



# Good News about Our Schools

March 2017

**Karen McLean**  
**5th Grade Reading**  
**& Social Studies Teacher**  
**Wayne Avenue School**



**Courtney Andrews**  
**2nd Grade Teacher**  
**Harnett Primary School**

Ms. McLean was nominated by her co-worker, Shantilla Gainey. Ms. Gainey stated, “Ms. McLean a 5th grade teacher at WAES exemplifies what it means to be a dedicated educator. Ms. McLean arrives early, stays late and creates a unique learning environment for all students. She is loved not only by her students and co-workers but establishes long lasting relationships with parents as well. She often goes out of her way to ensure her students have a thorough understanding of the concepts being taught as well as teaching them that they are important, intelligent and capable individuals. She is a woman of few words but her spunky loving and caring personality radiates throughout the building and leaves a lasting impression on others forever.”

Mrs. Andrews was nominated by a current student’s parent, Hope Tyndall. In her nomination Mrs. Tyndall stated, “Second grade is such a crucial year for learning, but it’s also the last year before the real stress of testing begins. Mrs. Andrews is wonderful about bringing creativity and fun into the classroom. She is preparing them for the year ahead, all while making sure they are interested in what they are learning. Some of her projects have included pumpkin book reports and a “Famous American Wax Museum”. She always participates with the children in dressing up on special days, the 100th day of school and Wacky Tacky Day. I love the creative prompts she gives the students to both write on and illustrate. Gavin’s weekly folder he brings home with the prior week’s work allows me to stay informed on what he is learning and how he is doing. Mrs. Andrews is always accessible to me when I have questions or concerns. I love seeing Gavin continue to grow in his education through nurturing teachers like Mrs. Andrews!”



Pictured, left to right: WAS Principal Steve McLean; VP of Education Rob Jones; Karen McLean; and Education Committee member Carnell Robinson .



Pictured, left to right: HPS Principal Dr. Sylvia Wilkins; VP of Education Rob Jones; Courtney Andrews; Hope Tyndall; Education Committee member Carnell Robinson and Chamber President Meredith Bradham.

## Nominate a Teacher

If you would like to nominate a teacher at a local Dunn School, download a Golden Apple Award Nomination Form from [www.dunnchamber.com](http://www.dunnchamber.com) under the About Us tab on the Forms & Registrations page.

## Be an Education Sponsor

Would your business like to help recognize deserving teachers through the Chamber’s Education Committee? We would not be able to offer this rewarding program without gracious supporters like you.

Contact Tammy Williams at [tammy@dunnchamber.com](mailto:tammy@dunnchamber.com) or (910) 892-4113 to sign up, or for more information.



## Join the Education Committee

If you would like to be a part of the Dunn Chamber’s efforts to improve education in Dunn Schools, contact Tammy Williams at [tammy@dunnchamber.com](mailto:tammy@dunnchamber.com) or (910) 892-4113 for more information.

## Dunn Middle School

Congratulations to Luke West, outstanding student of Ms. Traci Hobbs at Dunn Middle School, for being chosen as one of three students in the state to speak on March 21 at the Collaborative Conference for Student Achievement themed "Champions for Student Success!"

With great skill and charm, Luke shared his educational experiences with a group of more than 1,500 educators from across North Carolina. We are so proud of Luke, who was also supported at the conference by his mom, Mrs. Lena West, and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Nancy Holmes.

Pictured, from left to right: Dr. Nancy Holmes, Traci Hobbs, Luke and Lena West, and Allison Castle.



The DMS Battle of the Books team attended the Alan Gratz author visit at Buies Creek Elementary School on March 14. Alan Gratz is the author of several children's and young adult's books. After Mr. Gratz's presentation, students were allowed to ask questions and get books signed. This event was sponsored by the Harnett County Public Library and the Harnett County Arts Council.

Pictured, left to right: Jennifer Tompkins, Grace Wilson, Barrington Kerr, Carter Daughtry, Alan Gratz, Reagan Bradham, Neva Chance, and Jackson Lanier

## Central Carolina Community College

CCCC's culinary program is offering youth summer camps in Chatham, Harnett, and Lee counties this summer.

Camps in Chatham County include Culinary Teen Baking (June 26-29), Culinary Teen Cooking (June 19-22), and Kids Cooking Camp (June 12-15). Camps in Harnett County include Culinary Teen Cooking (June 19-22) and Kids Cooking Camp (June 12-15). Camps in Lee County include Culinary Teen Baking (July 17-20), Culinary Teen Cooking (June 26-29), and Kids Cooking Camp (June 19-22). The Culinary Teen Baking and Culinary Teen Cooking classes are for students ages 10-15, while the Kids Cooking Camp is for students in grades K-4. Costs for each of the camps is \$100.

To register by telephone or for more information, call the CCCC Economic and Community Development Division (ECD) Student Support Center at 919-718-7500. To register online, visit [www.cccc.edu/ecd/find-classes/](http://www.cccc.edu/ecd/find-classes/) and go to the Youth Summer Camps page. For more information on Central Carolina Community College, visit the website [www.cccc.edu](http://www.cccc.edu).

## Harnett Primary School

Harnett Primary enjoyed celebrating Read Across America with the annual "Readers Are Leaders" day on March 2. Leaders from around the community shared some of their favorite books with the students. The guests explained the importance of reading in their careers and the students asked lots of questions. It was an awesome interaction of the minds!

Some HPS students rocked it out on Harnett Off Broadway! Mrs. Busch directed some of the finest singers and dancers in Harnett County. In art, Mrs. Rivers set the mark high with color and design. HPS is so proud of their talented students!



Congratulations to Sydney Bradham for being recognized as a Harnett County Young Author's winner and a NC State Winner! This year's theme was Step Outside: Writing About the Natural World. Sydney's piece was entitled "Watching Bunnies Grow".