



OCS Transition Banquet: May 15, 2026 @ Robert A Wright Center 10:00- 1:00pm  
\*May 15: Testing window starts, SHEC graduation 6:00 PM  
\*Reading EOG: May 19 \*Math EOG: May 20, 2026 \*Science EOG: May 21, 2026  
\*President's Award Banquet: May 21, 2026  
\*Hoke High School Graduation: May 29, 2026  
\*May 29, 2026 Early Release \*May 29, 2026 Last Day of School



## PREVENTING THE SUMMER SLIDE:

### Tips for Secondary Families



Summer is a time to rest, explore, and have fun! A little structure goes a long way in helping students return to school confident and ready. Use these practical tips to keep learning alive and minds engaged all summer long.



#### 1. ACADEMIC AND LITERACY MAINTENANCE

- Read a variety of books, articles, and blogs that spark interest.
- Keep a reading journal or discuss what you're reading.
- Encourage writing through journals, stories, or opinions on current events.
- Explore audiobooks and podcasts to build comprehension and vocabulary.



#### 2. PRACTICAL MATH AND SCIENCE

- Use real-life math: budgeting, cooking, measuring, and sports stats.
- Practice mental math and estimation in everyday situations.
- Explore science through nature walks, experiments, or documentaries.
- Visit museums, science centers, or take virtual tours.



#### 3. ACTIVITIES AND ROUTINE

- Maintain a loose daily routine that balances fun and productivity.
- Encourage hobbies, art, music, and physical activity.
- Limit excessive screen time and choose quality content.
- Set aside time for independent projects or interests.



#### 4. HEALTHY SUMMER HABITS

- Get plenty of sleep and stay active.
- Eat nutritious foods and drink plenty of water.
- Practice mindfulness and manage stress.
- Stay socially connected with friends and family.



#### 5. SIMPLE FAMILY GOAL

Choose one learning goal together as a family—big or small. It could be completing a book series, learning a new skill, or exploring a new place. Celebrate progress!



Small steps today lead to big success tomorrow.  
*Have a safe, healthy, and enriching summer!*



## Mathematics

Just because testing is near doesn't mean learning stops. As we approach the end of the school year, it's important to remember that every day still matters. Finishing strong means staying focused, maintaining routines, and continuing to support students in thinking, learning, and growing right up to the last day. Whether at home or in the classroom, encouraging effort, confidence, and a positive mindset helps students leave the year feeling successful and prepared for what's next. Let's work together to make these final weeks meaningful and impactful for every student.

## Science

### FINISH STRONG IN SCIENCE!

**Tips for Success**

- ✓ Stay organized – keep up with assignments & projects
- ✓ Review a little each night (10–15 minutes helps!)
- ✓ Ask questions – teachers are here to help
- ✓ Connect learning to real life (weather, health, technology)
- ✓ Check grades regularly

**Parent Resources**

Science Standards (NCDPI)  
[www.dpi.nc.gov/teach-nc/curriculum-instruction/standard-course-study/science](http://www.dpi.nc.gov/teach-nc/curriculum-instruction/standard-course-study/science)

**Parent/Caregiver Guides (All Grades)**

[ncdpi.instructure.com/courses/12448/pages/parent-slash-caregiver-guide](https://ncdpi.instructure.com/courses/12448/pages/parent-slash-caregiver-guide)

- Clear grade-level expectations (K–12)
- Ways to support learning at home
- Connections between school, home & community

**Final Thought**

*Small daily habits = BIG success!*  
Your support at home makes all the difference.



## Indian Education Act (IEA)

HOKE COUNTY SCHOOLS  
IEA PARENT COMMITTEE MEETING

*Come join us*

April 20, 2026  
6:00 PM  
TURLINGTON PD ROOM  
116 W. PROSPECT AVE., RAEFORD, NC 28376

### Save the Date: April 20, 2026

Why should you attend?

- Stay informed about programs and opportunities
- Connect with other parents and community members
- Support student success in and out of the classroom
- Help shape how resources and funding are used

Your voice matters—come be a part of it!

## Library Media Services

### Get Ready for the May Beanstack Challenge!

From **May 1–May 31**, we are celebrating our **Teacher Appreciation Challenge** in honor of Teacher Appreciation Month. Students can show appreciation for teachers by reading, logging minutes in **Beanstack**, and sharing thanks with a teacher.

Students who log **150 minutes** will earn a **Brag Tag**.

Students who log **300 minutes** will earn a **book from the vending machine**.

Families can support reading at home and contact their school librarian for more information.

Also, be on the lookout for our **BIG SUMMER READING CHALLENGE** starting in **June**—more information will be shared later this month.

Following National School Library Month in April, we also want to recognize the important work of our secondary school librarians. While they help manage Chromebooks, iPads, and other instructional devices, their impact goes far beyond technology. They are literacy leaders who support student learning, connect schools with valuable resources, and help create a strong culture of reading. **This year, our secondary schools have already logged 308,000 reading minutes in Beanstack, with East Hoke Middle School leading the way with 129,000 minutes read.**

Want to see how students can earn prizes and books just by reading with Beanstack?

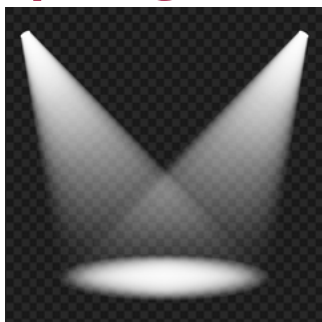
Scan the QR code to watch a short promotional video, then contact your school librarian for all the details. **Students and teachers can access Beanstack easily through Clever.**



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## Spotlight



### Mr. Daryl L. Evans

This month's spotlight recognizes Mr. Daryl Evans and his art students for their outstanding work in creating a beautiful and dynamic art collection, proudly displayed in the media center at East Hoke Middle School.

Their creativity, dedication, and attention to detail transformed the space into an engaging showcase of student talent and artistic expression. This exhibit reflects not only the skill of our students but also Mr. Evans' commitment to fostering creativity and excellence in the arts. We invite you to [view the video](#) to experience the hard work, passion, and collaboration that made this event a success.

