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The Wake County Public School System is holding a second round of community engagement meetings Oct. 24 through Nov. 3 to continue to seek public input in the growth management process.

WCPSS' student population has doubled since 1985 and another 100,000 students are projected by the year 2025. Approximately 6,400 students joined the school system this year, bringing total enrollment to 120,507. Each of the last three years has set a new record for increased student enrollment with 4,597 in 2003-04, 5,098 in 2004-05, and 6,439 in 2005-06.

Barwell Road Elementary, Brier Creek Elementary, Carpenter Year-round Elementary, Holly Springs High and Panther Creek High were the new schools originally scheduled to open in 2006-07.

To provide additional classroom seats for next year, on Oct. 18, the Board of Education approved opening two more elementary schools and designating those plus Brier Creek and Barwell Road as year-round. Holly Grove Elementary students and staff will begin a year early in space at Holly Springs High School (opens with ninth and 10th grades) while the permanent school is being constructed. Similarly, E-19 or North Forest Pines Drive will start early in the modular complex on Spring Forest Road.

To further take advantage of available space at the new high schools, rising ninth- and 10th-graders will be expected to attend their newly assigned school. In addition, WCPSS will retain East Cary Middle as a ninth-grade center for another year, add another eight-classroom modular unit to the Wakefield High campus, and add up to 95 mobile/modular classroom units systemwide.

The community engagement meetings will provide families the opportunity to hear the most current information used in making decisions on school construction and student assignment, as well as an opportunity to provide input into the development of new plans.

The Office of Growth Management will incorporate data from these meetings into a draft assignment proposal, which the department plans to post on the Web in December for the community to review and provide feedback. In January, Growth Management will publish the revised plan and notify parents. The Board of Education will hold public hearings and a work session before adopting the final plan in late March or early April.

Approximately 400 people attended the first round of meetings in September.

Go to <http://www.wcpss.net/growth-management/community-engagement/2005/comments/#2> to read participants' comments.

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.

Leading the Way in Safe Pest Control

Buddy McCarty, WCPSS Environmental Health and Safety supervisor, accepted a Leadership Award on behalf of the school system at N.C. State University's School Integrated Pest Management Recognition Awards Ceremony Oct. 24 at the McKimmon Center. NCSU presented McCarty with a plaque, certificate and letter, with a \$500 check and a book on structural pest control to come later.

WCPSS is one of the first school districts in the state to implement the IPM program, a long-term, common sense approach to pest control that dramatically reduces the risk of exposure to pesticides for students, teachers and staff. Control strategies include structural and procedural modifications that reduce pests' harborage and access to food and water. IPM utilizes walk-through inspections, monitoring devices, sanitation, and exclusion. Basically, the idea is to use as little liquid chemical as possible.

"It is a fact that children suffer more now from asthma and allergies than at anytime before," said McCarty. "IPM is the future for pest control in schools."

Environmental Health and Safety works in conjunction with Energy Management, requiring that cracks and holes be patched and door sweeps installed to keep vermin out and heat or cool air in. The success of the program requires the cooperation of all school staff as well. McCarty placed "sighting logs" in each school's main office and asked that whenever pests are observed, staff note it in the log. When performing monthly preventive maintenance, IPM staff check the logs first to see where problems may have occurred. Keeping the logs up-to-date allows them to go directly to the area of concern, working much more efficiently and drastically reducing the number of work orders.

McCarty is a member of the original N.C. IPM committee, which started meeting in 1997, and was instrumental in bringing IPM to Wake County schools. WCPSS' Environmental Health and Safety Department began implementing IPM practices in 1998-99; Superintendent Bill McNeal and his administrative cabinet endorsed the program in November 2003; and the Board of Education approved an official policy (7212) in August 2005.

Transportation and Rural Access (TRACS)

Recently referred to as the best-kept secret in Wake County, TRACS (Transportation and Rural Access) is low-cost general public transportation for residents of the non-urbanized areas of the county. Wake Coordinated Transportation Service, a division of Wake County Human Services, provides shared transportation on a first-come, first-serve basis, Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. – noon and 1 – 6 p.m.

Service is offered by zone: The Eastern Zone serves Knightdale, Wendell and Zebulon; the Northern Zone serves Rolesville and Wake Forest; the Southern Zone serves Garner; and the Southwest Zone serves Holly Springs, Fuquay-Varina and Apex.

Reservations can be made up to 30 days in advance. Although a minimum of 24 hours advance notice is requested, same-day service is sometimes available, but carries an additional charge and cannot be guaranteed. Traveling within the same zone costs \$2.00 one-way and \$4.00 round trip. Out-of-zone travel costs \$4.00 one-way and \$8.00 round trip.

To make a reservation, or to learn more, please call 212-7005. To cancel a reservation, call 632-6000 if in the Northern or Eastern zones, 550-5100 ext. 27 if in the Southern zone, and 1-866-846-2757 if in the Southwest zone. Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may call 773-2963 or 733-4261 (N.C. Department of Health and Human Services information line) and ask for reservation assistance.

Mark Your Calendar

Veterans Day
Nov. 11

Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 24-25

Ballentine Students Get Their Hearts Racing

Ballentine Elementary students and their parents got their hearts racing Oct. 20 with a visit from Ken Schrader, driver of the #49 Red Baron Pizza/Schwan's Home Service Dodge. The school invited parents to join their children for lunch so they, too, could meet Schrader and get an up close look at his car they typically just see on television.

Families ate Red Baron pizza – a high-fiber, low sodium, zero trans fat version – in the cafeteria and then filed outside one class at a time to get Schrader's autograph, pose for photos – and most exciting – touch and look inside his racing car. Smiling, excited children walked away with trading cards, posters and lots to talk about. Schrader presented the principal, assistant principal and cafeteria manager with Red Baron racing jackets.

Meg Strong, WCPSS Child Nutrition Services Area Supervisor, helped line up the event and said the NASCAR driver plans a return visit in the spring.

America Recycles Day

Pushing Recycling Since 1997

Christina Larkins, Resource Management Administrator, Organizational Development



America Recycles Day (ARD) is held every November 15 to remind everyone of the important role they play in the continuing success of recycling. This national celebration is designed to encourage people to recycle and buy products made of recycled materials. Since its inception in 1997, the ARD campaign has grown substantially. The theme for ARD is "Make Everyday America Recycles Day!"

Americans generate more than 230 million tons of solid waste each year – nearly four-and-a-half pounds of trash per person every day. The good news is that we also prevent the generation of 55 million tons each year, and much of what we do generate no longer ends up in landfills. The more we recycle, the less garbage winds up in our landfills and incineration plants. By reusing aluminum, paper, glass, plastics, and other materials, we can save production and energy costs, and reduce the negative impacts that the extraction and processing of raw materials has on the environment.

Almost everything can be recycled. As stewards of the environment, we are responsible for preserving and protecting our resources for ourselves and for future generations. Our attitude and actions can make a world of difference. Let's each do our part because almost everything can be recycled, *except the planet.*

Did you know?

- Recycling paper reduces air pollution by 74 percent.
- Recycling one pound of steel saves enough energy to light a 60-watt light bulb for 26 hours.
- Every ton of paper recycled saves 380 gallons of oil.
- Recycling and composting recovered 24 percent of our municipal solid waste – that's around 49 million tons!
- Recycling just one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a television set for three hours.
- Every Sunday, the United States wastes nearly 90 percent of the recyclable newspapers. This wastes about 500,000 trees.
- It takes five recycled two-liter bottles to make one square foot of carpet.
- Recycling paper reduces water pollution by 35 percent.

Source: <http://www.americarecyclesday.org>

Training Schedule

Computers/Technical/American Red Cross

WCPSS Mandatory OSHA Safety Update

Nov. 2

8 – 10 a.m. (259016701) OR

1 – 3 p.m. (259016702)

Garner Training Center

Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspect./Doc.

Nov. 3

9 – 11 a.m. (259012901)

Garner Training Center

Fundamentals of Electricity

Nov. 8

8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (259013410)

Garner Training Center

American Red Cross CPR/AED

Nov. 9

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (259005812)

Garner Training Center

IR Security & Safety Exit Device & Door Closer Class

Nov. 10

8 – 10 a.m. (259013101) OR

1 – 3 p.m. (259013102)

Garner Training Center

eSchool Solutions Registration Training

Nov. 15

9 – 11 a.m. (259002803)

Rock Quarry Road Training Center

CPD: Fire Code Violations Awareness

Nov. 16

10 a.m. – noon (259017103) OR

1 – 3 p.m. (259017104)

Location TBD

Fundamentals of HVAC

Nov. 29

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (259013601)

Advanced Energy Training Center at

NCSU Centennial Campus

American Red Cross CPR/AED

Nov. 30

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (259005815)

Garner Training Center

Fundamentals of HVAC

Nov. 30

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (259013603)

Advanced Energy Training Center at

NCSU Centennial Campus

MAXIMO

MAXIMO Everywhere Training

(for school-users only)

Nov. 2

10 – 11 a.m. (AS90063)

Rock Quarry Road Training Center

MAXIMO Equipment Training

(for M&O staff)

Nov. 9

1 – 4 p.m. (AS90062)

Rock Quarry Road Training Center

MAXIMO Handheld Training

(for M&O staff)

Nov. 10

Starts at 8:30 a.m. (all-day)

(AS90145)

Rock Quarry Road Training Center

CPD stands for Custodial Professional Development. To sign up for MAXIMO classes, contact Petra Harris (pharris2@wcpss.net or 856-8128) or register through eSchools. To register for all other classes, 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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