Shout Out from Newlin Elementary

Holly Houglan, School Counselor

I recently coordinated Newlin’s annual school-wide Career Day. We had more speakers this year than we’ve ever had before! It was an amazing day and so beneficial to our Newlin students! I wanted to give a shout-out to the wonderful volunteers in our community who took time out of their busy schedules to educate our students in reference to their careers, education involved in meeting career goals, the importance of academics and how one utilizes many things they learn in school in their work environment, and much more enriching information about the world of work!

Career day speakers this year included: a NC State Senator (Senator Rick Gunn), a Superior Court Judge (Judge Abernathy), a pediatrician, a receptionist from an orthodontist’s office, a veterinarian assistant, a parking enforcement school traffic supervisor and officer, a Karate chief instructor/studio owner, hair stylists, barbers, the K-9 Unit, a musician, ABSS lead Pre-K teacher (Mrs. Emma Alston), an army specialist, Alamance County firefighters, Chandler Concrete Company, a principal (Jack Davern from Elon Elementary), a Chik-fil-a representative, a photographer/owner from ScholarPose, a marketing director for Company Shops Market, ABSS lead custodian (Jeff Cole), an elementary
school teacher (Ms. Jefferson, a 1st grade teacher here at Newlin!), and the interim ABSS Superintendent (Dr. Harrison). We are so thankful to all of the presenters. It was a memorable event!!!
Jenness Enoch, a Kindergarten teacher at E. M. Yoder, won a Bright Ideas Grant! Mrs. Enoch wrote the grant in hopes of purchasing 3 iPod Nanos for her classroom, to be used at Center Time to help the children develop reading fluency.

"The Bright Ideas Grant is funded by North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives. For the past 20 years, the electric co-ops have offered Bright Ideas education grants to Tar Heel teachers in K-12 classrooms across the state. The grants provide funding for innovative, classroom-based projects that would otherwise not be possible."

Mrs. Enoch was pleasantly surprised when she received a check to purchase the iPods. Congratulations to her and all her kids who will benefit from this great initiative!
Shout Out from Andrews Elementary  

Jenn Owen, 5th Grade Teacher

The Andrews Elementary Unicycle Club participated in the Burlington Christmas Parade! Our club consists of students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. This year we were honored to also have some of our old students who are now in middle school and even a senior in high school join us to ride in the parade! The students did an amazing job and we look forward to riding in the Graham Parade!
Shout Out from ABSS High School Counselors  

Ida Kidd, Lead High School Counselor

The week of November 10 through November 14 was North Carolina College Application Week. The College Foundation of NC hosts this annual event when all 100 North Carolina colleges & universities waive application fees. Nearly 500 applications were completed by ABSS students from all 7 high schools! Our school counselors work hard to get the word out so that students and families can take advantage of this opportunity.
A Shout Out to our future Mathematicians and Engineers! E.M. Yoder's 4th and 5th grade AIG Math students got into the Thanksgiving holiday spirit by "Getting the Table Ready for Thanksgiving with STEM." Partners worked together to create a table using 8 sheets of newspaper and an 8 x 11 piece of poster board. The table had to be 12 inches high and strong enough to hold a dictionary. Not all designs worked as planned. The students found that if things didn't work out, it was an opportunity - not a mistake! Just like engineers, when a problem was encountered, it was studied. Different ideas were tried. Projects were redesigned. The winning group's table held ten dictionaries. Thank you Mrs. Tate for encouraging our students to think outside the box!
Shout Out to the Western High Robotics Team

Check out the Times-News story about how the Western High Robotics team brought their game face and came to play! Congratulations! Check out the Western High Robotics Team Aperture Science on FaceBook for competition videos and more!


Shout Out from A-B Middle College

Bonnie Roane, Principal

Our very own Samantha Gilland has an article in the Time-News newspaper. It is in the Lifestyles section under Teens and 20s entitled - "Arts Alive Studio brings classic holiday film to life".

Arts Alive Studio brings classic holiday film to life

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The beloved film, “It’s a Wonderful Life” will be brought to the stage by Arts Alive Studio this weekend.

Like the film version, the story follows George Bailey (Jeremy Peterson), a small-town man whose life is turned upside down and a moment of desperation leads him to consider suicide.

He had always wanted to leave Bedford Falls to see the world, but circumstances and his own good heart have led him to stay.

George sacrificed his education for his brother’s, kept the family-run savings and loan afloat, protected the town from the avarice of the greedy banker Mr. Potter (Simeon Hahn), and married his childhood sweetheart, Mary (Michaela and Courtney Cox).

As he prepares to jump from a bridge, his guardian angel intercedes; showing him what life would have been like for the residents of Bedford Falls if he had never lived.

It’s such a touching story, and you might think that it must be hard for anyone to properly portray; but this children- and teen-based theater group pulls it off with far more than just an “A” for effort; it’s fantastic.

Peterson’s George Bailey has so much depth and intensity throughout the play. The young ladies playing George’s supportive wife, Mary Bailey, are just as talented and passionate about their performances as the actress is in the movie. Hahn does a fantastic job
executing such intense lines as Mr. Potter. To be such a young fellow, he definitely nailed his part. The props are amazing and the background is well-done. This play is a must-see for the whole family. Showtimes are 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at Arts Alive Studio, 335 S. Main St., Burlington. Tickets are $7 for adults and $5 for children 12 and under. For more details, call (336) 226-9700 or visit www.artslivestudio.com.

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Shout Out from Garrett Elementary

Kris L’Heureux, Technology Teacher

Shout out for Reading like a Detective, and Writing like a Writer! On Nov. 20th Garrett hosted a Family Reading Curriculum Night. Parents had a menu of sessions to choose from on each grade level. They even got to tour the Science Fair projects that were being judged in the media center. Families received a clue ticket after each session to help them guess the secret identity of our Mystery Reader. Everyone met in the gym at the end of all the classroom activities to discover who the mystery reader was! They got to hear a story by Mebane Enterprise Editor, Karen Carter, who agreed to be our mystery reader for the night! She read Officer Buckle and Gloria, about a police officer and his K-9 partner.
Gators were THRILLED to get a visit from the REAL DEAL, as Officer McCormick and his K-9 partner Iceman joined everyone in the gym!
Shout Out from E. M. Yoder

Kathy Posey & Barbara Hestetune

Shout Out to our E.M. Yoder Students and Staff! E. M. Yoder Eagles kicked off our annual Food Drive during Red Ribbon Week. School Counselor Pam McCalip encouraged the children to show their community spirit by helping Mebane United Methodist Church fill their shelves. Helping Ms. McCalip sort the canned goods are first graders Cassie Watkins, Aliya Trollinger, Alex Egren and Tate Yount. Thanks Eagles for spreading your wings and showing your Eagle spirit to benefit families in need!
Shout Out to Eastern High Student Artists

Pottery proficient and advanced students volunteered to donate 36 mugs to a nonprofit organization called Project Tumara. My friend who is a senior ceramic student at East Carolina University is a co-founder for the organization and asked artists and students along the east coast to donate handmade mugs. Every penny that is raised for this organization is for children in Sierra Leone so they can go to school. School is not free and most children do not have the opportunity to attend school since most families live off of less than $1/day.

Each mug will be sold for $20 which means Eastern Alamance High School donated $720!! I am so proud of our students who gave up a week or more of their time to make something for this cause! Their work is currently shown at the student center at ECU and I will be attending the closing reception.

If you’re interested in seeing pictures of the mugs or reading more information, please visit the website below. They are also auctioning off mugs so you can buy a mug! This is also a great opportunity to show other classes who talk about current events and/or different cultures. I know my students learned a lot about how people in Sierra Leone live.

http://www.projecttumara.org/
Eastern Eagles artists at work:

Kevin Riley, Ana Martinez, Melina Mercado, Ana Martinez, Josh Burton, Brooke Carter, Taylor Van Fleet, Taylor Wilson, Kerry Lee, Taylor Scott, Valerie Sears, Alex Shelanskey, Aaliyah Henderson
Shout Out to Elon Elementary Principal Jack Davern

Congratulations to Jack Davern, principal at Elon Elementary, for completing the National Board Certification for Principal pilot portfolio process!


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Shout Out to Southern High Carpentry Students

First year carpentry students in the CORE classes with Mr. Faulkner recently completed design and construction of cutting boards. Students had to design, select different woods, measure, cut, glue, sand, inlay, route, and oil each of their cutting boards. The finished projects were displayed in the hallway of the front office for staff members to vote for “Best in Class” for each of the 2 classes. Take a look at the great work and original designs from our students! The winners will be announced after all votes are tallied.

Check out the precision work by our Patriots on some of the close-up pictures!
Shout Out from Sylvan Elementary

Our Sylvan Instructional Assistant team works full speed ahead to drive instruction and learning. However, they do find time to have fun!

Shout Out to ABSS GEAR UP

Our GEAR UP Tour at Alamance Community College with Graham Middle School on 12/5/14 (orange shirts are 7th, periwinkle shirts are 8th graders)
Shout Out to Dr. Charles Kernodle, Jr.  

Alamance-Burlington Schools, Board of Education and Williams High were extremely proud to honor Dr. Charles Kernodle, Jr. for his 65 years of service as team physician for the Bulldogs! Dr. Kernodle was honored with the prestigious Order of the Long Leaf Pine, presented by Senator Rick Gunn, Representative Steve Ross and Representative Dennis Riddell, Dr. Kernodle was also presented with a flag flown over the North Carolina Capitol building in honor of his 97th birthday on October 26.