

Friday Update February 9, 2007

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Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Board of Education Meeting	2/12	7 p.m.	Riverside Campus, A107
Music, Band, Drama Teachers' Meeting	2/13	4 p.m.	Riverside Campus, A107
Principals' Meeting	2/14	8:30 a.m.	Riverside Campus, A107
Art Teachers' Meeting	2/15	4 p.m.	Riverside Campus, A120
Assistant Principals' Meeting	2/20	4 p.m.	Riverside Campus, A107
Board of Education Meeting	2/26	7 p.m.	Riverside Campus, A107
Early Release Day	2/28	-----	All Schools
SHAC Meeting	3/2	8:30 a.m.	Child Nutrition Annex

February 19th to be a School Day: Well, the winter weather has had most people wondering a lot lately. There is no reason to question February 19th any more. The day is now scheduled as a school day. Originally the 19th was going to be a teacher workday.



WFSG Update: Carlene Murphy recently visited to discuss the status of Whole Faculty Study Groups. Dr. Eddie Ingram reported that the county is making steady progress, with some individual groups excelling to a very high level. Jewel Eason, Principal at Bunn Elementary School, will travel with a group from BES to make a presentation at the WFSG Conference in Augusta Georgia next week. The group will discuss the effectiveness of the instructional council meetings. Furthermore, many groups in the county have documented improvement for students as a result of WFSG.



Testing News: Testing Coordinator Patty Jones reminds everyone that the spring is a busy time for testing. The writing test for grades 4, 7 and 10 will be conducted on March 13.

QTL Update: The second round of QTL training is going quite well. Teachers in the first session last fall really seemed to enjoy the class, as do the teachers taking the classes right now. If you are interested in taking QTL classes, you could get your chance this coming June. More details will be printed as the time nears.

A Job Well Done: Monty Riggs and the rest of the FCS staff were recognized in a letter from Ed Shearin for their dedication to the recycling program. Shearin, of Franklin County Solid Waste, praised the school system for its continued cooperation.



Understanding the Brain: Want to get a better sense of how the brain works? There will be two workshops on March 23 at the Mitchell Media Center. The first workshop, "Investigating the Teenage Brain", will run from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The second session, "3Ms of Memory: Music, Movement and Make Them Laugh," begins at 12:30 p.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact Beth Denton at 853-2347 (ext. 274) or via e-mail at bethdenton@fcschools.net.

International Program for Educators: World View, an international program for educators, will have two programs in March. Both will be held at the Friday Center on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The first program will be held on March 27-28 and is titled *Latin America and North Carolina*. The program focuses on how to support Latino students in NC schools. The second program, offered on March 28-29, is similar but will focus on students from southern Asia. Teams of educators are encouraged to attend. Seminar fees are \$135 per person for one session or \$225 for both. A team of four can save \$115 by registering for a fee of \$425. Additional team members will be charged \$75. For more information or to register, go online to www.unc.edu/world. Please talk with your principal about registering for this event.



Bullying Meeting Postponed: The planned workshop on Bully-Free Schools has been postponed. A proposed date of March 23, a teacher workday, is being discussed at this time but has not been finalized. The meeting will be held on the Riverside Campus. There will be two independent three-hour sessions. High school and middle schools will meet from 9 a.m. to noon, while elementary schools will attend the afternoon session from 1-4 p.m.



DPI News Updates for Teachers: Teachers, if you are interested in receiving a news update geared for teachers from DPI twice a month, you may subscribe via e-mail. To do so, go to the following link on the web: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/egroups/#teachers>.

Vance-Granville Classes for Teachers: Vance-Granville Community College is offering a variety of new classes for teachers. New courses include Teaching Science: Grades 4-6; Differentiated Instruction in the Classroom; Integrating Technology in the K-5 Classroom; Microsoft Excel 2003 in the Classroom; and Microsoft Word 2003 in the Classroom. These are in addition to popular courses for teachers such as Solving Classroom Discipline



Problems, Using the Internet in the Classroom, Understanding Adolescents, and Microsoft PowerPoint 2003 in the Classroom.

Classes are starting each month and continue for six weeks. In 2007, classes will start on Feb. 21, March 21, April 18, May 16 and June 20.

The cost for each of the online courses is \$55. In order to receive a Vance-Granville certificate, a student must complete at least 80 percent of the class hours (10 lessons including quizzes with grades above 70). To receive a certificate from Ed2go (name of the program), a student must pass the final exam. Each qualifying Ed2go class is worth 2.4 continuing education units (CEUs). For more information on Ed2go online courses, call Laura Peace at (252) 738-3417 or visit the Ed2go website (www.ed2go.com/vgcc).

**Have A Great Weekend,
Bert L'Homme,
Superintendent**