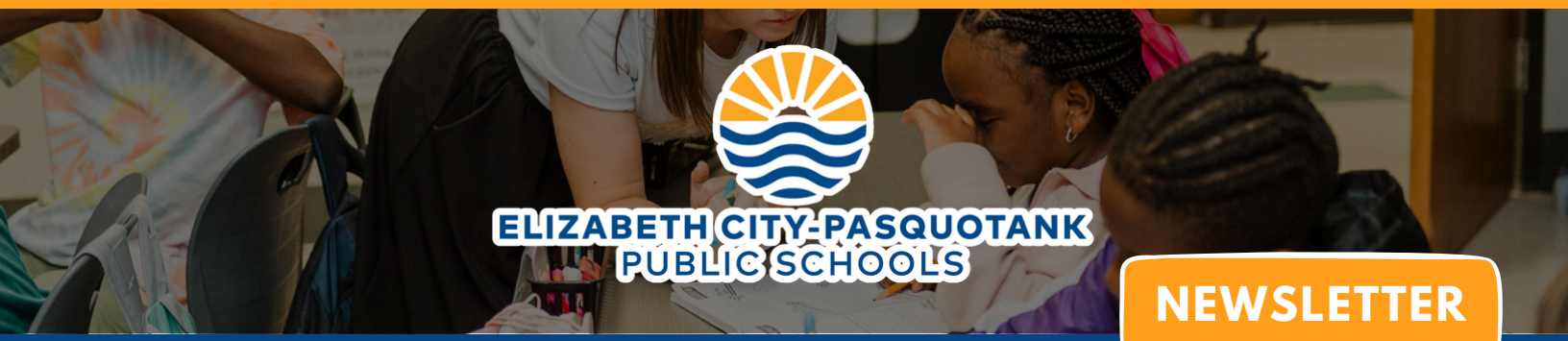


ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEWSLETTER



UPDATES FROM SUPERINTENDENT KEITH PARKER

Hello ECPPS Families!

I am excited to share with you the ECPPS District Newsletter! I am excited to launch this first issue and look forward to the many editions to come as we continue sharing the great things happening across Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools. This newsletter is one way we hope to stay connected with our families and community by sharing the many accomplishments, opportunities, and important dates across our district.

In this issue, you will see just a few of the many reasons we are proud of Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools, from outstanding student achievements and athletic success to the creativity of our young artists and the dedication of our educators. You will also find important enrollment information and key dates to help your family plan for the weeks ahead.

I am deeply grateful for the partnership of our families, whose support plays such an important role in the success of our schools. Together, we are building strong school communities and creating meaningful opportunities for every student to learn, grow, and thrive.

With appreciation,

Keith



A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The ECPPS Board of Education would like to recognize and thank our dedicated staff for the incredible work they do each day to support students and schools across our district:

I *just want to take a moment to say thank you for all that you do each day for our students and schools. Your hard work, care, and commitment truly make a difference.*

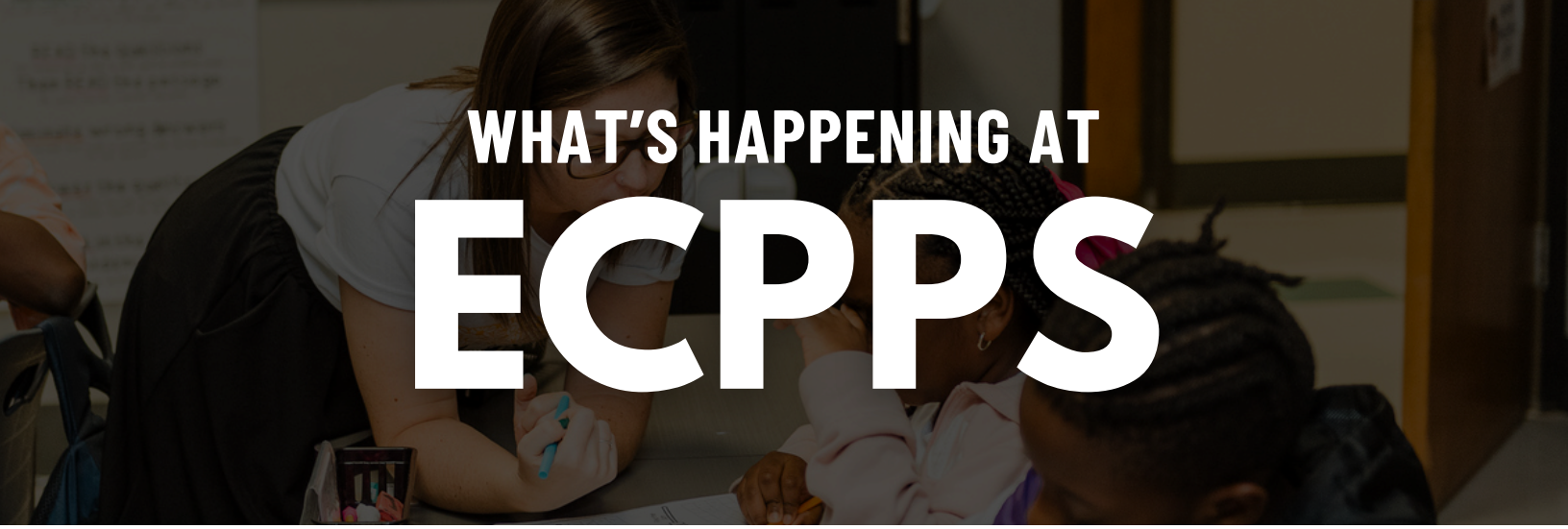
We know this job isn't always easy, but your dedication to showing up, supporting one another, and putting students first does not go unnoticed.

On behalf of the Board of Education, we appreciate you more than you know. We're proud to support such an amazing team.

Thank you for everything you do!

Angela Cobb
Chair, ECPPS Board of Education





WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ECPPS

Here's what you may have missed at ECPPS! We're highlighting the incredible achievements, milestones, and moments that have made this year so impactful so far across Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools. From student success stories to district-wide accomplishments, we're proud to celebrate all that our students, staff, and community have achieved together.

ECPPS MICRO SCHOOL WINS FIRST PLACE IN STATEWIDE STUDENT VIDEO CONTEST

ECPPS Micro School earned First Place in the North Carolina School Boards Association 2025 Middle School Student Video Contest. Students created a standout 60-second video highlighting what makes public schools special, rising above entries from across the state. As a school in its first year, this achievement is a true reflection of the creativity and pride within their community.





2026 FIFTH GRADE DISTRICT SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS ANNOUNCED

ECPPS celebrates our 5th grade scientists who competed in the District Science Fair. Congratulations to our top winners:

First Place: Grady Christian – Weeksville Elementary School
Second Place: Ashlyn Whidbee & Blair Bateman – P.W. Moore Elementary School
Third Place: Preston Billups – Sheep Harney Elementary School

Honorable Mentions:
Lydia Decker – Northside Elementary School
Isaiah Nunez Rowe – Northside Elementary School

2026 ECPPS ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE CHAMPION CROWNED

Students from across our elementary schools and the Micro School took the stage at the Museum of the Albemarle on March 5 to compete in the 2026 ECPPS District Spelling Bee.

After thirteen exciting rounds, Samiyah Solan, a third-grade student from Central Elementary School in Mr. Stanley's class, was named this year's champion.

We are incredibly proud of every student who represented their school with confidence, preparation, and a love of learning. Their hard work truly shined throughout the competition.





GOMEZ NAMED TOP 10 COACH IN NATION

ECPPS Coach Antonio Gomez was recognized as a 2026 Positive Coaching Alliance Coach of the Year Top 10 National Winner, placing him among the top youth coaches in the nation. Selected from nearly 250 nominations and 28 finalists nationwide, Coach Gomez was honored for his commitment to building character, leadership, and confidence in student-athletes both on and off the field.

Coach Gomez was recognized by the ECPPS Board of Education in January, where representatives from Carolina United Soccer attended to celebrate his achievement and the impact he continues to make on youth in our community.

We are proud to have leaders like Coach Gomez representing ECPPS on a national stage.

ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL SEASON CONCLUDES WITH MARCH MADNESS TOURNAMENT

The second season of the ECPPS Elementary Basketball League recently concluded with an exciting March Madness tournament, bringing together teams from across the district for a final day of competition.

Throughout the season, student-athletes demonstrated teamwork, sportsmanship, and growth on and off the court.

Congratulations to P.W. Moore Elementary's boys and girls basketball teams on completing an undefeated season and both earning 1st Place in this year's tournament.

Their hard work, teamwork, and dedication were on full display throughout the season.

MARCH MADNESS!





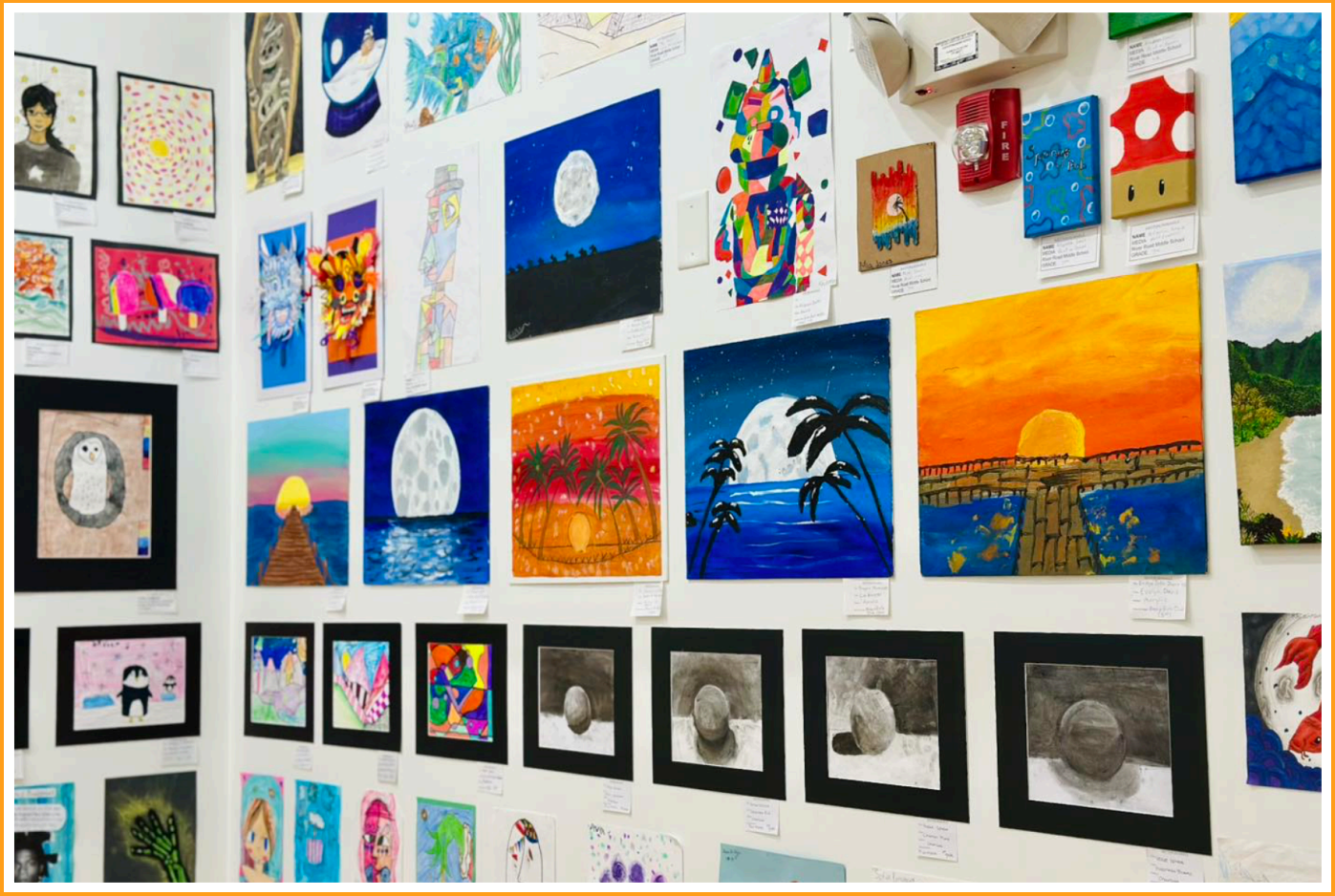
WEEKSVILLE ELEMENTARY SOCCER TEAM FINISHES UNDEFEATED SEASON

Weeksville Elementary School made history during the inaugural season of the ECPPS Elementary Soccer League.

The Weeksville Elementary Bulldogs completed the season undefeated and earned the title of Tournament Champions.

The team was recognized by the Board of Education in November for their accomplishment and for representing Weeksville Elementary with pride.

ECPPS is proud to be the **only district in North Carolina offering elementary soccer and basketball across all schools**. These programs provide students with opportunities to build teamwork, confidence, and a love for athletics at an early age while representing their schools and community.



THE ARTS – ECPPS STUDENT ARTWORK FEATURED AT ARTS OF THE ALBEMARLE

Student artwork from across ECPPS was on display this month at Arts of the Albemarle as part of the K-12 Creations exhibit.

The exhibit showcased a vibrant collection of drawings, paintings, ceramics, sculptures, and mixed media pieces created by students across grade levels.

This annual showcase highlights the creativity and talent of young artists throughout our district.

The incredible work on display is something our entire community can take pride in.

CELEBRATING OUR EDUCATORS

TEACHERS!

Teacher Appreciation Week will take place May 4-8 as we celebrate the incredible educators who pour their time, energy, and heart into our students each day. National Teacher Appreciation Day will be observed on Tuesday, May 5.

In the coming weeks, each school will announce its Teacher of the Year, leading up to our annual Teacher of the Year Celebration on May 7, when the 2026-2027 ECPPS District Teacher of the Year will be named. We will also recognize our current ECPPS Principal of the Year, LaShekia Brothers of Central Elementary School.

We invite families and community members to join us in celebrating our educators and showing appreciation for the dedication and impact they bring to our schools every day.

NOW ENROLLING ACROSS ECPPS 2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR



PRE-K: BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS

Pre-K registration is now open for eligible 4-year-old children. Beginning this school year, our Pre-K program will be located at the newly renovated Pasquotank Early Childhood Center (PECC), housed in the former Pasquotank Elementary School facility. This dedicated early learning space has been thoughtfully prepared to support our youngest learners as they begin their educational journey.

Our program builds strong foundations in early literacy, social development, and school readiness through engaging, hands-on experiences in a nurturing and welcoming environment.

Enrollment deadline: May 1, 2026

KINDERGARTEN: READY TO BEGIN

WELCOME!

Kindergarten registration opens April 1. We are excited to welcome our rising Kindergarten students and support families during this important milestone. Families can visit our Kindergarten Enrollment Page for information about registration requirements and important details to begin preparing. Whether your child is already part of ECPPS or joining us for the first time, we look forward to supporting you every step of the way.



SPANISH DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION (DLI)

The Spanish Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program is available for rising Kindergarten and First Grade students at all ECPPS elementary schools. Students receive instruction in both English and Spanish, developing bilingualism, biliteracy, and strong academic skills through an immersive learning model.

The initial enrollment window remains open through May 30, 2026. Applications submitted after this date will be placed on a waiting list if seats are full.

MICRO SCHOOL

The ECPPS Micro School offers a personalized, student-centered learning environment with small class sizes and a focus on hands-on, project-based learning. Designed to support individual growth and engagement, the program provides a close-knit school experience for students.

The ECPPS Micro School lottery is open for the 2026-2027 school year. There are 15 available seats for rising 5th grade students. Applications for rising 6th and 7th grade students will be accepted to create a waitlist if seats become available.

Application deadline: April 14, 2026
Lottery drawing: May 4, 2026

ECP EARLY COLLEGE

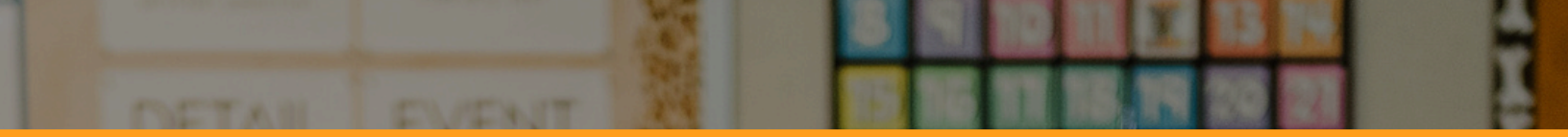
APPLY NOW!

ECP Early College is accepting applications for the 2026-2027 school year through July 31, 2026. Located on the College of The Albemarle campus, Early College allows students to earn a high school diploma while also working toward an associate degree at no cost to families.

The program is designed for motivated students who are ready for a rigorous, non-traditional high school experience and increased independence in a college-campus environment.

Eligible applicants include current 8th and 9th grade students who will enter 9th or 10th grade in 2026-2027.





UPCOMING EVENTS
DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS & RECOGNITIONS

March 31

Special Olympics Spring Games

A celebration of inclusion, determination, and student achievement across ECPPS. (Rain date: April 1)

April 22

Senior Scholars Recognition

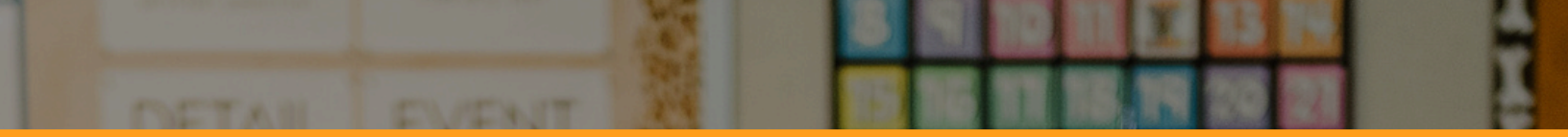
Honoring graduating seniors for sustained academic excellence throughout high school.

April 28 - 30

SAT Awards Recognition

Celebrating students in grades 3-12 for outstanding academic performance.





UPCOMING EVENTS

KEY DATES FOR FAMILIES

April 1

Report Cards Distributed

(Except ECP Early College)

April 2

3-Hour Early Release

(Except ECP Early College)

April 3

No School

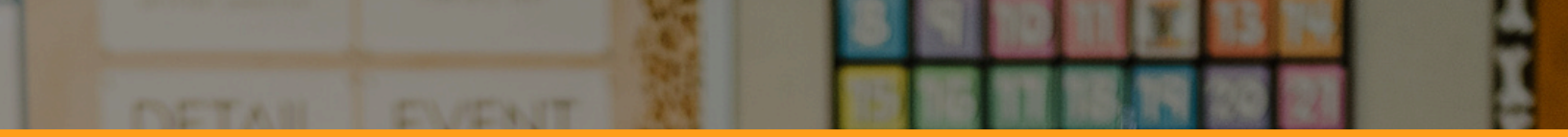
All Students

April 6-10

Spring Break

All Schools and Offices Closed.
All students and staff return April 13





UPCOMING EVENTS
LOOKING AHEAD

May 15
ECP Early College Last Day of School
3-Hour Early Release Day

May 21
ECP Early College Graduation

June 5
Last Day of School, 3-Hour Early Release & PCHS Graduation

June 6
NHS Graduation

