

FIRST THURSDAY

BACK TO SCHOOL ISSUE

Our Future, Our Commitment, Our Students

Welcome to a new school year!

Central Office move is underway

At the beginning of July, the Superintendent's Office, CEC, and Office of Student Assignment moved to the Riverside Campus on West River Road. This past week, Dr. Ingram, Executive Director for Curriculum and Instruction, also moved. By January, all remaining central office personnel will move to the Riverside Campus. Thank you for your patience during this transition.

Reading EOG scores released

Last school year at the beginning of June, all our students in Grades 3 through 8 took the End-of-Grade (EOG) tests in reading and math. Students who earned a 3 (at grade level) or 4 (above grade level) were promoted to the next grade. Students who earned a 2 (below grade level) or a 1 (well below grade level) went to summer school for remediation.

During summer school, students had the opportunity to retake the test two times. Look at the chart below; 94.4% of 5th and 95.4% of 8th graders passed the reading test after the second retake. It's important to note that our students didn't take the same test; they took a

different form of the test with different questions.

We are so proud of our students, and we congratulate our teachers for a job well done.

Math EOG Results

You may have noticed that we have not publicized our math test scores. That's because we still don't have scores, and this week we were informed that the scores will be sent to the schools at the beginning of November.

As soon as we have the results, we will share them with parents and the community.

Reading End-of-Grade test results

School	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Bunn Elementary	88.8%	93.8%	95.8%
Edward Best Elem.	88.9%	95.8%	100%
Franklinton Elementary	86.5%	85.0%	98.5%
Laurel Mill Elementary	84.6%	95.8%	90.5%
Louisburg Elementary	81.7%	89.5%	83.1%
Royal Elementary	96.8%	94.4%	94.2%
Youngsville Elementary	93.9%	95.8%	98.0%
Franklin County	87.2%	92.6%	94.4%

School	6 th	7 th	8 th
Bunn Middle	92.2%	95.4%	96.5%
Cedar Creek Middle	91.0%	91.3%	94.6%
Terrell Lane Middle	91.1%	91.9%	94.9%
Franklin County	91.4%	92.8%	95.4%

Percent proficient on the Reading EOG after the second retest

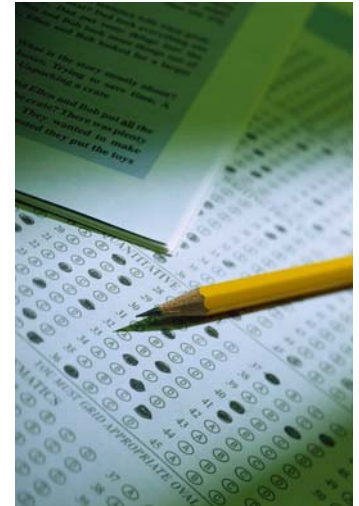
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FCS SAT scores are up

Nationwide, SAT scores took their biggest tumble in 31 years. The good news is that Franklin County Schools' scores increased for the first time since 2003. We are delighted that the scores are going in the right direction, although we know there is much to do before we break the 1000 point goal.

	# Tested	% Tested	Math	Reading	Total
BHS 2004	65	49.6	474	481	955
BHS 2005	77	63.6	490	472	962
BHS 2006	89	54.3	492	468	960
FHS 2004	61	43.0	459	451	910
FHS 2005	84	68.3	463	455	918
FHS 2006	80	49.1	468	458	926
LHS 2004	46	42.2	501	467	968
LHS 2005	55	42.6	470	461	931
LHS 2006	54	52.9	472	464	936
FCS 2004	172	45.0	476	466	942
FCS 2005	216	57.9	474	463	937
FCS 2006	223	52.0	478	463	941



TIPS FOR PARENTS

Positive steps toward better discipline

The 2006-2007 school year is here. To ensure a more successful year for children, parents, and teachers, consider the following suggestions concerning discipline offered by the National Education Association.

Emphasize your children's good qualities. Reward them once in a while. Consider reading to them, participating in their favorite activity, or hugging as their reward. Listening, talking with them, showing your love and your interest are everyday rewards they will appreciate.

Make expectations clear. Set limits for actions your children are not ready to control themselves. Make reactions to their behavior clear and consistent. Do not make rules you cannot or have no intention of enforcing.

State clear requests; make it easy for the child to follow your directions. Say "Please put your papers and books on your desk" rather than "We have to clear the table for dinner."

Encourage responsible decision making. Allow your children to make decisions for themselves **when appropriate**. Do not give them choices about matters that should be decided by adults. When children make questionable decisions, discuss the resulting consequences with them.

Set a good example. Remember that children imitate what they see and hear. Be sure that your behavior supports the values you teach them.

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Board selects new Elementary School site

At the July Board of Education meeting, the board selected a site for the new elementary school. This site was the top site selected by a group of teachers, parents, and administrators. It is located at the corner of Burt Winston and Long Mill Roads. The new school will relieve overcrowding at Royal, Youngsville, and Franklinton Elementary Schools.

Construction Update

The new school year is off and running and the students at Bunn and Louisburg High Schools are in the midst of nearly twenty million dollars in construction projects. The projects are slated to be finished by the beginning of the 2007 school year. But that means that the 2006/2007 school year will be characterized by dust, mud, noise, and construction barriers. Mr. Blice and Mr. Kelley, along with Mr. Piper, are regularly meeting with construction supervisors to ensure that your children are safe. Please encourage your children to obey construction signs and parking requirements.



Student Schedule

- All FCS elementary schools will run from 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
- Hours for middle schools will be 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
- High schools will begin at 7:45 a.m. and dismiss at 2:45.

DRESS CODE POLICY

Parents, we need your help!

Faculty and administration are working diligently to successfully implement the Board of Education's Dress Code Policy for students. We cannot implement the code unless we are all singing from the same sheet of music. It's not all that complicated – everything covered from upper

chest to mid thigh and nothing provocative or inappropriate printed on any article of clothing. A copy of the dress code is in the Student Handbook and on our website. We are convinced that a fully implemented and meaningful dress code is the first step to ensuring that our schools are safe and orderly.

Event	Date	Time	Location
School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)	9/8	8:30 a.m.	Child Nutrition Annex
Board of Education Meeting	9/11	7:00 p.m.	Riverside Campus - A107
Principals' Meeting	9/13	8:30 a.m.	Riverside Campus - A107
Dropout Prevention Meeting	9/14	4:00 p.m.	Riverside Campus - Library
Assistant Principals' Academy Meeting	9/19	4:00 p.m.	Riverside Campus - A107
Board of Education Meeting	9/25	7:00 p.m.	Riverside Campus - A107
School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)	10/6	8:30 a.m.	Child Nutrition Annex
Principals' Meeting	10/11	8:30 a.m.	Riverside Campus - A107
Assistant Principals' Academy Meeting	10/17	4:00 p.m.	Riverside Campus - A107
Superintendent's Teachers Advisory Council (STAC)	10/18	4:00 p.m.	Laurel Mill Elementary School

Cedar Creek Middle School teacher Deborah Young presents PBS (Positive Behavior Support) tickets to students Mandrel Eaton and Lauren Taylor.

PBS is a proactive systems approach to school-wide discipline designed to be responsive to current social and educational challenges. PBS has an instructional focus where emphasis is placed on teaching behavioral expectations directly, teaching social behaviors like academic skills, maximizing academic engagement and success, and considering the influence of instructional support.



Board Notes

Policies

The Board of Education will be working on several policies this year. At the top of the list will be Extracurricular Activity Eligibility, followed by high school promotion standards, Tobacco-Free Schools, and various policies that govern the use of technology and the Internet. Each month, we will give you an opportunity to provide input and an update regarding their progress. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Dr. L'Homme at 919-496-2600.

School Board minutes and agendas can be found on our homepage at www.fcschools.net

Positive Steps

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Have fun with your children.

Enjoy sports, games, hobbies, visits to interesting locations with them. Invite them to join you in some of your favorite activities as well.

Encourage your children to ask questions and express their points of view.

Answer questions in an honest and age-appropriate manner. Respect their points of view; teach them to respect others' points of view as well. Teach them how to discuss, not argue, about differences of opinion.

Encourage your children to respect proper authority at home, at school, and in other areas of their lives.

Certain rules must be followed. Help your children understand the problems they create for themselves and others when they argue about or refuse to follow rules.

Good discipline at home is the basis of respect for discipline away from home.

(Ideas from the NEA website and Submitted to FCS by Tar River Baptist Association)