

School Bond on May 6th Ballot

On May 6th, 2008, the residents of Franklin County will be asked to weigh their approval or disapproval of a \$53.3 million school construction bond in the primary election.

Information outlining the construction needs within Franklin County Schools can be found on the system website at www.fcschools.net.

Twelve of the existing 13 schools would receive renovations or upgrades if the bond is approved by the public. The cost to the public would be \$50 per \$100,000 of taxable property.

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Penn State Bound



David Howle, BHS football coach, is very proud of his son Ty. Ty, a junior at Bunn High, inked a deal to play football at Penn State University.

Wildcat Football Star Signs With Nittany Lions



Coaching Legend Joe Paterno takes time to pose with one of his latest recruits—Ty Howle of BHS.

Ty Howle has been a fixture in the Bunn High School football program since he was born. The BHS junior helped as ball boy as a youngster and continues to star as the starting center for the Wildcats.

His dedication, enthusiasm and ability to play football landed him a spot on one of the largest stages in all of college football – Penn State University.

In the fall of 2009, when Ty is suiting up, it will be under the direction of the legendary Joe Paterno.

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Boston University Student Barbara Moreno helps at TLMS student with the Manga reading project.

Spring Breakers Return To TLMS

College Spring Break. More than likely when a person sees or hears those words, they are thinking of trips to the beach and time to enjoy the sun and water.

While that is often the route college students take for spring break, not all choose to do so.

Terrell Lane Middle School plays hosts to Boston University students who opt for an alternative spring break each year.

Rather than taking the traditional route, these college students take that week to help middle school students sharpen their classroom abilities in a variety of curriculum, including reading and math.

Barbara Moreno, who is a political science major and speaks English, Spanish and Japanese, made the trip with 12 other Boston University students during the second week of March.

"I really like Louisburg a lot," Moreno said. "The people are very nice to us – there is a lot of southern hospitality here."

Moreno primarily helped out with reading, writing and math during her five days at Terrell Lane Middle. Her background in Japanese made her a big asset for a Manga grant that was obtained by the efforts of TLMS teacher Harriet Thomas and TLMS Media Specialist Nancy Shaffer.

Manga is Japanese style comic books and students in Thomas' class read them to compare and contrast to books they were used to reading. Students noted quite a few differences, and most students found them quite interesting.

The grant was for \$1,000 and came from the North Carolina School Library Media Association.

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Alston New BMS Principal; Ferrell Selected to Open Long Mill; Frederickson Elementary Director

The Franklin County Board of Education appointed Kim Ferrell Principal of Long Mill Elementary School, Roosevelt Alston Principal of Bunn Middle School and Linda Frederickson Director of Elementary Education in March

Ferrell, who is currently the Principal of Laurel Mill Elementary School, will take on her new post on April 14th. Long Mill Elementary School is slated to open in August of this year.

"I'm excited about the transition – I'm ready for it," Ferrell said. "I want to bring us together as a family – we need to be united. We are going to put children first, and that is what will bring us together."

Ferrell began working for Franklin County Schools in 1992 as a teacher at Bunn Elementary School. She helped open Royal Elementary School in 2002 as an assistant principal and was appointed Principal of Laurel Mill in 2004.

Ferrell intends on using her already successful method of leading by providing a safe and orderly environment, eliminating



Roosevelt Alston is now the Bunn Middle School Principal.

achievement gaps and staying committed to staff development.

She is also intent on leading Long Mill to a North Carolina School of Excellence.

Ferrell earned her Bachelors of Science in Early Childhood Education in 1990 from Fayetteville State University and col-

lected a Masters in School Administration in 2002 from N.C. State University.

Alston is in his 32nd year with Franklin County Schools. He has spent the last six years as an assistant principal at Louis-

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Kim Ferrell (above) has been with Franklin County Schools for 18 years and will continue in the fall as Principal at Long Mill Elementary School. Linda Frederickson (left) has been with FCS for 20 years and will leave her post as Principal of Franklinton Elementary School this June for her new job as Director of Elementary Education and Title I.

Principals

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burg High School and begins his principalship at Bunn Middle on Monday. During his 32 years, Alston also taught at Edward Best and Bunn Middle School. He graduated from Edward Best High School in 1972 and went on to earn his Bachelors Degree in Education from Elizabeth City State College. He later received a Masters in School Administration from N.C. State University.

"This is hopefully a culmination of my career – this is what I've always wanted to do," Alston said. "I want to hit the ground running and keep a good ship headed in the right direction."

Frederickson will begin her duties as Director of Elementary Education on July 1st. She has been the Principal of Franklinton Elementary since 2001 and spent three years as an assistant principal at Cedar Creek Middle from 1999 through 2001. Frederickson taught science for FCS from 1985 through 1999.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity," Frederickson said. "I intend to be very visible in the schools, and I'm looking forward to continuing to serve the children. It's tough leaving Franklinton Elementary, but I'm still going to be working with the school."

Frederickson received her Masters of School Administration in 2001 from UNC-Greensboro and received a Bachelor of Science degree from UNCG as well (1985).



Ty Howle, center, has worked hard throughout his prep career. His success both on and off the playing field have landed him a slot on the football team at Penn State University.

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Ty's scholarship to Penn State is just as sweet for his father David Howle. That's right, the same David Howle who coaches Ty at Bunn High School - the same David Howle who is the head coach for the Wildcats and consistently leads his squad to winning seasons.

"When Tyler committed to Coach Paterno, I had tears coming out of my eyes," David Howle said. "I was proud as a father, and proud as a coach. I never thought Ty would end up going somewhere like Penn State."

Ty is one player on an ever-extending list of great football players at Bunn High School. In 2009, Bunn High could potentially have five Division I football players on the field. Others include Joey Henn (Air Force), Brandon Barnes (N.C. State), Mike Rinfrette (Wake Forest) and

Kerry Neal (Notre Dame).

Ty had some tough decision making to do throughout the process. Several universities expressed a big interest in Ty, including East Carolina, Georgia Tech and the Naval Academy.

Penn State made a call expressing interest in mid February, and a few hours after the initial contact, PSU was ready to sign Ty.

But it wasn't until late March when Tyler finally made up his mind during a five-day visit to the school. After visiting with the legendary Paterno and hearing testimonials from current coaches and players, Ty was hooked. He finalized his decision on March 23 - Easter Sunday.

"The academic program there is great - they have one of the highest graduation rates in the country, and that means a lot to me," Ty said.

Ty's academic success is impressive as well - he currently has a 4.2 grade-point-average.

"The football program is tremendous - they are always competing for a BCS bowl. It's going to be an honor to play for Penn State."

Ty said there wasn't one particular moment during his visit to the school that made him make his decision. He was impressed by the entire place.

"I loved the campus," Ty said. "I was in awe the entire time. You can feel the excitement there. There is a big sense of family there - that is very important to me."

Making the decision before his senior year of football was equally important for Ty. He wanted to be able to focus on his final year playing as a Wildcat.

"We were one game away from the state championship when I was a freshman, and I want to get to the championship game," Ty said.

Ty has had countless conversations with his father about football and shares a deep bond with his dad on and off the field.

"This is very special for both of us," Ty said. "We share so much together, and to be able to have this opportunity makes everything that much more special. He's my coach everyday of my life."

After the decision was made, both Ty and his father shared a few tender moments.

"It's one of those special moments in life," David Howle said. "It almost seems like it was meant to be. He fits right in at Penn State."

- Nathan Moreschi



First In NC



FHS students Christina Weaver, Tracy Setta and Andrea Greer each placed first in their category in the Women's Club of North Carolina Art Contest. This contest is open to all high school students in the state.

Andrea Greer, Tracy Setta and Christina Weaver each won the top prize in a recent art contest for their outstanding work. Greer was first in pastel, Setta was tops in sculpture and Weaver was unmatched in charcoal.

The Women's Club of North Carolina sponsors an Art Contest every year with prize money accompanying 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

winners. Franklinton High School students have entered art in this event for 3 years; this year students entered about 80 works of art. The contest is divided into 3 levels: local, district and state. Locally the Franklinton Women's Club hires a judge and presents trophies and medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place win-

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Australia Or Bust!

Paige Absher of Youngsville Elementary School is bound and determined to raise enough money for a trip to Australia. Absher is using her talent for making greeting cards and other nifty items to raise the funds for a Student Ambassador trip to Australia. She was hard at work during the recent Youngsville Business Expo.

Art Show

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ners. The local 1st place winners are selected to compete for awards in a district contest which includes several of the surrounding counties. Out of 9 possible media categories, Franklinton sent seven 1st place local winners to the district competition winning five 1st places, one 2nd place and one 3rd place.

District Results

Hollie Estes—1st—color pencil
 Andrea Greer—1st—pastel
 Mandy Peedin—1st—painting
 Tracy Setta—1st—sculpture
 Christina Weaver—1st—charcoal
 Kaitlyn Averette—2nd—pen and ink
 Lindsay Golden—3rd—pencil

State Results

Andrea Greer—1st—pastel
 Tracy Setta—1st—sculpture
 Christina Weaver—1st—charcoal



Boston University's Samantha Barry shares a laugh with a TLMS student while helping with school work.



Jessica Taylor, Jess Tannhausser and Hannah Feder each enjoyed their week-long visit at TLMS.

TLMS

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The goal with the Manga Project is to improve reading competency, collaborative skills and self-direction for 56 TLMS students.

"It was a lot of fun working with the students on this project (Manga)," Moreno said.

"It really exposes the students to something different, and that has to help them read better. It was really nice to see them engaged in something different and learn at the same time."

As a special treat, Moreno wrote each child's name in Japanese. She has studied Japanese since she was a freshman in high school. Moreno's help throughout

the week was mirrored by the rest of the Boston University students. Each year the group leaves a lasting impression in many ways on the staff and students of Terrell Lane.

The final day features a day-long poetry slam in which students and anyone else who is interested reads a poem to their class. The stage of the event is in the school media center.

It's not too difficult to find a stamp from each group that has visited Terrell Lane. As part of a tradition, the groups put their artistic abilities together and paint a mural somewhere on the Terrell Lane Campus. Murals can be found in both the cafeteria and the media center.

2008 Alternative Spring Break Members

Jess Tannhausser

Major – Business, Marketing/Finance

Hannah Feder

Major – Business Administration and Management

Samantha Barry

Major – Psychology

Minor – Visual Art

Barbara Moreno

Major – Political Science

Yevgeniya Mazlina

Major – Hospitality

Ray Curran

Major – Secondary Education in Biology

Elisa Laure

Major – International Relations

Julie McCormack

Major – International Relations

Jessica Taylor

Major – International Relations

Mina Vahedi

Major – Elementary Education

Emma Kaplan

Major: Horn Performance and Musical Education

Annie McCormack

Major – Arts and Sciences (undecided)

Minor – Public Health

John Douglas

Grad student – Social Work



Boston University students helped out with many topics during their visit, including the Manga project. Manga books are Japanese comic books and students received them through a grant.

- Nathan Moreschi

Olympic Performers



The Special Olympics returned to Franklin County for the first time since 1999 this past March. Through the efforts of Franklin County Schools and the Franklin County Parks and Recreation Department, the event was a huge success with athletes from all over the county competing. Wendy Vavrousek of FCS stated there's already talk of a return of the games for next year. Volunteers from throughout the county were on hand to help run the event in a smooth fashion—from the opening ceremony to the competition and the closing ceremony. Volunteers were from No-vozymes, FCS, Franklin County Parks and Recreation, Franklin County Government and FHS Spanish Honor Society.



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The biggest of the projects is a replacement facility for the current Franklinton High School. This project would cost \$41 million and would be built on an already existing 75-acre site at the intersection of Lane Store and Cedar Creek Roads between Youngsville and Franklinton.

Franklinton High School is very near capacity now and is projected to exceed capacity by the start of the 2008-2009 school year.

If the school bond is approved by the public, the new high school would open three years from that point. The first year is used to obtain building permits, etc. The actual construction period is about two years for a new high school.

Results of the 2004 bond can be seen throughout the county. Currently at FHS there is a new building being built that will house 10 classrooms. It will be ready by the start of



The new Bunn High School auditorium was funded from the 2004 bond.

the next school year.

Future plans for Franklinton High School, if a new school is built, are to change it to a middle school. That current 10-classroom facility being

built would be turned into a practice gym to fix the spatial problem of the current gym. Currently students walk three blocks to the FHS gymnasium.

Louisburg High School has an entirely different look after the 2004 bond and is a much-more functional campus. There is a new Career and Technical Education building, along with a new administration building, cafeteria and media center.

Bunn High School is seeing huge results from 2004 bond. Bunn High has a new CTE building, a new cafeteria, a new classroom building and a nearly completed new auditorium.

The new classroom building saw its first day of full service on April 2nd.

If you have any questions regarding the bond or any other aspect of FCS, please call Nathan Moreschi at 919-496-2600. You may also email him at nathanmoreschi@fcschools.net.



April 2 marked the first day in the new BHS classroom building.

- Nathan Moreschi



Math Whizzes

Bunn High School students participated in the regional contest for the North Carolina State Mathematics Contest. The event was held March 3rd at East Carolina University. Pictured left to right are: (kneeling: Bianca Smith, Molly Ashline, Jada Robinson; standing: Catelyn Gupton, Bradley Davis, Alysha Wonka, Reighlah Collins, and Robert Windsor.) With over 600 students testing in either Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and Comprehensive, Bianca Smith placed in a tie for 3rd place for the Geometry test.

Cinderella With A Twist



Franklinton Elementary students put on a grand performance in their annual *A Twisted Cinderella Story*. People flooded the seats of the Franklinton High School auditorium to catch a showing of the unique play. The show ran on two occasions, and both were a strong success.

