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Wake County Public School System Recognized for Sustainable Energy Efforts

The Wake County Public School System won a Sustainable Energy Leadership Award March 22 at the second annual North Carolina Sustainable Energy Conference at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. The State Energy Office in the N.C. Department of Administration honored WCPSS for the district's energy efficiency, sustainability and energy education efforts.

"We take a comprehensive approach," said Jyoti Sharma, director of Facility Planning. "We couple designing sustainable schools with educating our staff and students on energy conservation."

WCPSS involves students and staff in teaching and learning about energy and environmental conservation with hands-on experiences through the EnergySavers program. The school system has adopted High Performance Guidelines to help address sustainability issues in new and existing school buildings and to include, where possible, rainwater and gray water collection systems, water-efficient landscaping, energy management plans, solar and other renewable energy systems and practices, and the use of recycled construction materials.

Sharma and Mazie Swindell Smith, director of Organizational Development, accepted the award for Wake County schools.

AUXILIARY SERVICES DIVISION

Vision

Providing Services That Power
Education

Mission Statement

Provide quality facilities and
support services to ensure safe,
healthy, inviting and optimal
learning environments.

Goals

- 1) Recruit, develop and retain a qualified and high quality workforce.
- 2) Provide and maintain quality facilities and support services that result in a safe and healthy learning environment.
- 3) Effectively communicate successes, challenges and needs.

Sneak Preview of Lotus Notes

The Wake County school system converts from TAO to Lotus Notes in July. For a sneak preview of the school system's new e-mail system, go to <http://www-128.ibm.com/developerworks/lotus/demos/dwa.html>. Go to the bottom of the page and click Enter Showcase. You may set up a temporary Lotus Notes e-mail account; it lasts approximately one week.

Daylight-saving Time Begins

Daylight-saving time begins at 2 a.m., Sunday, April 3.
Remember to move your clocks forward an hour.

Spring Litter Sweep

Mazie Swindell Smith, Director, Organizational Development

The beauty of spring is upon us. You can make the season even more beautiful by participating in the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Spring Litter Sweep cleanup that will take place April 16-30. Please show your support for a clean North Carolina and a clean community by organizing a local cleanup during Litter Sweep.

To emphasize the importance of clean roads and a clean environment, Governor Easley has issued a proclamation naming April 16-30, 2005, Litter Sweep time in North Carolina. NCDOT crews, local governments, Department of Correction inmates, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, churches, civic organization, schools, business and concerned citizens across the state will be cleaning roadsides with you. Working together we can reach our goal of a clean and beautiful North Carolina.

Cleanup supplies may be picked up from your local DOT maintenance yard. Orange safety vests, orange trash bags, blue recycling bags and gloves will be available. Some counties have pickup sticks also. After your cleanup, call the NCDOT maintenance yard to ask for your trash-filled orange bags to be picked up from the roadside.

This would be an excellent departmental project, but if you are unable to put together a team, I encourage you to check with the schools in your community and volunteer to help. For more information, you can visit this website:

http://www.doh.dot.state.nc.us/operations/dp_chief_eng/roadside/Beautification/LitterSweep/.

Celebrate The Earth

Christina Larkins, Resource Management Administrator, Organizational Development

Green Hope High School's Environmental Club is working to save the Wake County Public School System's energy and environmental future. The club is holding an Earth Day Extravaganza on April 21, 2005, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for Green Hope students and staff.

To raise environmental awareness and celebrate this year's event, representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency, town of Cary and the WCPSS EnergySavers program will be there. There will be over 20 booths (mostly created by students), a display of hybrid vehicles, and a live band. Power Dude, the school system's energy saving mascot, will help with the festivities.

Since April 22, 1970, Earth Day has been an annual event for people around the world to celebrate the earth and our responsibility toward it. Why Earth Day? Because it works! Earth Day broadens the base of support for environmental programs, rekindles public commitment, and involves a wide range of the participants.

WCPSS Hosts Educational Facility Planners Conference

The Wake County Public School System hosted the N.C. Educational Facility Planners' 11th annual conference Feb. 17 and 18 at the Embassy Suites in Cary. Approximately 200 people from across the state, mostly school planners and architects, attended the event.

WCPSS staff led a couple of the sessions. Christina Lighthall, senior director of Long-range Planning and president of NCEFP, and Gerald Core, WCPSS project manager, participated in a Modular/Mobile Solutions for Crowding panel discussion. Jyoti Sharma, director of Facility Planning, and a representative from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools co-presented a session on Communicating with the Community. Sharma and WCPSS facility planners also coordinated tours of Green Hope High, East Cary Middle and Kingswood Elementary.

Employee Excellence Awards

The Board of Education recognized 10 Wake County Public School System employees with Employee Excellence Awards at its March 15 meeting. Two of the honorees reside in the Auxiliary Services Division: Rodney Ferrell, master craftsman, Environmental Health and Safety; and Bill Colavita, catering manager, Child Nutrition Services.

The Employee Excellence Awards were created to recognize Wake County school employees for their hard work and providing one of the country's top-performing school districts. Employees are nominated for the honor and selected by a committee.

Superintendent Bill McNeal presented the employees to the board. McNeal awarded each employee a plaque as Assistant Superintendent Maurice Boswell described the employee's achievements.

Rodney Ferrell, in performing his duties at West Lake Middle, noticed that a town of Cary water employee was charging WCPSS for water usage at West Lake. Ferrell knew the school was on a well and asked the employee why WCPSS was being charged for water. In the resulting inquiry it was found that the town of Cary had been charging WCPSS since January 2001. Due to Ferrell's diligence, WCPSS was reimbursed \$46,060.27 by the town of Cary.

Note: On March 7, West Lake Middle was connected to the town of Cary's water system.

Bill Colavita is known for preparing mouth watering and eye-catching meals. When Colavita made his way through the icy roads on Jan. 19 to pick up his two children from Wildwood Forest Elementary, he found 400 children and 50 staff members still at the school because of road conditions, and they were getting hungry. He immediately rolled up his sleeves and started cooking. Not only did he feed all the children and staff that night, but also stayed at the school overnight so that he could cook breakfast. Without this tremendous sacrifice of time and talent, what was already a difficult situation could have been much worse.

Promotion & New Hire

Jerry Bradley was promoted to the position of Construction Management supervisor March 2. Congratulations!

Cindy Perry became the new Organizational Development secretary March 14. She was previously with Montgomery County Schools in Mount Gilead, N.C. You may reach Perry at 664.5729 or cperry@wcpss.net.

Training Schedule

Computers/Technical Classes/Red Cross

(DPI) Gas/Oil Burners & Controls

Apr. 5-6

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SRN: 249006901

Hepatitis A Training & Vaccinations

Apr. 5

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Vinyl Villa, Rock Quarry

SRN: 249013503

Hepatitis A Training & Vaccinations

Apr. 6

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. (SRN: 249013501)

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (SRN: 249013502)

Vinyl Villa, Rock Quarry

(DPI) Purchasing & Contracts

Apr. 11

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SRN: 249007001

Grease Trap Training

Apr. 12
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Old Refrigeration Shop, Rock Quarry
SRN: 249013702

American Red Cross Re-certification

CPR/AED Training

Apr. 13
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Garner Training Center
SRN: 249005804

Fundamentals of Electricity (Advanced Energy)

Apr. 19
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Garner Training Center
SRN: 249013401

Intro to TAO

Apr. 20
8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Crossroads
SRN: 24196905

Fundamentals of Electricity

Apr. 21
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Garner Training Center
SRN: 249013401

(DPI) Blueprint Reading & Estimating

Apr. 25-27
First day starts at 1:00 p.m.
SRN: 249007101

Fundamentals of Electricity

Apr. 26
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Garner Training Center
SRN: 249013402

Fundamentals of Electricity

Apr. 28
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Garner Training Center
SRN: 249013402

MAXIMO

Tips & Shortcuts

Apr. 20
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Training Center, Rock Quarry
SRN: 249006004

Basic Training

Apr. 26
8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Training Center, Rock Quarry
SRN: 249006107

To register for MAXIMO classes, please contact Petra Harris (pharris2@wcpss.net or 856.8128). To register for all other courses, go to <https://ero3.eschoolsolutions.com/user/login.taf?orgID=42358&userID=&PIN=&function>. Enter your user ID=SS# and Pin=last four digits of your SS#. If you have questions, please contact Beth Ann Williams (bwilliams2@wcpss.net or 856.8018).

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