

FIRST THURSDAY

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Franklin County Schools

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FCS Shines With ABCs

*Nine schools make
expected growth*

Measuring student academic growth from year to year can be a difficult task, but nonetheless, there are models in place to accurately measure overall student achievement from year to year.

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction sets growth goals for each school in the state using the ABC model. This model is aligned to national standards.

The preliminary ABC results are in from the 2007-2008 year, and 9 of 13 schools in Franklin County met expected growth. Eight of those same schools met high growth.

"Our students are learning at a high rate," FCS Superintendent Dr. Bert L'Homme said. "They are exceeding the goals set by the state."

Schools earning the High Growth title are Cedar Creek Middle School, Terrell Lane Middle School, Youngsville

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Long Lost Ring

Read about a lost ring that showed up in after 30 years in the Laurel Mill area. [Page 10](#)

Back To **SCHOOL**



Youngsville Elementary began the new school year in mid-July. YES Assistant Principal Monica Headen welcomes a family to the school. YES has nearly 300 less students this year due to the addition of Long Mill Elementary.

Sun Rising For New School Year

The 2007-2008 school year was one of strong success for Franklin County Schools.

Student achievement was up in all areas, including writing, math and overall composite. Not only did achievement rise, a \$53 million school construction bond was approved by the public. Construction projects throughout the system will be funded with that money, including a new Franklinton High School that will open in the fall of 2011.

In addition, nine schools made expected growth, and eight of those made high growth. For more on that story, see the ABC story on the first page of this publication.

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Long Mill Elementary School is ready for students. The first day of class is August 25th.

Elementary School Profiles

Bunn Elementary School

Principal: Jewel Eason

Assistant Principal: Julie White

Phone: 919-496-4015

Fax: 919-496-0301

Class begins: 8:00 a.m.

Dismissal: 2:45 p.m.



Jewel Eason

Wildcats

Edward Best Elementary

Principal: Debbie Ayscue

Assistant Principal: Rodney White

Phone: 919-853-2347

Fax: 919-853-6759

Class begins: 8:00 a.m.

Dismissal: 2:45 p.m.



Debbie Ayscue

Panthers

Franklinton Elementary

Principal: Carol Davis

Assistant Principal: Onnie Mitchell Burrell

Phone: 919-494-2479

Fax: 919-494-7115

Class begins: 8:00 a.m.

Dismissal: 2:45 p.m.



Carol Davis

Falcons

Elementary School Profiles

Laurel Mill Elementary School

Principal: Genie Faulkner

Assistant Principal: Wanda Keith

Phone: 919-853-3577

Fax: 919-853-3579

Class begins: 8:00 a.m.

Dismissal: 2:45 p.m.



Genie Faulkner

Bulldogs

Long Mill Elementary School

Principal: Kim Ferrell

Assistant Principal: Carleen Jones

Phone: 919-554-0667

Fax: 919-554-1765

Class begins: 8:30 a.m.

Dismissal: 3:15 p.m.



Kim Ferrell

Long Mill

Louisburg Elementary School

Principal: William Harris

Assistant Principal: Judy Stover

Phone: 919-496-3676

Fax: 919-496-2460

Class begins: 8:00 a.m.

Dismissal: 2:45 p.m.



William Harris

Mustangs

Elementary School Profiles

Royal Elementary School

Principal: Rob Bendel

Assistant Principal: Shawnee Perry-Manley

Phone: 919-496-7377

Fax: 919-496-7343

Class starts: 8:00 a.m.

Dismissal: 2:45 p.m.



Rob Bendel

Knights

Youngsville Elementary

Principal: Rick Smith

Assistant Principal: Monica Headen

Phone: 919-556-5250

Fax: 919-556-3962

Class starts: 8:00 a.m.

Dismissal: 2:45 p.m.



Rick Smith

Jr. Jaguars

For more information concerning all FCS schools:

<http://www.fcschools.net>

Middle School Profiles

Bunn Middle School

Principal: Roosevelt Alston

Assistant Principals: Amy Miller and Carla Coble

Phone: 919-496-7700

Fax: 919-496-1404

Class starts: 8:15 a.m.

Dismissal: 3:15 p.m.



Roosevelt Alston

Bulldogs

Cedar Creek Middle School

Principal: Brooke Wheeler

Assistant Principals: Jim Harris and Jeffrey Smale

Phone: 919-554-4848

Fax: 919-570-5143

Class starts: 8:15 a.m.

Dismissal: 3:15 p.m.



Brooke Wheeler

Jaguars

Terrell Lane Middle School

Principal: Novella Brown

Assistant Principals: Dr. John Cubbage and Valerie Kearson

Phone: 919-496-1855

Fax: 919-496-1370

Class starts: 8:15 a.m.

Dismissal: 3:15 p.m.



Novella Brown

Tornados

High School Profiles

Bunn High School

Principal: Robin Faulkner

Assistant Principals: Freda Clifton and Melissa Yeazel

Phone: 919-496-3975

Fax: 919-496-6943

Class starts: 7:45 a.m.

Dismissal: 2:45 p.m.



Robin Faulkner

Wildcats

Franklinton High School

Principal: Charles Fuller

Assistant Principals: Ernest Wheeler and David Averette

Phone: 919-494-2332

Fax: 919-494-5140

Class starts: 7:45 a.m.

Dismissal: 2:45 p.m.



Charles Fuller

Red Rams

Louisburg High School

Principal: Chris Blice

Assistant Principals: Bill Askins and Falisa Carter

Phone: 919-496-3725

Fax: 919-496-2505

Class starts: 7:45 a.m.

Dismissal: 2:45 p.m.



Chris Blice

Warriors

FCS ABC Growth 2004-2008

School	2007-2008		2006-2007		2005-2006		2004-2005	
	Expected	High	Expected	High	Expected	High	Expected	High
BES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
BHS	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
BMS	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
CCMS	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
EBES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
FES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
FHS	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO
LMES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
LES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
LHS	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
TLMS	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
RES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES

ABC

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Elementary, Royal Elementary, Louisburg Elementary, Laurel Mill Elementary, Franklinton Elementary and Edward Best Elementary.

"I'm especially proud of these results," Royal Elementary Principal Rob Bendel said. "We are exceeding expectations, and our composite is more than 80 percent. These results are preliminary, but we could become a

School of Distinction.

"The fact that we had such a large number of schools exceed expectations this year really shows our instructional focus is in the right spot. We have a lot of programs going on countywide that are really working."

One of the programs Bendel particularly praised was Whole Faculty Study Groups.

"This program is really working," Bendel said. "Rather than talking about management, we really come up with ways to improve student achievement."

Bunn Elementary met expected growth.

While Bunn High, Franklinton High and Louisburg High did not meet expected growth, this does not mean that overall performance went down. In fact, the overall performance composite went up at each of those schools.

"Some of our schools did not meet expected growth, and this is not taken lightly," L'Homme said. "We do know that all our schools are committed to improving and excelling, and the trend to improve will continue."

By meeting ABC goals, teachers are eligible to receive ABC bonus money.

- Nathan Moreschi

For more information concerning ABC data, visit:

<http://abcs.ncpublicschools.org/abcs/>

Core Plus —A New Approach to Mathematics

Learning how to properly execute and truly understand mathematics often takes a special talent. Teaching those skills is arguably even more difficult.

Traditionally, high school math students enroll in courses such as Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, an advanced mathematics course and then into early stages of calculus. These courses usually last for a semester in the block system or over a full year in a year-long traditional program.

Well, there could be a big change on the horizon for the way mathematics is taught in Franklin County – Core Plus Mathematics, a 10-year old system developed at the University of Michigan.

Rather than the traditional system of working out many line problems and utilizing formulas, Core Plus focuses on potential real-life situations. Remember those word problems you worked on when taking mathematics? Those problems were real problems, and Core Plus focuses on applying math to help solve complex situations.

Core Plus offers a great deal of group-based learning but still utilizes all the skills learned from traditional math.

Students enrolled in Core Plus will



FHS teacher Elisabeth Waybright and LHS teacher Rebecca Nichols were impressed with Core Plus after attending a week-long conference.

not take the traditional courses, but each level of Core Plus (four levels total) grabs math concepts from each of the traditional mathematic focus areas.

This past July, several FCS teachers attended a week-long workshop for Core Plus training, and many of them found the experience quite uplifting.

“It’s radically different, but it is good in that the kids get to teach themselves,” Louisburg High School teacher Rebecca Nichols said. “Sometimes they really need to do that in order to truly understand it. If implemented, it will be really good. You

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Now, the 2008-2009 year has arrived. Youngsville Elementary School, a year-round school, began class in mid-July, while the remaining 13 schools will open for students on August 25th. Teachers report August 18th.

With the new school year comes a new school – Long Mill Elementary

School.

School Principal Kim Ferrell reports that the move-in process has gone quite smoothly.

The school will open with more than 400 students but has a capacity of 650 students.

There are a variety of new programs this year, especially for high school students.

The Evening High School is now a reality. This program is designed for students who have hardships and cannot attend school during the tradi-

tional hours. Students with a hardship and are one or two credits away from graduation can use this program to complete their high school diploma.

The Evening High School will be housed on the Riverside Campus in Louisburg at the Creative Education Center. The intent of this program is to help prevent students from dropping out of school.

- Nathan Moreschi

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really get to do a lot of hands-on activities – the kids really enjoy that.”

Nichols has taught math at LHS for five years.

Franklinton High School math teacher Elisabeth Waybright is also a big proponent of the program.

“I like that you don’t use traditionally problem sets,” Waybright said. “It is reality based and experimental. The teacher really becomes a facilitator with this.”

Oftentimes people are opposed to Core Plus mathematics due to the dramatic difference compared to traditional mathematics.

One of the biggest current concerns is that it does not align perfectly to current end of course test administered by the state. However, the systems that have used Core Plus have found that the EOC results are no different than those produced from the traditional system.

Will this program be implemented in FCS soon?

There is no current plan of action to switch to Core Plus math. The system is currently being explored.

“As a school system, we are always looking for ways to educate our students better,” FCS Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Eddie Ingram said. “This is an innovative way to teach mathematics, but we want to be cautious with making a change this big. There really does appear to be a lot of merit to Core Plus. If we were to switch, it would have to be a gradual transition. This would be an ideal program to start with our incoming freshman at some point. It would be unfair to make this change for students who are already enrolled in traditional math courses.”

The program was developed in 1998 by the University of Michigan. If you would like more information, visit www.mich.edu/cmpm.



FHS AP David Averette participates in a Core Plus activity.



FCS Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Eddie Ingram gets feedback from Bunn High math teacher Armenia Davis and Cedar Creek Middle lead math teacher Margo Sledge during a Core Plus conference held in Raleigh in July.

Long Lost Class Ring Shows Up

It's not uncommon to lose a ring of any type and never see it again.

While some rings are found in the sofa, car or in the dryer after the initial misplacement, they typically aren't recovered nearly 30 years later.

Well, sometimes crazy events happen. Laurel Mill Elementary employees Rosa Johnson and Rhonda Tharrington were approached with a ring from Gold Sand School dated 1969. The ring was discovered in the 1980s

at a carwash in Tennessee. For years, the person who found the ring wondered where it belonged. The finder researched to find Gold Sand School but never found it because the school is now closed, but is now the location of Laurel Mill.

An innocent day on the Internet turned into the key ingredient to finding the correct resting place for the ring. An advertisement appeared for a Gold Sand reunion, and the person who found the ring took action

and followed the trail to Laurel Mill. Johnson and Tharrington began searching records based on the initials in the ring and found the owner—Regina Privette's uncle Jim.

The ring was found at a car wash in Tennessee. Privette's uncle spent some time there working 30 years ago and misplaced the ring while there. Unfortunately Privette's uncle is now deceased, but the family now has another artifact by which to remember him.

Help Children With School Supplies

One of the best ways to get off to a good start to the school year is to be properly prepared. Most schools offer supply lists through the FCS website. Visit www.fcschools.net for more information. Click on the button on the top of the screen to navigate to the school of your choice.

Oftentimes, many students cannot afford school supplies. If you would like to donate supplies to help children, you may do so through the Tar River Baptist Association.

Even the most basic supplies can be a huge help. Among the more popular items include No. 2 pencils, ball-point

pens, highlighters, markers, crayons, erasers, glue sticks, zip-lock bags, 3-ring binders, spiral notebooks, graph paper, index cards, rulers, folders with pockets and protractors.

For more information about donating, call the Tar River Baptist Association at 919-496-7172.

Visit the FCS website for more details about all the schools.

www.fcschools.net

Open House Dates

School	Date	Time and Notes
Bunn Elementary	August 21st	4-6 p.m.
Bunn High School	August 19th	Freshman/New Student Orientation 6-8 p.m. Parent Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Bunn Middle School	August 19th	5-7 p.m.
Cedar Creek Middle School	August 19th	6th (4:30-p.m.) 7th-8th (6-7:30 p.m.)
Edward Best Elementary School	August 21st	3:30-5:30 (1-5), Kindergarten 6-7 p.m.
Franklinton Elementary School	August 21st	6-8 p.m.
Franklinton High School	August 21st	Freshman Orientation 6-8 p.m.
Laurel Mill Elementary School	August 21st	4-6 p.m.
Long Mill Elementary School	August 21st	5-7 p.m.
Louisburg Elementary School	August 21st	5:30-7 p.m.
Louisburg High School	August 19th	6-8 p.m.
Royal Elementary School	August 21st	5-7 p.m.
Terrell Lane Middle School	August 19th	5-6:30 p.m. (6th), 6:30-8 p.m. (7th,8th)

Up To Code?

HALT!

- . NO Hats, sunglasses, sweatbands and bandannas
- . NO Tank tops and spaghetti straps
- . NO Shorts higher than mid-thigh
- . NO Skirts and dresses more than 3 inches above the top of the knee
- . NO Shirts and blouses that expose waist or midriff

FCS Dress Code Policy

Dress Code Policy 4050 may be found in its entirety in the FCS Policy Manual and in the Student Code of Conduct handbook.

Appropriate Dress

FCS requires that students dress appropriately for school. Students must be covered from upper chest to mid-thigh; NO excessively baggy clothing or visible underwear; NO clothing which promotes alcohol, tobacco, the use of controlled substances, racism, violence or is of a sexual or disruptive nature; NO jewelry or symbols which convey membership or affiliation with a gang.

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- VACATION
- HOLIDAYS
- STUDENT DAY
- TEACHER WORKDAYS
- EARLY RELEASE DAY

- Makeup Days
 - Oct. 17
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 - Feb. 16
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- Early Release Days
 - Sept. 10
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FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOLS
YEAR-ROUND CALENDAR
2008-2009

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	Vacation Days
	Extended Learning
	Early Release Days
	Track-out Days

Make-up Days:	Early Release Days:
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