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April Showers
Bring May Flowers

April - May Edition

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REMINDERS FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL:

- **Spring Final Exams:** May 21-26 with 1pm dismissal
- Inquiry Based Learning Virtual Expo: May 25, 1:30-3:00 pm
- Last day of school: May 27
- Graduation rehearsal: May 27, 3:30 pm, Snipes Academy of Art & Design Auditorium
- **Graduation:** May 28, 7:00 pm, Snipes Academy of Art & Design Auditorium
[NHCS Graduation Information](#), [CRA @ Mosley Graduation Information](#)
- Report cards mailed to students: June 9

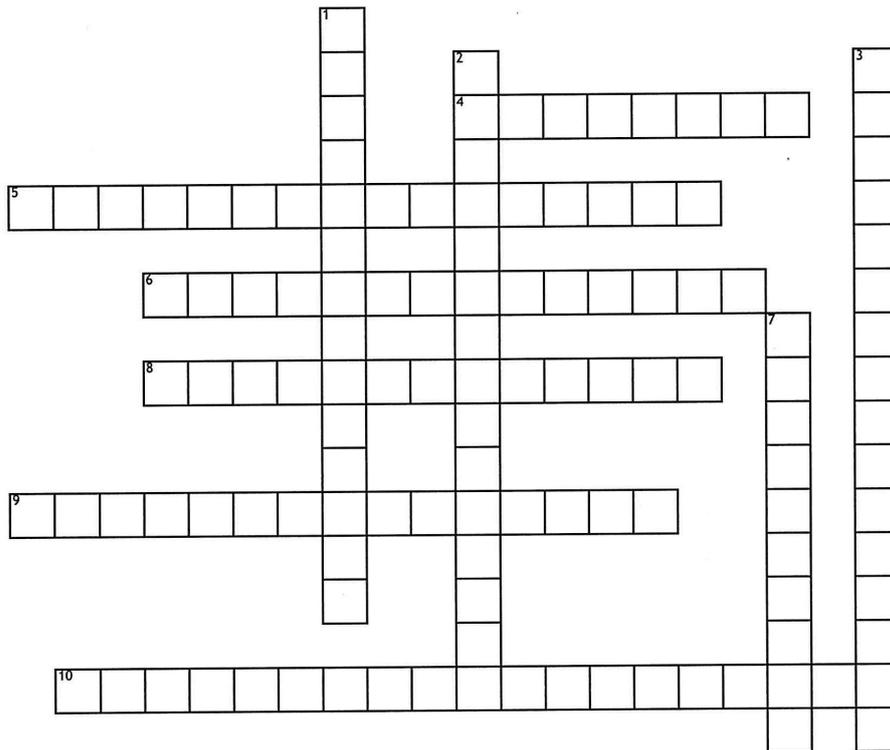
Spring Exam Schedule:

- **May 10-20:** Testing Outside the Window (**TOW**) option for Virtual / Remote students; Fall makeups and any other COVID concerns
- **May 21-26:** State tests on-site (teacher made exams remote), with 1:00 pm dismissal
- **May 27-July 2:** TOW option for Virtual / Remote students, makeups and any other COVID concerns

CAREER INSIDER: By Ms. Kirby:

Employability Skills

Do your best to complete the crossword to gain insight into what skills employers seek for hiring new employees



Across

4. working effectively and efficiently with others
5. being able to evaluate arguments and information quickly, solve problems creatively and identify mistakes.
6. ability to plan and execute control over the amount of time spent on specific activities to effectively accomplish goals
8. positive work behaviors and personal qualities which make individuals more likely to gain employment and succeed.
9. specific style of behavior in the workplace
10. required for professional advancement; consists of the desire and ability for lifelong learning

Down

1. requires gathering reliable information, assessing the information for answers and selecting a suitable solution based on the situation
2. values or standards which direct the way individuals interact with others
3. ability to cope with job stress which benefits an individuals personal and professional life
7. ability to motivate people to accomplish a better result for an organization



CAREER INSIDER continued:

Mrs. Quattlebaum and Mrs. Kirby are providing a resume workshop for all seniors. The goal is to ensure that all graduating students leave with a professional resume and cover letter writing skills to assist in landing a job. Students can visit our office in Room 210 to pick up a resume template and get started.

Keep scrolling to see 5 Tips for Teens Looking for Summer Employment, by CareerOneStop

CAREER SPOTLIGHT:

Eve Candelo was 1 of 14 NHCS high school students to participate in the District C Cape Fear Pitch event. District C is an organization that focuses on youth education to develop critical thinking skills through purposeful coaching from trained experts. District C, NHCS Career and Technical Education and Cape Fear Collective have emphasized the importance of investing in issues regarding workforce development and small business growth. Congrats Eve on a Job Well Done!

Ethan Montgomery has been accepted into the Youth Technology Apprenticeship Camp (YTAC) SPRING cohort. YTAC is a program that allows participants to have fun competing in esports, developing essential STEM skills, and learning more about potential career opportunities. This is Ethan's second experience with Y-TAC. Keep up the Great Work Ethan!

KUDOS to ALL our XELLO lesson completers! Great Job!

THE MOSLEY GARDEN PROJECT:

The goals for this project, while maintaining a student-centered learning environment, are described below, :

- To use our current courtyard as an outdoor educational and social space.
- To create a sustainable system to maintain the gardens to ensure future longevity.
- To provide excess edible harvests to families with high food insecurity.
- To teach students skills required to maintain and to sustain a garden, but also to create multi-curricular and cross-cultural connections that may arise from the use of such a vital garden space.
- To show students the benefits of gardening on mental health.

Along with edible plants, these gardens will also prioritize pollinator-friendly plants to encourage local pollinators and wildlife to utilize the garden spaces as well. This will provide an educational opportunity to inform students on the importance of pollinators, as well as learning how to identify them.

This project would not have been possible without our donors and community support:

- Lowe's Home Improvement Store #1138 - donated lumber, landscape fabric & sprinkler
- Stevens Ace Hardware - donated paint, paint supplies and shovels
- Stone Garden at Wilmington - donated the white river rock worth \$500
- Home Depot #3609 - donated a \$50 gift card
- Ability Gardens at the NHC Arboretum and NHC Soil and Water - donated plants, compost, soil, tools and their expertise.

Thank you to all our donors and supporters!!

The garden as a classroom for teachers at CRA:

Mrs. Angela McKinney is utilizing the garden space with her ELL students. Students are researching flowers and vegetables that relate to their cultures, as well as ensuring that their choices will work well in Wilmington's climate. Students are responsible for initial plantings and maintaining a fertilizing schedule.

Mrs. Erin Myers' biology class is currently finishing their unit on genetics & have been working on a pea project. This includes planting different types of peas and monitoring their progress as well as constructing trellises on which the plants can grow. **(scroll for more information).**

THE MOSLEY GARDEN:

Before...During...After



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Before... During... After



Bio Class cont'd: Their culminating project will be a presentation discussing their pea's progress throughout the course of the project, the research they did on the soil and their particular variety of pea prior to planting, how this relates to genetics, and what further research could be done using the peas in different areas of science.

The biology class will also have a guest speaker next week in celebration of DNA day: Prateek Jain, a postdoctoral fellow at UNC at Chapel Hill working in the area of plant developmental biology. We hope to be able to see what Prateek does in the lab and learn more about plant genetics and molecular biology.

As the weather has begun to be nicer, the biology students will be spending more time outside. While doing so, they will be learning about evolution, animal adaptations, and ecology.

"Give thanks for what you are now, and keep fighting for what you want to be tomorrow."

- Fernanda Miramontes-Landeros



Thank You Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Newton

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:



CONGRATULATIONS TO EVE CANDELO MOSQUERA!!

Eve has been accepted into six (6) colleges and universities in three (3) different states. All of them have offered merit-based scholarships and excellent financial aid packages. She has been accepted into the following schools:

- Loyola University Chicago - IL
- Augustana College - IL
- Concordia University Chicago - IL
- Iowa State University - IA
- St. Ambrose University - IA
- Appalachian State University - NC

Eve's top choice is Loyola and is very interested in Bio Medical Engineering and Business Marketing. Her long-term goal is to one day own her own business making prosthetics for hospitals and clinics. Congratulations on her hard work and success!!

PRE-K NEWS:

Pre-K students have been involved in a garden study. They've been taking about what plants need, drawing various graphs, and giving our grass heads a haircut. They are eating their beans, radishes, carrots, and onions after growing them from seed to roots to plants. It's all been part of their cooperative book study about plants.

During March, the students enjoyed a St. Patrick's Day scavenger hunt.



History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2021 will occur on Monday, May 31.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

Early Observances of Memorial Day: The Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries. By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

Some records show that one of the earliest Memorial Day commemorations was organized by a group of freed slaves in Charleston, South Carolina less than a month after the Confederacy surrendered in 1865. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day.



Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Memorial Day Traditions: Cities and towns across the United States host Memorial Day parades each year, often incorporating military personnel and members of veterans' organizations. Some of the largest parades take place in Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C. Americans also observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials. Some people wear a red poppy in remembrance of those fallen in war—a tradition that began with a World War I poem. On a less somber note, many people take weekend trips or throw parties and barbecues on the holiday, perhaps because Memorial Day weekend—the long weekend comprising the Saturday and Sunday before Memorial Day and Memorial Day itself—unofficially marks the beginning of summer.



DAILY HOLIDAYS IN APRIL/MAY:



April 21: Administrative Professionals Day



April 22: Earth Day



April 23: National English Muffin Day



April 25: World Penguin Day



April 30: Arbor Day



April 30: International Jazz Day



May 1: Kentucky Derby Day; May Day



May 2: Brothers & Sisters Day



May 4: National Teachers Day



May 4: Star Wars Day - May the Fourth Be With You



May 5: Cinco de Mayo;



Bike to School Day



May 6: National Nurses Day



May 8: No Socks Day



May 9: Mother's Day



May 10: Clean Up Your Room Day



May 15: Armed Forces Day



May 23: Lucky Penny Day



May 27: Sun Screen Day



May 28: National Hamburger Day



May 31: Memorial Day

5 TIPS FOR TEENS LOOKING FOR SUMMER EMPLOYMENT:

1. Think outside the box when you're looking for opportunities. Take a walk around your neighborhood or city and look for help wanted signs, and check out online job banks (indeed.com, summerjobs.com, coolworks.com, simplyhired.com), AND network with everyone you know.

2. Take the application seriously. Whether it's paper or online, take the time to fill out an application completely. This might mean you have to spend some time collecting names and phone numbers of references, former jobs, etc., but it will show a future employer that you take the job opportunity seriously and that you take the time to follow through with tasks.

3. Be engaged during the interview. Smile, look the interviewer in the eye, and give more than one-word answers to questions. Also, ask questions that show you're interested in the work (don't make all your questions about pay and time off!).

4. Put away your phone! This should be obvious, but employers say they're constantly surprised by how many teens look at, or even text on, their phones during interviews. If you think you can't trust yourself to keep your phone hidden during your interview, leave it at home!

5. Continue to work on making a good impression—even after you've got the job. Show up for your first day on time, dressed appropriately, and ready to work.

**READY?
TIME TO FIND A JOB!**