an evening full of Christmas joy, look no further than Franklin County. Most of the schools have performances coming very soon. Not listed in the calendar is a performance by the Louisburg High School Chorus Ensemble. The group will perform this Saturday at 11 a.m. for the Delta Kappa Gamma Professional Organization at the Louisburg College Green Room.

Event	Date/Time	Site
Royal Elem. Musical	Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m.	Royal Elementary
Terrell Lane Concert	Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m.	TLMS Drama Area
Edward Best Concert	Dec. 12, 7 p.m.	Edward Best Elementary
Bunn Middle Concert	Dec. 12, 7 p.m.	Bunn Middle
Bunn High Concert	Dec. 14, 7 p.m.	Bunn High
LHS/TLMS Concert	Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m.	Louisburg College Auditorium
Bunn Guitar/Chorus	Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m.	Bunn Middle
FES Concert	Dec. 19, 7 p.m.	FES Gymnasium
FHS Band/Chorus	Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m.	FHS Auditorium

**State Superintendent headed for LES:** The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction is holding a town hall-style meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> at Louisburg Elementary from 6:30 – 8 p.m. to raise awareness of the State Board of Education's new Future Ready/21st Century mission. State Superintendent June Atkinson will be present. NCDPI wants to gather input from you and your communities about how to measure schools' success in meeting the goals and challenges of 21st century learning. Parents, school board members, central office administrators, school administrators and teachers are encouraged to attend the event.

**Reduce Kids' Holiday Stress:** Holidays are traditionally thought of as times of family togetherness, gift giving and happiness. Realistically, the holidays can be quite stressful. As adults, we often fail to realize that the holidays can be quite stressful for students as well. There are a few things teachers can do in the classroom to minimize potential stress of students. Because the religious aspect of the holidays can place people in uncomfortable situations, try to emphasize the spirit of sharing, giving and caring for others. Discourage giving gifts at school because it can make other kids feel left out. Organize a holiday project that will allow children to help someone in need. Choose inexpensive participation activities such as making cards for hospitalized children.



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**High School U.S. History and Civics and Economics (C+E):** The U.S. History and C+E Teachers meeting scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled for **December 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Teachers should bring their standard course of study and their curriculum document. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please call me at 496-2600.

**Holiday Safety Tips:** The Holidays are here, and it's not a bad idea to think about being safe when decorating and cooking. Be sure that all of your lights are in good-working order without frayed or exposed wiring. Make sure you turn off your lights when you leave the house or go to bed. Be sure to keep pets and children away from electrical decorations and candles. Do not leaving burning candles unattended. Trees should not be located near fireplaces, vents or heaters. If you are using an artificial tree, make sure it is flame-retardant. In addition, it is a good time to test your smoke alarms. When cooking, be sure not to get distracted and leave the stove or oven unattended.



**Congratulations:** Bunn High School math teacher Melanie Ore recently had an article published in a math publication. You may view her work on the web at the following link: [http://my.nctm.org/eresources/toc.asp?journal\\_id=2](http://my.nctm.org/eresources/toc.asp?journal_id=2) . Once there, click on the article titled ***The Magic of Balanced Groups.***

**Calendar info needed:** If you have information that you would like to include in the weekly calendar for the Friday Update, please email it to NathanMoreschi@fcschools.net.

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