

SAT Scores Released

Scholastic Aptitude Test scores increased in 2009 for Louisburg High School, but as a district, scores declined.

Louisburg, led by Principal Freda Clifton, increased seven points in critical reading to 480, and jumped 11 points in math to 494. The combined score increase was 18 points for an average of 974. Fifty-seven students took the test from Louisburg High last year.

"I'm very proud of the performance of the students, as well as the teachers who helped prepared them for the SAT," Clifton said. "This is great for Louisburg High School, and we hope to continue to improve in the future. We

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It's Official

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09 ABC Report



Royal Elementary students have a lot to be proud of—including being a NC School of Distinction. Youngsville Elementary also earned the honor.

NC Schools of Distinction

Royal, Youngsville Shine in ABC Report

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction released the annual ABC accountability report August 6th with Royal Elementary and Youngsville Elementary earning recognition as NC Schools of Distinction.

The ABC report is a state measurement of school progress based on state testing results. In the end, Royal tallied an overall composite score of 80.3 percent proficient, while Youngsville finished at 80.0 percent proficient. To meet proficiency, students must make a Level III or above on the state reading and math end-of-grade tests. In all, 502 schools throughout the state earned the School of Distinction title.

Preparing for her second year as principal of Royal Elementary, Shawnee Perry-Manley praised her students and staff for their efforts.

"The initiatives through the county and efforts from teachers and

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New FHS Construction Begins—8-10-2009



Community members, Board of Education members, county commissioners, elected officials, school staff, county staff, residents and children came out to witness history in Franklin County on August 10th. The official groundbreaking for the new Franklinton High School took place. The school, located at the intersection of Cedar Creek and Lane Store roads between Youngsville and Franklinton, is scheduled to open in August of 2011. The facility will open with a capacity of 1,200 students and can expand to as many as 1,600 students.

Long Mill Praised by Former President

Alston, Ferrell venture to NY; receive health award, meet Clinton

President Bill Clinton, founder of the William J. Clinton Foundation, joined Dr. Clyde Yancy, president of the American Heart Association, and Dr. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, president and CEO of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), the first week in August to recognize Long Mill Elementary at the Fourth Annual Healthy Schools Program Forum in New York. Long Mill Elementary is one of 114 honorees from across the nation transforming their schools into healthier places for students to learn and staff to work.

“As kids head back to school this fall, it is important to remember that healthy students are more likely to attend class, concentrate on their schoolwork, and perform better academically,” President Clinton said. “I am pleased to recognize 114 outstanding schools that have succeeded in building healthy learning environments for students and staff. To date, the Alliance’s Healthy Schools Program has helped give more than three million kids increased opportunities for physical activity and healthy eating, and we look forward to reaching even more in the year ahead.”

Long Mill Elementary School



LOMES Health/PE teacher Terry Alston happily accepted the award on behalf of Long Mill Elementary.

Principal Kim Ferrell and Long Mill physical education teacher Terry Alston represented the school at the forum.

“This is what needs to be done to do what is right for kids – especially with the obesity rate continuing to go up,” Ferrell said. We are excited about this. Our kids will be healthy and life-long learners. It was very enriching to see so many schools get awarded. This lets us know we are on the right track. We need to do something with it now, or we will be dealing with it later. We want to handle it on the front end.”

Long Mill Elementary formed a School Wellness Council during the 2008-2009 school year. The idea of the council stemmed from the direction of Marla Peoples, FCS Director of Student Support Services.

The program was a strong first-year success with the implementation of many initiatives that included healthy eating themes for different months and daily focus areas. In addition, Long Mill began an early arrival exercise program in which students dance in the gymnasium prior to class.

In addition, the FCS Child Nutrition Department, under the leadership of Director Jama G. Stallings, SNS, is helping Long Mill Elementary lead the way in the fight to conquer childhood obesity. Child Nutrition provides nutrition education lessons for students of all grade levels and is taking an active role in several wellness promotions scheduled throughout the year. The 2nd grade students attend an annual Nutrition Fair in which they visit booths such as North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Dental Health, Cooperative Extension, Parks and Recreation and Milk Consumption. They also have the opportunity to go shopping for free at the Farmer’s Market and take home a variety of treats.

Long Mill Child Nutrition Manager Shirley Wright plays a strong part in the continued success. Wright makes sure

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the students are having fun and encourages them to continue to stick to the plan.

“We would not be where we are if it wasn’t for Jama,” Ferrell said. “Jama and her department have been tremendous.”

Long Mill received national recognition on the nationally televised Rachael Ray show earlier this year. School Wellness Council parent representative Tonya Peele represented the school and council for a live taping of the show in New York. Former President Clinton was an integral part of the show that day as well.

“As a district, we encourage all of our students to be as healthy as they possibly can,” Franklin County Schools Interim Superintendent Dr. Eddie Ingram said. “This honor speaks volumes for the strides Long Mill Elementary is taking to ensure that students have the opportunity to learn how to eat healthier as well as exercise while attending school. Franklin County Schools hopes that programs like this will result in life-long habits that lead to healthier lives for the students and faculty.”

Nearly one in three children and teens in the United States is obese or overweight. In response to the epidemic, the Alliance for a Healthier Generation – a joint partnership of the American Heart Association and the William J. Clinton Founda-



The Long Mill Café is just one of many healthy ideas implemented on campus.

tion – established the Healthy Schools Program in 2006 to help schools develop and implement policies and practices to promote healthy eating and increase physical activity. The Healthy Schools Program is supported by funding from RWJF, which has committed \$28 million to the program.

“I don’t think there’s a school in the nation that doesn’t want to be a healthy school,” said Lavizzo-Mourey. “But schools face budget challenges and competing priorities, and they sometimes don’t know where or how to start. The Healthy Schools Program can help any school in the nation—even those with the fewest resources—take positive steps toward becoming healthier places for students and staff.”

The Healthy Schools Program takes a comprehensive ap-

proach to helping schools create healthier environments by working with them to improve access to healthier foods; increase physical activity opportunities before, during and after school; enhance nutrition education; and establish school employee wellness programs. Support is tailored so that every school creates its own local approach that matches the specific needs of its community.

“There is no single solution to the complex and compelling problem of the childhood obesity epidemic, which is why this school-based initiative that recognizes achievements around broader, school-wide change is such a great initiative,” said Clyde W. Yancy, M.D., American Heart Association president and medical director for Baylor Heart

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and Vascular Institute at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. "This program encourages innovation and ingenuity. The schools being recognized today have earned the right to be honored for making systemic changes that will make tomorrow's generation healthier."

The program provides free support to more than 5,000 schools in all 50 states as they work to create healthy school environments that promote physical activity and healthy eating for more than three million students.

Schools participating in the Healthy Schools Program are eligible to earn bronze, silver, gold or platinum awards based on their range of healthy eating and physical activity programs and policies. The rigorous program criteria – known as the Healthy Schools Program Best Practice Framework – were developed in consultation with a panel of experts, including representatives from the American Heart Association, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, RWJF and others. The 114 schools being recognized today have met these stringent standards and have positively impacted healthy eating and physical activity behaviors among students and staff.

"That's the thing – we keep score. We independently evaluate the progress schools are making, and we celebrate these

successes," said Ginny Ehrlich, Executive Director of the Alliance for a Healthier Generation. "Not only do we have 114 award-winning schools to celebrate today, but more than three-quarters of Healthy Schools Program schools are making measurable progress towards improving the health of their schools every year that they are involved in the program. Eighty-two percent of our schools have implemented the Alliance's School Beverage Guidelines, and 69 percent have implemented the Alliance's Competitive Foods Guidelines."

Keynote speakers for this year's Forum include President Clinton, Dr. Howell Wechsler, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Division of Adolescent and School Health.

School success stories and photographs of representatives from recognized schools may be downloaded for media use at: <ftp://healthiergeneration.org/media>

Anyone can make a difference in the health of a school by joining the Healthy Schools Program. To find out more, visit HealthierGeneration.org for free tools, tips, resources and updates on ways to help make our children's generation a healthier generation.

About the Alliance

The American Heart Association and the William J. Clinton Foundation joined forces in May of 2005 to create a healthier generation by addressing one of the nation's leading public health

threats – childhood obesity. The goal of the Alliance is to reduce the nationwide prevalence of childhood obesity by 2015 and to empower kids nationwide to make healthy lifestyle choices. The Alliance works to positively affect the places that can make a difference to a child's health: homes, schools, restaurants, doctor's offices and communities. For more information please visit: HealthierGeneration.org.

About the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation focuses on the pressing health and health care issues facing our country. As the nation's largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to improving the health and health care of all Americans, the Foundation works with a diverse group of organizations and individuals to identify solutions and achieve comprehensive, meaningful and timely change. For more than 35 years the Foundation has brought experience, commitment, and a rigorous, balanced approach to the problems that affect the health and health care of those it serves. When it comes to helping Americans lead healthier lives and get the care they need, the Foundation expects to make a difference in your lifetime. For more information, visit www.rwjf.org.

Cadets Taking Flight



Bunn Middle School student Tre Zaepst goes through a preflight inspection prior to a 75 minute flight.

Franklin County Civil Air Patrol Takes to The Sky

The Franklin County Civil Air Patrol Composite Squadron 145, led by Bunn Middle math teacher Ben Cason, got first-hand flying experience on August 26 and August 27th.

Cadets experienced flights lasting 1 hour and 15 minutes and were in control of the plane in between takeoff and landing procedures. Prior to taking off, cadets received aerospace education instruction from a 27-lesson curriculum.

Cason hopes the students will go on to receive ROTC scholarships or attend a military academy and have an aviation career.



Hunter Robbins, also a Bunn Middle student, is totally focused on flying the Cessna 172R high above Franklin County. Cadets took off from the Franklin County Airport.

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are looking at additional methods to assure continued improvement.”

FCS Interim Superintendent Dr. Eddie Ingram praised LHS for its performance as well.

“It’s always nice to see an increase in performance level,” Ingram said. “I hope to see continued increases from Louisburg in the future. While the SAT is not the only measuring stick universities use to admit students, many use it as a key factor to predict a student’s potential.”

Bunn High, led by Principal Robin Faulkner, dropped 18 points (480) in math and 39 points (448) in critical reading for a combined math and critical reading score average of 928 points. Eighty-one students took the test from Bunn High last year. That total is down 57 points from 2008.

“You have fluctuations from year to year,” Faulkner said.

“While we do have a few students who take SAT Prep online (as a course), we do not specifically focus on the SAT. We focus on improving reading, writing and math skills because that will result in overall better results in the future.”

Franklinton High School, led by Principal Charles Fuller, declined

School	Math	Critical Reading	Composite
Bunn High	480	448	928
Franklinton High	471	457	928
Louisburg High	494	480	974
FCS Average	481	501	941
State	511	460	1006
Nation	515	501	1016

eight points in critical reading (457) and six points in math (471). FHS’ combined average score was 928, down 14 points from 2008. In all, 67 students took the test from Franklinton High School.

“In a school our size, you have a limited population of students who take the SAT,” Fuller said. “Anytime you have a relative small number of students taking the SAT, the results are much more volatile from year to year. If you had a 1000 students taking the SAT each year, you are much more likely to have a stable number.”

Fuller added that FHS does offer a SAT Prep course in which students are encouraged to enroll. In addition, there is another SAT related course offered online.

“We encourage the students to take the SAT and to take it often,” Fuller said. “You have a wide range of students who take

the SAT. Most who take the test are going to a four-year college and have to take it, but not all.

On a state level, the combined score dropped one point to 1006. Nationwide, scores fell just one point to 1016.

“You never like to see scores of any kind drop, but I’m very confident that scores will increase in the years to come. All of our high schools work very hard to help prepare students for college. While SAT scores have come down some, I’m confident we will see gains in the future.”

While the critical reading and math scores are the most common point of reference, students are also tested in writing.

Bunn High fell 31 points to 433, Franklinton declined 26 points to 441 and Louisburg increased by one point to 458.

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students led to results,” Perry-Manley said. “It’s really nice to see everyone do what is laid out and see it pay off. I’m very proud of our school.”

The feelings were similar in Youngsville.

“This means an awful lot,” Youngsville Elementary School Principal Rick Smith said. “This is a testament to the hard work of the students and teachers. Another big factor for us is the support of our parents. I couldn’t ask for anything else from our parents.”

Smith was pleased not just to make the mark but to also meet the more rigorous goals set by the state.

“The standards were raised two years ago, and just like in the past, we have been able to come back and meet or surpass the new standard,” Smith said.

Both Royal and Youngsville also met growth goals set by the state, both obtaining high-growth status.

Long Mill Elementary, led by Principal Kim Ferrell, also made high growth after just one year of operation with a composite score of 73.8 percent.

Louisburg High School was the only high school to earn high growth status.

“The fact that we made high growth says a lot about the dedication of our teachers and students and how they continue to improve,” LHS Principal Freda Clifton. “We are going to take this success and continue to grow. We have set a goal to improve even more next



Edward Best Elementary students performed well last year, helping the school make expected growth. Above, students play on new equipment purchased through a \$50K donation from Debbie Myatt who received the money through the Box Tops for Education Sweepstakes.

year.”

LHS’ composite was 64.1 percent.

Cedar Creek Middle School rounds out the schools making high growth with a composite of 77.6 percent. CCMS Principal Brooke Wheeler hopes to see her school cross into the School of Distinction category next year.

Making expected growth were Bunn Elementary (73.8), Edward Best Elementary (73.4), Franklinton Elementary (57.4), Laurel Mill Elementary (62.1), Bunn Middle (74.9), Terrell Lane Middle (67.2) and Franklinton High School (68.3).

Although Bunn High did not meet expected growth, the school did improve and recorded the county’s highest composite score for high schools at 71.4 percent.

Louisburg Elementary Schools’ composite score increased by 7.8

percentage points to 56.3, but the school did not meet expected growth levels set by the state.

“It’s wonderful to see many of our schools continuing to perform well and grow,” FCS Interim Superintendent Dr. Eddie Ingram said. “We will continue to work toward the common goal of improvement for all schools. It is important to remember that just because a school did not make expected growth or high growth does not mean the school did not improve. All of our schools are getting better all of the time. We have a talented group of principals and administrators who are dedicated to each child’s education.”

Detailed information concerning ABC results can be found on the Internet at www.ncpublicschools.org.

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Tar River Festival Slated for Sept. 12th

The annual Franklin County Tar River Festival is scheduled to take place on September 12th from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Riverbend Park in Louisburg. This event is fun for the whole family and includes children's inflatable rides, games, live entertainment and lots of food. If you are interested in setting up a station at the event, please contact Brenda Fuller at the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce at 919-496-3056.

Tar River Rush 5K Run/Walk

Sponsored by the
Boys & Girls Club
of North Central North Carolina in Louisburg

On September 12th, the Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central North Carolina - Franklin Unit is hosting the Tar River Rush, a 5k road race that will run through the town of Louisburg. The proceeds from this event will be used to provide *funding for afterschool activities at the Boys & Girls Club which are desperately needed*. Sponsoring this event is a great way to advertise your business to a large group of consumers and show your support for the Club.

We are asking you to consider one of the following sponsorships:

_____ **Gold Sponsor - \$500 donation** - Your company logo will be displayed on the race banner, the logo will also be displayed on the back of the event t-shirt, a sample or coupon of your choice will be placed in the race bag.

_____ **Silver Sponsor - \$250 donation** - Your company logo will be displayed on the back of the event t-shirt, a sample or coupon of your choice will be placed in the race bag.

_____ **Bronze Sponsor - \$100 donation** - Recognition (name only) on the back of the event t-shirt

_____ **Friends of Boys & Girls Club** - Donation of your choice

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paige Sayles at 919-496-1759 or paige-sayles@gmail.com or Laura Terry at 919-218-2984 or tar.river.rush.5K@gmail.com

Please make checks payable to Boys & Girls Clubs of NC



Scenes From The First Week of School



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Louisburg Rotary Donates to Students



Helping with this year's Rotary school supply drive were Rotarian Brian Johnson of BB&T, Louisburg Rotary President Holt Kornegay, Marie Boyette of BB&T and Louisburg Police Chief Rick Lassiter.

The Louisburg Rotary Clubs Annual Back-to-School Supply Drive proved successful once again. "We wanted to make sure that kids who can't afford basic school supplies don't have to go without," said Louisburg Rotary President Holt Kornegay. This year the supplies were needed more than ever. The community support for this drive was so enthusiastic, and we can't thank BB&T enough for their partnership in this project." The partnership is part of BB&T's companywide community service initiative in August and September called the BB&T Lighthouse Project. The philanthropic effort is the largest in BB&T's 137-year history.

The collection bins at BB&T, *The Franklin Times* and the Louisburg Police Station were filled with more than 75 new backpacks, notebooks, pencils, and an assortment of other school items. The materials were presented to Louisburg Police Chief Rick Lassiter, to be distributed to the children. "The teachers and schools identify the children who need these materials and we can see that they (the children) get them," Chief Lassiter said.

The Louisburg Rotary Club is a grassroots organization with many service projects conducted throughout the year. If you want to participate in this or any other community service project sponsored by Rotary, please call 919.495.7813 for more information.