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Board Recognitions

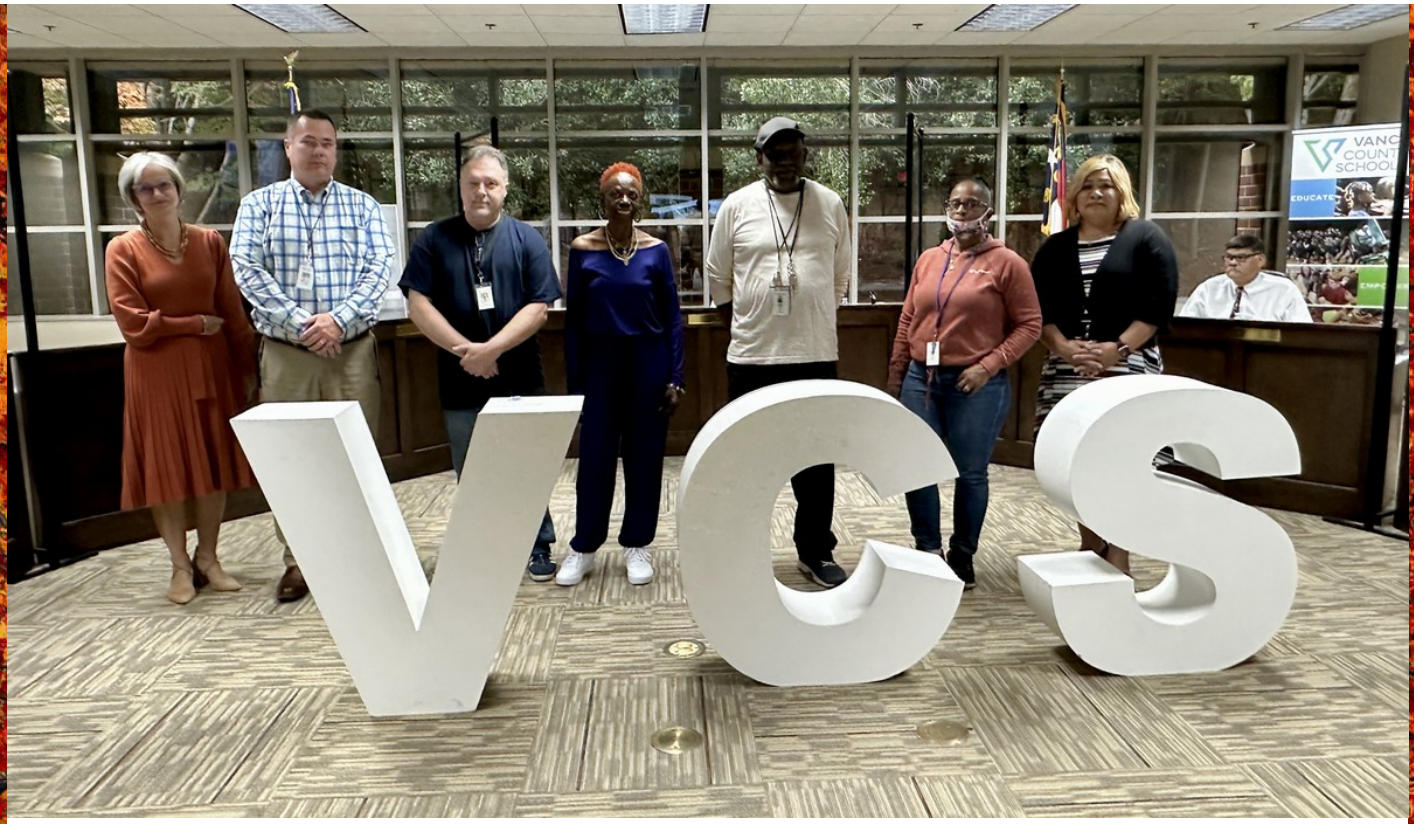


Principal Appreciation Month

The Board of Education recognized the sixteen principals in Vance County Schools. Principals Appreciation Month is a time to recognize and celebrate these dedicated leaders who play a pivotal role in shaping the future of our schools and communities. Principals are the driving force behind our schools' success. They are not just administrators; they are visionaries, mentors, and champions of education. From fostering a positive learning environment to making tough decisions that benefit students, teachers, and staff, principals wear many hats. By appreciating our principals, we empower them to continue their vital work in nurturing our students' growth and ensuring our schools thrive.







Custodian & Grounds Appreciation

The Board of Education recognized the hard work of the custodian and grounds crews across the district. October 2 was National Custodian and Grounds Appreciation Day. We appreciate all that these employees do to keep our buildings and campuses safe, clean and beautiful! These dedicated individuals work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure clean, safe, and welcoming environments for us all. Their commitment does not go unnoticed and their impact is immeasurable.





Custodial Recognitions

The Board of Education recognized LB Yancey Elementary for the highest custodial score, which was 98.5. For secondary schools, Vance County High School was awarded the top honors with a 96.2. Safelle representative, Tommy Kirkman, along with Kevin Perdue and Marshall Burwell, announced that 13 of the district's school were honored with a score of an A, with the other 3 just barely missing the cut. An A is a score of 95% or higher.



School Bus Safety

From October 16th to 20th, we observe School Bus Safety Week, a time dedicated to emphasizing the importance of safe transportation for our students. School buses are a vital part of our educational system, ensuring that millions of children reach school and return home safely each day.

During this week, we encourage everyone to focus on school bus safety measures. Parents, remind your children to wait patiently at designated bus stops, board and exit the bus carefully, and follow the instructions of their bus drivers. Drivers, please exercise caution around school buses, stop when required, and obey traffic laws to protect our young passengers. School Bus Safety Week serves as a reminder that ensuring the safety of our students is a collective responsibility. Let's work together to make every bus ride a safe and secure journey for our future leaders.

VANCE COUNTY SCHOOLS celebrates

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY OCTOBER 4

in partnership with Kerr Tar







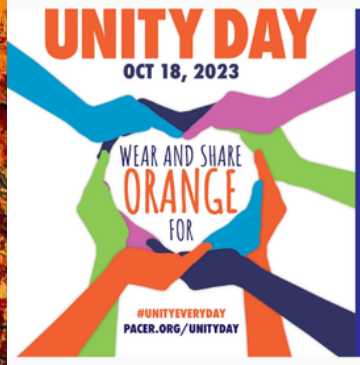
Walk to School Day

In partnership with Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments, Vance County Schools participated in Walk to School Day, held on October 4. Students at Clarke Elementary were joined by local emergency personnel, the Chick-fil-A cow, Sparky the Firedog, mascots from VCHS and VCEC, as well as community organizations. This event promotes healthier lifestyles and raises awareness about the benefits of walking. Principal, Dr. C'Monee' Wilkins, expressed her gratitude for the community coming together for this wonderful event, which was much appreciated by students, staff and families.

Walking and staying active contributes to physical fitness. It is a chance to teach children valuable pedestrian safety skills while fostering a love for the outdoors. Our district proudly took steps to a brighter, healthier future on Walk to School Day!

VANCE COUNTY SCHOOLS celebrates

UNITY DAY (OCTOBER 18)
BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH
RED RIBBON WEEK (OCTOBER 23-31)







Unity & Kindness Matter in Vance County Schools

October brings a powerful trio of events that highlight unity, kindness, and a commitment to a healthier, safer future for our communities.

Bullying Prevention Month (Throughout October): Throughout October, we focus our attention on Bullying Prevention Month. This crucial initiative encourages us to stand up against bullying in all its forms. By fostering a culture of respect, empathy, and inclusion, we can create safer and more supportive environments for everyone. Let's unite against bullying and support those who need it.

National Unity Day (October 18): On October 18th, we celebrate National Unity Day, a time to come together in the fight against bullying. Wear orange to show your support for kindness, inclusion, and acceptance. This day serves as a reminder that together, we can make a difference in the lives of those affected by bullying, promoting unity and understanding in our communities.

Red Ribbon Week (October 23-31): Red Ribbon Week, observed from October 23rd to 31st, is a nationwide campaign against drug abuse. It encourages individuals to make a visible commitment to living drug-free lives. By wearing red ribbons and participating in awareness activities, we send a powerful message that we are committed to the health and well-being of ourselves and our communities.

As October unfolds, let's remember that our actions have the power to shape a kinder, safer, and healthier world for all. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those around us.

VANCE COUNTY SCHOOLS celebrates

SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK OCTOBER 9-13



School Lunch Week

From October 9th to 13th, we honor School Lunch Week, a time to recognize the essential role that nutritious meals play in our students' lives. Healthy school lunches not only fuel young minds but also promote lifelong habits of well-being.

During this week, we celebrate the dedicated cafeteria staff who work tirelessly to prepare and serve balanced, delicious meals to our students. Their efforts ensure that every child has access to nourishing food, setting the foundation for academic success.

Let's also take this opportunity to encourage healthy eating habits among students and promote awareness of the importance of well-balanced school lunches. By supporting School Lunch Week, we invest in the well-being and future of our youth.



Superintendent's Report

School Improvement Update

Superintendent Dr. Cindy Bennett shared updates on School Improvement Plans.

Parents' Bill of Rights Update

Superintendent Dr. Cindy. Bennett shared updates on the Parents' Bill of Rights.

AVID update

AVID is offered at Carver Elementary, Vance County Middle, and Vance County High. AVID is a fully comprehensive program that has components of writing, inquiry, reading, organization, collaboration, and more! AVID's mission statement is aligned with the work of Vance County Schools. Dr. Destiney Ross-Putney feels certain this program will help us prepare our students to be college and career-ready. Carver Principal, Regina Miles, is excited about the implementation of AVID.

Board Business

Action Items by the Board of Education

The Board of Education voted and approved the following:



- Personnel Recommendations
- Policy Update: 3460 (amended to include the total number of credits in the policy - there is a local requirement of 28 credits)
- The Parents' Bill of Rights Policy updates will undergo a 30-day review. These updates are recommendations from the North Carolina School Board Association.
- Policies Under 30-day review:
  - 1310/4002
  - 3210
  - 3540
  - 4335
  - 4720
  - 6120
  - 7300

VANCE COUNTY SCHOOLS
Personnel
SUMMARY

Personnel

The Board of Education approved 14 employment recommendations. We would like to formally welcome the following: Grace Herndon (ASC), Christopher Ayscue (Maintenance), Dale Hawkins (Pinkston), Brenda Ayscue (VCHS), Sheryl Cinco (VCHS), Talayah Hardy (VCHS), Gordon McKinney (VCHS), Raquelle Dunston (Dabney), Deidra Taborn (EOY/Pinkston), Chadwick Denton (Maintenance), Raymond Pagayonan (STEM/V3A), Ashley Boone (VCMS), Rosalind Wiggins (VCMS) and 1 additional hire for literacy specialists in regional counties as the fiscal agents for state funding.

The Board accepted resignations for 6, retirements for 0, temporary employment for 5, 25 outside contracted services, 20 VCS contracted services, additional assignment for 1 and transfer/promotions for 3, which includes Angela Cusaac to Assistant Principal at Advance Academy.



Student Transfer Requests

The Vance County Board of Education approved 12 requests to transfer into Vance County Schools and 0 requests to transfer out, totaling 12 transfer requests.



Overnight / Out of State Field Trip Approvals

The following field trips were approved by the Board of Education:

- VCHS JROTC: November 16-17, Fort Lee, VA
- VCEC Beta Club:October 30, Williamsburg, VA

Next BOE Meeting will be November 20, 2023 at 6pm.

All meetings take place at 6pm at VCS Administrative Services Center.

December 11, 2023

Adopted by the Board of Education on December 12, 2022.

About Us

Vance County Schools, located in Henderson, NC serves students Pre-K through 12th grade, as well as Early College 5th year students. There are 16 schools served in our district.

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