



CCS Staff In the Know



COVID-19 Dashboard

The number of positive cases is newly reported for the week. Quarantines are based on an individual(s) being considered a close contact. A close contact is within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes cumulatively over a 24-hour period.

For the Week of September 17th-September 23rd

12,800 Total Number of Students

111 Total Confirmed new positive cases (staff & students)

1,587 Total Number of Staff

574 Total quarantined (staff & students)

If you are experiencing any COVID-like symptoms please contact your school nurse and/or healthcare provider for the next best steps.

Follow our social media channels for up to date information:



@cravencountyschools



Congratulations



Dr. LaKesia Boone
Assistant Superintendent
Human Resources



Caroline Godwin, Principal
Roger Bell New Tech
Academy



Tiffany York, Principal
Vanceboro Farm Life Elementary

Board of Education Approves New Leadership Positions

At the September Board of Education Meeting held on September 16, 2021, the Board of Education approved the following new leadership positions for the district.

Dr. Lakeisha Boone will join Craven County Schools as the new Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources effective November 1, 2021. Dr. LaKesia Boone has been in education for 20 years as a teacher, school administrator, Beginning Teacher Coordinator, and Central Office Administrator. She has a Bachelor's degree in history from East Carolina University 2001, a Master's degree in Education from East Carolina University 2008, an Administrative add-on from Gardner-Webb University 2012, and a Doctorate degree in educational leadership from Gardner-Webb University 2018. She is a dissertation coach at Grand Canyon University and is an adjunct professor at Roanoke Chowan Community College. Career highlights include RBC Tribute to Teachers Recipient, Bojangles Teacher of the Week, WITN Teacher of the week, Teacher of the Year, and Aspiring Superintendents Program graduate. Dr. Boone shares, " I am looking forward to building new professional relationships, serving the students of Craven County, and making an impact through the Human Resources Department."

Carolina Godwin will transition from Assistant Principal to Principal at Roger Bell New Tech Academy effective October 1, 2021. Mrs. Godwin has been fortunate to spend 14 years of her 18-year education career serving Craven County. After graduating from UNCW in the UNC Teaching Fellows program, she taught 5th grade for 4 years in Duplin County. During her tenure in Craven County she has taught 5th grade, AIG, served as a Digital Teaching and Learning Coach, as well as an Instructional Coach and Assistant Principal at Roger Bell New Tech

Academy. She had the honor of being Craven County's Teacher Ambassador in 2010 which afforded her many great learning opportunities. One of her greatest joys in education has been supporting teachers instructionally and observing the difference they make in their students' lives every day.

Mrs. Godwin has a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in elementary education, and a Master's Degree in Instructional Technology from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. In addition, she holds licensure in academically and intellectually gifted, and school administration.

Mrs. Godwin looks forward to the opportunity to continue working with the amazing teachers, staff, and community in her new role at Roger Bell New Tech Academy. Roger Bell aspires to be a pillar and reflection of what the community deserves as we continue to build a strong relationship with all of our students and their families.

Tiffany York will transition from Assistant Principal to Principal at Vanceboro Farm Life Elementary School effective October 1, 2021. Mrs. York began her journey with Craven County Schools in 2011 as a 3rd Grade Teacher at Ben D. Quinn Elementary School. The remainder of her teaching career was spent at AH Bangert Elementary School. After receiving her Masters in School Administration from East Carolina University, she served as the Assistant Principal at Roger Bell New Tech Academy for two years prior to becoming the Assistant Principal at Vanceboro Farm Life Elementary School. Mrs. York stated, "I am beyond excited and honored to serve as the Principal of Vanceboro Farm Life Elementary School. This school is a place where the hearts of the staff, parents, and community members are fully invested in providing the best learning environment for the students. Great things are taking place at VFL. I can not wait to see where the future takes us."

Please help us congratulate and welcome our new leaders.



A SUMMER
PROGRAM FOR
GIFTED AND
TALENTED HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENTS

**Craven County Schools is
hosting a virtual
Governor's School
Informational Session**

Learn more from Guest Speaker:
**Mr. Tom Winton, Coordinator,
North Carolina Governor's School**

MEETING DETAILS:

Date: Thursday, September 30th

Time: 6:00pm.

Who: Current 11th Graders

(Exceptions are sometimes made for
10th graders in selected areas)

ZOOM LINK:

[https://cravenk12.zoom.us/j/989
23287935](https://cravenk12.zoom.us/j/98923287935)



Craven County Schools is hosting a Governor's School Informational Webinar!

Date: Thursday, September 30th

Time: 6:00pm.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Tom Winton, Coordinator, North Carolina Governor's School

The North Carolina Governor's School is a 5½-week summer residential program for gifted and talented high school students, integrating academic disciplines, the arts, and unique courses on each of two campuses. The curriculum focuses on the exploration of the most recent ideas and concepts in each discipline, and does not

involve credit, tests, or grades.

The North Carolina Governor's School is the nation's oldest statewide summer residential program for gifted high school students. The program, which is open to rising seniors only, with exceptions made for rising juniors in selected performing/visual arts areas, is located on two campuses of up to 335 students each: Governor's School West at **High Point University** in High Point, and Governor's School East at **Meredith College** in Raleigh. The program is administered by the Public Schools of North Carolina, the State Board of Education, and the Department of Public Instruction through the Exceptional Children Division. A Board of Governors, appointed by the State Board of Education, acts as an advisory body. Governor's School offers amazing educational opportunities to selected students in eleven different academics and arts disciplines.

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/students-families/enhanced-opportunities/governors-school-north-carolina/overview>

After the **Governor's School** Informational Webinar, each high school will host a separate school-based session to provide you with instructions on specific school due dates, counselor contact information, etc. Each high school will share a Zoom link with students from their school for those sessions.

Please click the link below to join the Governor's School Informational Webinar on September 30th:

<https://cravenk12.zoom.us/j/98923287935>

Or Telephone:

+1 312 626 6799

+1 646 558 8656

Webinar ID: 989 2328 7935

Or Watch via YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-010NXHxs9lQWRKto7Jnjj>

Please log in to learn more about this opportunity!

(The webinar will be recorded in case you cannot attend on September 30th).



Family Financial Fun Nights for Elementary Students and their Families

Attending families from Title 1 schools receive a \$20 Food Lion Gift Card.

Elementary Teachers: Are you interested in engaging your students' families with finance industry

volunteers to complete interactive activities that are fun and educational? This is a great PTA event or an opportunity to engage parents. All activities for the remainder of this calendar year will be virtual. The first 3 teachers to schedule a Family Financial Fun Night for a Title 1 school will receive a \$100 stipend. You help us schedule it, we do the rest!

For more information on this program, please contact **[Stephanie Cales](#)**.

**K-12 Fall Session: 9/7/2021 -
12/10/2021 2021**
**Fall Higher Ed Session: 9/13/2021 -
11/19/2021**
**K-12 Year-long Session: 9/13/2021 -
4/8/2022**



The SMG is an interactive stock market simulation that doubles as a statewide competition. Students work in teams to decide how to invest \$100,000 in stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Everything is real except the money. Your students will learn economics, business, and personal finance concepts while strengthening their math skills. As an added bonus, teachers report learning with their students and making positive financial decisions for themselves. While there is a cost to participate, NCCEE has secured funds so that student teams may participate at no cost. Find out if your school qualifies for scholarship funds by contacting [Naomi Richardson](#). I am unsure about the program and am interested in participating in a one-hour introductory session. **Send me an email with intro dates and times.** I love this program and am ready to [register my teams](#).

Accounting for Their Futures - November 5, 2021 (8:30-3:30pm)

This session is designed for high school social studies and CTE teachers from Title 1 schools or schools where greater than 50% of the student population qualifies for free or reduced-cost meals. Content and pedagogy will focus on budgeting; taxes; credit/debt; planning and paying for college, and higher education and career options for students. NCCEE will reimburse substitute pay for attending teachers. There is no cost to attend but space is limited.

[Learn more and register.](#)

This session is being presented by NCCEE with generous funding from, and in partnership with, Appalachian State University's Walker College of Business, Department of Accounting.

Professional Development Opportunities

**It's Elementary, My Dear! - November 1, 2021
(8:30-3:30pm)**

This interactive and virtual full day of professional development for elementary teachers will focus on strategies for incorporating the economics and personal finance strands of the new social studies standards into math and reading activities. Attendees will receive access to numerous high-quality resources along with a certificate for 7 hours of professional development which may be submitted for CEUs. NCCEE will reimburse substitute pay for attending teachers. There is no cost to attend but space is limited. **Learn more and register.**



This session is being presented by NCCEE

Self-Paced Professional Development Course presented by NCCEE

EPF Preview (10 hours) will be offered September 1-30, 2021

This session is specifically designed for high school teachers of the Economics and Personal Finance Course who have not yet attended and EPF Institute. Teachers who have previously attended this course are not eligible to register.

NCDPI School Counseling Updates

It's that time of year again! Both linked below and available **online here** is information on the Fall NCDPI/CFNC K-12 Go Alliance Career and College Readiness Online Courses. Taking into consideration how incredibly busy you are, we have added two newly available mini-course options that take less of your time to complete. You can read the course descriptions prior to pre-registering by clicking on the course title boxes in the linked document where the link to pre-register is also available.

These high quality online training courses, especially designed for school counselors and also applicable for CDCs and other career advisors, are instructor-led and self-paced with weekly deadlines for completing the work whenever is convenient for you. Courses will run November 1, 2021 - January 9, 2022 with breaks for holidays.

Mini courses are recommended for 1.5 CEU (1 Professional Discipline CEU and .5 Digital Learning Competency CEU) and the full-length course is recommended for 3 CEUs (2 Professional Discipline CEUs and 1 Digital Learning Competency CEU).

Pre-register no later than October 12th.

Fall NCDPI_CFNC Go Alliance CCR Online Courses.pdf

Thank you for all you do!

Cynthia Floyd

Consultant for School Counseling

Craven Autism Acceptance 2021

Back by popular demand! Join us in supporting Craven County School's Autism Acceptance campaign! We have a new logo this year, too!

Our Autism Team is working to support autism awareness and acceptance throughout our schools and community. Profits from these sales will go toward providing newly-identified students and their families with educational materials and resources. Thank you SO much for your support!



AUTISM ACCEPTANCE SHIRT SALES

Please spread the word, share with staff, students, and the community!

We are so excited to share the link to this year's Autism Acceptance shirt sales!

We have seven styles with a variety of colors to choose from, and sales will be open until October 3. Orders are anticipated to be delivered between October 13-22. We have our new Autism Acceptance logo (changed from awareness) ready to be printed

and shared! Thank you in advance for your support of our students, staff, and community!

<https://www.bonfire.com/craven-autism-acceptance/>

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- Choosing Child Care
- Summer/Holiday Care
- Special Needs Child Care

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- Care for Older Adults
- Special Needs Adult Care
- Medicare and Medicaid
- Caregiver Support

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- Adoption
- Pregnancy and Infertility
- Talking to Teenagers

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- K-12
- Colleges and Universities
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- GED/Vocational
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- Pet Care
- Community Resources
- Legal and Financial Issues
- Health and Wellness

CAREER

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- Stress Management
- Co-Worker Relationships

Your employer recognizes the challenges of balancing work with the circumstances of everyday life. That's why you and your family have access to assistance provided by your employee support program. When you call the toll-free number, a qualified Consultant will respond to your request thoroughly and promptly, and when you log on to the Employee Support Website, you'll find an abundance of useful resources, articles, links and interactive tools.



The service is a free benefit from your employer.

SERVICE OVERVIEW

- A complementary component to other employee benefits
- Accessed by phone, e-mail, instant message, or website
- Available anytime, any day
- Always confidential
- No cost to you or your family to use the service.
- No limit to the number of issues for which you may use the service

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In addition to the live support from professional Consultants, the following special features are available for your benefit:

- Savings Center, where you can shop name-brands at discounts of up to 25%
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PIE PAYROLL SUSTAINING MEMBERS UPDATE!



Note: If you are a **PIE Member** under the Payroll Deduction Program and *you were a 12-month employee that has converted to a 10-month employee*, your monthly deduction for PIE membership will change to the total amount you have listed on your Payroll Deduction form. **For instance**, if you had \$8.33/month deducted for a **total of \$100**, that will change to \$10/month starting with your October paycheck for a **total of \$100**.

Your total deduction for the year will not change!

If you have any questions, contact Darlene.Brown@cravenk12.org or call her at 514-6321!

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2021-22 Grants Administered by PIE

- ⇒ **PIE Grants - up to \$1,500 - any subject. PIE Grants are cash awards offered by Craven County Partners In Education to encourage innovative and creative educational projects that have the potential of encouraging long-range growth in educational performance. All grade levels, multiple grants per school allowed. All PIE Grant winners win one free ticket to the PIE Luncheon! Two Cycles - Due 10/6 & 1/12, 5:00 pm.**
- ⇒ **Superintendent's Exceptional Education for Exceptional Children Grants - \$500 per grant, two grants to be awarded. All ECP teachers at all grade levels are eligible. Multiple grants per school allowed. Due 10/20, 5:00 pm.**
- ⇒ **Aspire to Inspire Grant - up to \$500, one grant awarded - all 4th-grade teachers are eligible - Math and/or Science focus. One grant per school allowed. Due 10/20, 5:00 pm.**
- ⇒ **The Bate Foundation Individual School Grant - up to \$5,000, \$30,000 to be awarded - all principals are eligible - art, music, health and fitness, and athletics focus. One grant per school allowed. Due 10/20, 5:00 pm.**
- ⇒ **Dr. Bryan Johnson STEM Grant - up to \$2,000 - all principals are eligible - STEM focus. One grant per school allowed. Due 10/20, 5:00 pm.**
- ⇒ **International Paper Literacy Grant - \$5,000, two grants will be awarded - all principals are eligible - literacy focus. One grant per school allowed. Due 10/20, 5:00 pm.**
- ⇒ **TRAA Art Grant - \$250, eight grants be awarded - any grade, all art teachers are eligible. Multiple grants per school allowed. Due 10/20, 5:00 pm.**
- ⇒ **Toyota of New Bern Tech Grant - up to \$3,000, one grant will be awarded, all principals are eligible - technology for your school! One grant per school allowed. Due 12/1 5:00 pm.**
- ⇒ **Suddenlink by Altice Tech Grant (available to the areas served by Suddenlink - Vanceboro, Bridgeton, and New Bern schools) - \$3,000, principals are eligible - technology for your school. Due 12/1, 5:00 pm.**
- ⇒ **Donna & Team New Bern Music Grants (available to ALL schools in the Craven County Schools district) - four grants awarded at \$1,000 each, \$4,000 total to be awarded. Open to all music-related classrooms and programs. All grade levels, multiple grants per school allowed. Due 12/1, 5:00 pm.**
- ⇒ **International Paper Math and Science Grants - \$250 per grant, four grants awarded per cycle. Math and/or Science focus. All grade levels, multiple grants per school allowed. Two Cycles - Due 2/9, 5:00 pm.**

To apply, visit cravenpartners.com/ for a link to the shared drive.

Be sure you are signed into your Rapid Identity account through Craven County Schools email when you access the grants link to the shared CCS Google Drive.

As a member of PIE, receive one extra point on your total grant score for the PIE Grants and International Paper Math & Science Grants and help your school win money! Ask your PIE School Ambassador or visit cravenpartners.com/ to learn how.

*If you have questions about these grants
or becoming a PIE member, contact
Darlene.Brown@cravenk12.org.*

**Thank you for supporting Partners In Education,
as we support our educators in Craven County Schools.**



You don't have to be a teacher or CCS employee to join - anyone can be a member of PIE!

Parents, community supporters, and staff in all CCS departments are encouraged to join PIE!

When you join and support PIE, designate your membership to the school of your choice to help them win cash for their operating funds.

Support your school through PIE membership for just \$15!

Learn how at cravenpartners.com!



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For a list of PIE School Ambassadors, a Membership Form, and a link to the grants offered by PIE, visit cravenpartners.com or contact Darlene.Brown@Cravenk12.org.

Return your completed Membership form to your PIE School Ambassador or to PIE at Central Services.

How can you join PIE? There two are two ways!

One-time Payment Member (Everyone is Eligible)

And be eligible for each consecutive drawing!

- ⇒ Join by September 27 to be eligible for the \$150 drawing on September 29
- ⇒ Join by October 4 to be eligible for the \$125 drawing on October 6
- ⇒ Join by October 11 to be eligible for the \$100 drawing on October 13
- ⇒ Join by October 18 to be eligible for the \$75 drawing on October 20

Each school level (elementary, middle, high, & early college) with the highest percentage of participants will be awarded \$500 (80% participation is required to be eligible—parents and staff, help your school be eligible!).

Make a One-Time Payment for as little as \$15!

Payroll Deduction Member (CCS Employees Only)

- ⇒ Join by October 18 and be eligible for the Dr. Miller's Challenge drawing for \$500 at the end of October!

The school with the highest number of participants in the Payroll Deduction Program will be awarded \$1,000!

Minimum \$100 per year to join through Payroll Deduction.

Become a Sustaining Member for automatic renewal!

All money awarded is the personal property of the winner!

Teachers: As a member of PIE, receive one extra point on your total grant score for TRAA Art Grants, PIE Grants, International Paper Math and Science Grants, and Superintendent's ECP Grants.

And, win money for your classroom and your school!

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