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Good News about Our Schools!



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Triton High Academic Boosters Club Report

The Triton High School Academic Booster Club reignited their efforts last year under the leadership of Principal Chip Mangum and Triton teacher Kelly Williams. Parents and business leaders along with Triton staff worked to bring this club back to life and were very successful. They hosted a Scholar's breakfast in March for 398 students achieving at



an average of 3.65 or higher. They also coordinated a very successful Golf Tournament held at Chicora Golf Club in May which raised more than \$10,000 for the Club.

With these funds, the Booster Club purchased 60 TI-84 graphing calculators from **Office Value** and owner Doug West donated an additional 10 calculators so that 70 calculators are now available to Triton High School students. These calculators are valued at more than \$100 each and this purchase enables Triton students and teachers an even better opportunity to succeed.

Parents and business leaders are asked to get involved in the Academic Booster Club by attending club meetings the second Tuesday of each month at 5:15 p.m. in the Media Center or by

contacting Mrs. Kelly Williams at kwilliams1@harnett.k12.nc.us.

Pictured left to right: Triton Principal Chip Mangum; Kathy Peede, Math Teacher; Doug West, owner of Office Value; Kelly Williams, Teacher and Organizer of the Triton Academic Booster Club; Dana Cochran with Select Bank, parent and Treasurer for the Club

Volunteers are Needed for Freshmen Academy Report Card Conferences and Interviews

Email
tammy@dunnchamber.com
to volunteer

Any times between 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For Report Card Conferences

October 21 - December 9 - March 19 - May 12

Freshmen Interviews are set for November 13

Call Tammy
at 910-892-4113
to volunteer

Harnett Primary Celebrates Increase in Scores!

Dr. Sylvia Wilkins is one excited principal. She and her staff worked extremely hard last year to bring scores up at Harnett Primary School and their efforts did pay off. The NC Dept. of Public Instruction uses the College and Career Ready standards, where scores of level 4 or 5 are deemed proficient. NCDPI also uses the Grade Level Proficiency standards where scores in Level 3, 4, or 5 are considered proficient. The GLP standards form the basis of the majority of public reporting. Harnett Primary's College and Career scores increased by **10.4%** and their Grade Level Proficiency scores increased by **22.2%**



Harnett Primary School was also selected to host a Kagan USA Tour event to be held on October 18. They are also the **only school** in the county currently implementing the STEM coaching model. Dr. Wilkins, her staff and students are STEM Proud!

STEM—science, technology, engineering and mathematics

Meet our Principals

Meredith Bradham, VP of Education and Tammy Williams, EVP for the Dunn Chamber met with each principal in September to learn about their goals, challenges and accomplishments. "We want to share with you what we learned and hope you feel the excitement and enthusiasm that we experienced as we talked with each," stated Mrs. Williams.



Chip Mangum is now in his third year of serving as Principal at Triton High School. When we spoke to Chip last year, one of his goals was to get the Academic Booster Club revived and that he did. He charged English teacher Kelly Williams with working with the business community and parents to get this club active and in the last school year, they hosted a Scholars Breakfast and Golf Tournament, which raised more than \$10,000 to help purchase TI-84 calculators for this school year. He has implemented the Success Maker program at Triton which helps students improve reading and math skills. He has also set in place an ACT improvement plan and has seen a 5% improvement last year on ACT scores and a 5% jump in math scores. He is most proud of the implementation of the Professional Learning Team model at Triton. This allows teachers in the same curriculum to work together to share best practices, to look at scores and challenges together and determine what is working and what is not. This program was implemented in stages and is now in full implementation. He is now sharing this success with other schools in the county.

Janet Dofferemyre is the brand new Principal at Dunn Middle School this year and she is very excited to be there. She was announced as the Principal just before school started and has hit the road running. She comes from Triton High School where she served as Assistant Principal and worked with the Freshmen Academy coordinating Report Card Conferences and Interviews. She hopes to bring Report Card Conferences to Dunn Middle School as she saw their positive impact on students. She has also borrowed other successes from Triton to implement at the middle school. She is implementing the Professional Learning Team model and putting subject teachers together for planning and idea sharing. She has seen first hand the success of this model at Triton. She was excited to announce that the Dunn Advisory Board purchased 36 licenses for the Success Maker to help improve students' math and reading levels, which is a priority. She wants to put in place incentives to encourage student attendance at the school and is also hoping to implement a STEM lab at Dunn Middle for the next school year.



Mesha Cameron started her career as Principal at Wayne Avenue School in the summer. She cleaned, organized and met with parents, teachers and business leaders as she readied for her first year. She is very excited and passionate about wanting "every child to be successful." She loves and believes the Peta quote, "No matter where you come from, your dreams are valid" and with this in mind her biggest challenge for herself and her teachers are to "get our children motivated and to believe that they can do." The "Leader in Me" program is now being taught by Guidance Counselor, Ms. Sylvia Tart. Teachers are asked to incorporate habits to reinforce Ms. Tart's teachings. She is also working to get herself and new teachers trained in the "Leader in Me" program. On August 19, she and her teachers set out on a tour of home visits so teachers could see first hand where their students live. She personally does a homework check, makes parent contacts and holds teachers and students accountable for Daily Agendas. She is working on improving reading levels and math scores (looking at incentives for multiplication table independent learning.) She would love to see more parent involvement and a Wayne Avenue School Reunion in the future.



Dr. Sylvia Wilkins, now in her second year as Principal at Harnett Primary School, is just as enthusiastic and determined in her role as she was this time last year. She has established a PreK program at Harnett Primary and the thing she is most passionate about, is incorporating STEM into the Harnett Primary School curriculum, making Harnett Primary our first school to use the "Coaching Model in STEM." Dr. Wilkins feels that teaching STEM to our students is necessary for our country to compete in a global market. She will be hosting seven schools on October 7 who will come in to view the "Leader in Me" model used at the school. She will also host the Kagan USA tour on October 18. She has incorporated a balanced literacy framework which focuses on one component at a time—all teachers working on the same thing at the same time. She has also incorporated grade level planning meetings and blocking in third grade which has teachers subject focused. She makes no bones about being a "Data driven school" leading grade level data meetings. "We have got to make a difference with each child while we have them here," says Dr. Wilkins. "We have worked very hard and I am proud of what we accomplished in increasing student achievement."

