

Franklin County Schools



July Update July 22, 2005

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Board of Education Meeting	08/08/05	7:00 p.m.	MMC
Principals' Retreat	08/10/05	8:30 a.m.	TBA
New Lateral Entry Teachers	08/11&12	8:30-3:30	MMC
Initially Licensed New Teachers	08/15-17	8:30-3:30	Terrell Lane Middle School
FCS Convocation	08/19/05	8:30 a.m.	Bunn High School
Early Release Day – Year Round School	08/24/05	---	REMS and YES
First Day of School Traditional Calendar	08/25/05	---	---
Labor Day Holiday – No School	09/05/05	---	---
Board of Education Meeting	09/12/05	7:00 p.m.	MMC
Principals' Meeting	09/14/05	7:00 p.m.	MMC
Early Release Day – Year Round and Traditional	09/21/05	---	---

Happy First Day of School (REMS and YES): The first day of school for Riverside and Youngsville was a great success. Special “best wishes” go to our newest principal, Mr. Monty Riggs and to our new and returning teachers. Best wishes for a great school year.

Early Release Days: At the June and July board meeting eight early release days were approved for traditional and year round calendar schools. I assured the board that the eight days will be dedicated to Whole Faculty Study Groups, staff meetings and other trainings. If you have the occasion to chat with a board member, please thank them. It was a unanimous vote and it was built on the need for solid and productive staff development and recognition that your plate is full and we had to find quality time dedicated to increasing student achievement.

Early Release Days 2005-2006	
Traditional Calendar	Modified Calendar
September 21	August 24
October 19	September 21
November 16	November 16
January 25	January 25
February 22	February 22
March 29	March 29
May 3	May 3
May 24	May 24

ASCA Training for Principals and Guidance Counselors: On Wednesday, August 3rd, Cynthia Floyd Boyd, Counseling Consultant with the Department of Public Instruction and Audrey Thomasson, Executive Director of NCSCA will present to principals and counselors the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) National Model. This model is a guide from which we can design, develop, implement and evaluate school counseling programs that enhance high student achievement for all students. From this training you will see that the EDSTAR Program supports the ASCA Model. This presentation will begin at 9:00 and end around noon. It will be held in the conference room of the Wiley Mitchell Media Center. Marla ordered all principals a copy of *The ASCA National Model: A Framework for School Counseling Programs*. School counselors already have a copy and should bring it to the workshop. If you cannot attend, please call Marla or me by July 29th.

AP Meetings/Academy: We are in the process of re-thinking and re-designing the AP Meetings/Academy. We would like to combine meeting to avoid redundancy and utter boredom. Our goal is to construct five or six meetings that respond to your needs and the needs of the school system. Please, stay tuned, and we will issue an announcement prior to the first day of school.

2005/2006 School Visits: Within the next week or so, Diane Marks will be calling principals to set up school visits for the first semester. I will visit each school for a walk-through during September, attend a faculty meeting either in September or October, and attend a PTA/PTO meeting during September, October or November. On my walk-through visit I would like to meet with six students and when I attend a faculty meeting I would like at least five prepared questions. I will repeat the process during the second semester (except the PTA/PTO meetings.) Any questions, please call me.

Small Grants Available: The N.C. Civic Education Consortium seeks proposals from schools that offer innovative, collaborative programs to develop citizenship among North Carolina children and youth ages 5-18. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Funds are provided by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. You may download an application and guidelines at www.civics.org.

Have a great August,

Bert L'Homme