Shout Out to School Social Workers!
Have you hugged your school social worker today?
Danielle Woodall, Smith and A-W social worker and Child and Family Team leader, shared this:
“March is designated as Social Work Month and the first week of the month highlighted School Social Workers (March 5th – March 9th). We will be distributing information to our school staff on a weekly basis throughout the month on the following topics: SSW and Attendance, SSW and Child and Family Support Teams, SSW and McKinney Vento: Homeless Education.” Everything that our school social workers do is designed to help students be successful, so share a THANK YOU with our SSW colleagues!

South Graham celebrated Read across America in Seuss-style!

Angie Riffe, tech teacher for SGE sent this in: “South Graham Elementary celebrated Read Across America Day on Dr. Seuss’ birthday. The day was filled with celebrity readers, Dr. Seuss character look-a-likes, door decorating contests and, most importantly, reading. We had many community members including School Board Members Patsy Simpson, Steve Van Pelt and Tony Rose and business partners including readers from Somers Pardue Insurance that generously donated their time to come and read to each class. Our students listened intently while they wore their Dr. Seuss attire and were inspired by the fascinating rhymes of Dr. Seuss. Many community members came to help judge the door decorating contest including Debbie Carson and Angela Duncan from c.o., which turned out to be very competitive as there were so many creative entries! A sense of excitement filled the school as students and teachers came together for this celebration and love of reading. The door winners were Ms. Duell’s class, Ms. Graves’ class, and Ms. Fullbright’s class!”

Pictured above: I didn’t remember that Thing 1 was taller than the Cat in the Hat........
Pictured right: Green eggs—where’s the ham?
The winners: Ms. Graves’ class (L), Ms. Duell’s class (Center) and Ms. Fulbright’s class (R) CONGRATULATONS!
Shout Out to Southern Middle!
Great Saturday event hosted by Southern Alamance Middle School students tomorrow, Saturday, March 17

1st Annual Southern Baseball Showcase to benefit ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease)
Southern High School baseball stadium $5.00 admission, all proceeds from gate and concessions go toward the Jim “Catfish” Hunter Foundation

11:00 am: Hawfields MS vs. Pollard Middle (Chatham County)
1:00 pm: Western MS vs. Pollard Middle
3:00 pm: Broadview Middle vs. Burlington Christian Academy
5:00 pm: Graham MS vs. Chatham Charter
7:00 pm: Southern MS vs. Chatham Charter

The event will have inflatables there for the younger crowd.

Triad area baseball players combine their love of the sport and compassion for others in an upcoming fundraiser. Five middle school teams from the Burlington-Alamance area will participate in the ALS Baseball Showcase on Saturday, March 17th, 2012.

The ALS Baseball Showcase is organized in part, by the ALS Kids Staff at Southern Middle School. The 11 – 14 year olds all know someone affected by this devastating disease. Now, the players take it upon themselves to do something to help patients and their families.

The Baseball Showcase is a precursor to the upcoming “Greensboro Walk to Defeat ALS,” which will be held Saturday, April 14, 2012 at Center City Park in Greensboro.

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as "Lou Gehrig's disease," is a progressive motor neuron disease. It attacks brain nerve cells, so that eventually the patient can no longer move his or her muscles. Eventually, the patient becomes paralyzed, but keeps all intellectual awareness. They effectively become a prisoner in their own body.

Come out and support this great event, and spread the word!

Shout Out Again for Southern Middle!
Sandra Johnson, sixth grade teacher for the Tigers says: “We raised a total of $1227.20 schoolwide in our Pennies for Pasta campaign for the Leukemia and Lymphoma society!

Top homerooms were:
Coach Height/Mrs. Rumley 6th grade--they will enjoy Olive Garden lunch soon!
Mrs. Greeson 6th grade, Ms. Dodd 7th grade, Mrs. Oakley 8th grade

A special Shout Out to Mr. Lucas' class that raised more per person than any class in the school!”
Shout Out to Hillcrest!
Principal Devon Carson shared this fun event at Hillcrest recently: “We held Family Zumba Night to promote mind, body, and soul. This special night was led by our very own Alexis Kagel who is a certified Zumba instructor as well as our AWESOME music teacher!”

Shout Out to Newlin Elementary!
Takesha Briggs, School Counselor at Newlin shared this: “As one of the advisors of the Newlin Student Government Association, I am very proud of our student leaders. In late January we asked SGA to decide how the school should celebrate Black History. They came up with an original idea to have the staff present various moments in Black History. The students asked...and Newlin Staff answered the call. On February 29, the entire school packed into the gym to listen, learn, and sing! Grade level teams came up with fun and unique ways to present African American inventors, Ruby Bridges, the Underground railroad, Rosa Parks, Alex Haley, and the evolution of African American music.

It was truly a fantastic way to celebrate not just Black History but American History."
Shout Out to Newlin Part Two!

Newlin also wants to send a Shout Out to our Classified Employee of the Year- Erica Johnson and Teacher of the Year- Latoya Graves! "You both are phenomenal while going the extra mile to educate and support our students. Awesome job ladies!"

Shout Out to the Williams High Dream Team!

Barb Carlton shared: “Turrentine health/PE classes had a visit by the Williams High School DREAM (Daring to role-model excellence as athletic mentors) Team recently. DREAM Team members discussed the different types of bullying and ways to stop it and avoid it. They provided skits, showing examples of bullying and explained how to handle it. Coach Westmoreland stated “They did an outstanding job communicating to our students and I loved revisiting with those special Dream Team members as well.” She added that “Coach Leach is just fantastic!” The DREAM Team members even took time to visit with students in the cafeteria.”
Shout Out to Williams High Academy of Finance!
Susan Turner, Career Development Coordinator for the Bulldogs shared: “On Tuesday, March 6th, students in the Williams High School Academy of Finance had the opportunity to network with local business leaders. The annual Academy After Hours, is a spin-off of the Alamance County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours. Approximately 15 students were prepared to network with business leaders sharing resumes and business cards at Patty Vision Center in Burlington. Effective networking includes: wearing your name tag on the right, making good eye contact, having a firm handshake as you are introducing yourself to people, speaking clearly, concisely, and most importantly, building relationships of support and respect. “Students learn to engage in small talk to find mutual interests. Topics like sports, weather and recreation are all avenues to break the ice when engaging in conversation.

Frank Bolognini, Business Sales Representative with BJ’s business club, was excited to learn about Career and Technical Education opportunities within the schools. This was his first Academy After Hours. Other business and community leaders present included Tony Rose, School Board Member, Joe Ferrell, Principal Williams High School, Nancy and Steve Whitfield, Whitfield Properties, Bob Lewis, Realtor, Mary Margaret Harris, Capitol Bank, Michael Glick, Nationwide Insurance, Lawson Patty, Tapco, John Beshel, Beshel Chiropractic, and Mike Herberts, Carolina Bank.

AOF parent, Grover Moore, added that he thought this was a great opportunity for the students to interact with business leaders in a business environment. “The practice gives students more confidence as they are interviewing for part-time employment, scholarships or preparing for Graduation Project presentations,” shared Moore.
**Shout Out to A. O. Elementary!**

Linda Hines at A. O. Elementary says: “I’d like to give a SUPER shout out for AO’s recent 2012 SOUPER BOWL of Caring. We pitted the "Giants" (grades 1-3-5) against the "Patriots" (grades K-2-4) in a canned soup drive. Both teams combined collected 828 cans of soup and various food items. The First Grade Giant Team blew everyone else out of the water to help their team collect 509 items! All items were donated to Loaves and Fishes.”

**Shout Out to Williams High!**

Susan Turner, CDC at WWHS, and Rhonda Farmer Finance Academy Director, shared this great event: “Be prepared.” “Look smart.” “Be on time.” “Turn your cell phone off before you enter the room.” Sound like a classroom teacher? Well, not on this particular day. March 8th representatives from Men’s Warehouse presented “How To Dress For Success” for students in the Marketing and Business classes at William High School. Students learned the importance of dressing appropriately for job interviews and a few dozen tips were presented.
for a successful interview. According to Stu Wassell, Assistant Manager at Men’s Warehouse, it is important to practice interviewing and not use slang like “you know”, “I’m like” or “whatever. Students were also encouraged to be prepared to discuss their unique skills and qualifications. Skills learned in the business classrooms can be applied to the current job market. Also Wassell encouraged the students to have an updated resume, and familiarize themselves with the business and their mission statement. With several business suits in tow, Mr. Wassell and Katie Myers discussed basic business attire described as classic, and not trendy or flashy. For men, navy and gray suits are ideal. For women, skirt suits are considered formal while pant suits more casual. Some students practiced tying a tie, and had the opportunity to win a tie.”

“The presentation given today by representatives of Men’s Warehouse was both informative and interesting. The information shared aligned perfectly with our current learning objectives in class. I feel that they left with a better understanding about how to “Dress for Success”, shared CTE teacher, Dana Herman.

Shout Out to the Turrentine Middle Orchestra!
Jody Gaedtke, music director for the TMS Orchestra shared this outstanding news from Green Acres: “The 7th grade and advanced 8th grade orchestra received 3 very high superior ratings at the NC Music Performance Adjudication on March 9th at Methodist College in Fayetteville! The 3 day event was sponsored by the North Carolina Music Educators Association.” Congratulations Trojans!
Shout Out to Southern High Artists!

Laura Perry, art teacher at Southern High sent in this impressive list of winning art entries from Southern Patriot artists in the recent Alamance County Arts Council show. The awards ceremony was held on Thursday, March 15. Congratulations!

SOUTHERN ALAMANCE HS - PERRY

2nd Catherine Whitesell Watercolor Rainbow World
HM Christine Perry Acrylic Living Patience
3rd Jeff Shepard Printmaking Life Cycles
HM Derrick Harrison Acrylic Recreate
HM Kristina Shoffner Photography Bird Woman
HM Karolina Koniczna Acrylic Polonia
2nd Jessy Kruemmel Collage Skewed Beauty
1st Trace Gordon Printmaking Students vs Administration
Hm Nicole Onus Marker Kolorowy Kon
3rd Catherine Whitesell Collage The Arm
3rd Blair Byrd Charcoal Dama en la Bufanda
2nd Karolina Koniczna Water Soluable Graphite Still Life
HM Stephany Wilson Digital Photography Reflections
1st Trace Gordon Digital Photography Doppelganger House Party
HM Diego Garcia Printmaking Sombra d' la Imaginacion
1st Taylor Cheek Water Soluable Graphite Kura

SOUTHERN ALAMANCE HS - DUELL

3rd Brittany Harper Colored Pencil Word
HM Peyton Hinckle Pencil The Lonely
HM Savannah Stidham Pencil Untitled #38
3rd Christopher Moore Photography House
3rd Christine Perry Pen & Ink Flower and Bone
Shout Out for Broadview Middle School!

Colleen Macklin from BMS sent this in: “Nine Broadview Students traveled to Raleigh recently to be a part of The Student Showcase at the NC TIES conference. For those of you who don’t know NC TIES, it’s North Carolina’s outstanding technology in education organization. The Showcase showed North Carolina students using and innovating with technology. The nine students were Gabby Brown, Geraldine Cruz, Josh Cruz, Darrell Freeland, Leanna Frei, Edwin Medina, Karina Moreno, Asia Sellars, and Isaiah Stubblefield. These students explained the process of producing a web-based weekly news and informational program. Technology leaders like Kathy Schrock and Tammy Worchester commented on the poise of these students as they shared their knowledge with many technology educators. These students also talked with a number of vendors, in particular Brain Pop, Gaggle and Camcor, offering their ideas about their products. Great job, Broadview Bobcats!”
Shout Out to North Graham’s Own Charlotte Lee-Russell!

Music teacher at NGE Joy Rust shared this news about a very busy co-worker. “Charlotte Lee-Russell, Technology Teacher and Webmaster at North Graham, presented at the SITE (Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education) Conference in Austin, Texas! Her topic was School Partnerships: Building a Technology Rich Workforce.

Charlotte also presented later that week at the NCTIES (North Carolina Technology in Education Society) Conference in Raleigh about the parent computer classes held at North Graham.

Year round schools were on break so Charlotte saw some of the sites and cities of Texas (as well as Raleigh) while sharing some of the great tech things happening here in ABSS at NGE!”

Shout Out to Southern Middle!

Coach Mark Isley for Southern Middle shared this great community service project: “In celebration of ACC Tournament week, the students at Southern Middle participated in the 2nd SMS ACC Food Drive Challenge. Students were encouraged to bring cans and non-perishable food items and place them in the box of their favorite ACC team. For the 2nd year in a row, UNC beat out Duke for the title, 132-115. Clemson was a distant 3rd at 14. In all, SMS students brought in close to 300 food items, all of which was donated to Loaves and Fishes. Way to go Tigers!!!”
Shout Out to UNCG Student Teacher Mary Beth Chandler at BEJ Elementary!

Eva Sodano, Curriculum Facilitator at BEJ shared this news: “During Ms. Chandler’s student teaching Mrs. Byrnes’ third grade class took on an outdoor project that involved restoration and beautification of BEJ’s outdoor classroom (amphitheater). This involved planting four shrubs to prevent erosion as well as cleaning of leaves, limbs, and other debris. The greenhouse and gardening department of Southern States in Mebane graciously donated shrubs to this project. The purpose was to provide an authentic learning experience to our students based on our Soil and Plant units in science. In addition, it gave all BEJ students additional opportunities to do the same.” They had a great time!
Shout Out to Cummings High Dream Team and CHS Cavaliers!

Liz Hill, MU teacher and Dream Team advisor shared this news: “The Cummings High School Dream Team and students from the MU Department at Cummings had a pledge drive on Wednesday, March 14, to have the students and staff sign pledge cards to "Spread the word to end the word. www.r-word.org". As a Project Unify activity, students and staff signed cards which stated that they pledged and supported the elimination of the derogatory use of the r-word (retarded) from everyday speech and promote the acceptance and inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities. We had over 400 cards signed and a poster was also signed and displayed in the school commons for everyone to see!”
Shout Out to A-O Elementary!

Principal Donna King shared this great news: “I am so proud of our very giving community! A-O PTA was awarded $500 from Alamance Homebuilders for their collection of food (almost 900 cans) for Loaves and Fishes! The Homebuilders had a competition at their annual show at the Mall on March 3. The picture is Paula King, President of A-O PTA, accepting the check from the Homebuilders Association Representatives. Students Gabe Cheek, Nate Geiger, and Bradyn Oakley helped managed the food with Linda Hines, School Counselor.”