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School Board Approves Concept

When the 2004-05 school year began, school administrators saw the dramatic increase in new students, and understood the impact this rapid growth would have for 2005. WCPSS will open the new Cedar Fork Elementary in 2005, providing space in the Morrisville area for 609 students. Renovations will also be completed at North Garner Middle and mobile units will remain on campus providing space in the Garner area for 178 students.

However, with two years of student population growth much higher than county projections, state-mandated class size reduction in third grade (requiring 90 additional classrooms), and approximately 1,900 students returning to public school from home, charter, parochial and private schools, WCPSS needs additional space for approximately 5,900 students for 2005.

In order to meet the needs caused by this sudden surge in enrollment, staff presented the Wake County Board of Education a range of options to consider. They discussed these options with the school board in committee meetings throughout September, and discussed the options with the Board of Education and Wake County Board of Commissioners together, September 15.

At its October 5 meeting, school board members approved the concept of providing 168 mobile units and four (eight-classroom) modular units at existing schools; building two new modular elementary schools on leased or existing property; and providing new modular high school classrooms on leased or existing property. This option would provide space for 5,587 students and would cost \$34.4 million. Due to the amount of time required for the mobile and modular options to be available for students next fall, the school board authorized staff to prepare design and bid documents and contract for design.

On October 19, staff will bring funding reallocations to the school board.

Flu Shot Administration Program Canceled

Due to a recent mandate from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), WCPSS has been notified that we need to cancel our flu shot administration program at this time. Should the status and the availability of the flu shot serums change, we will notify you.

For those who need to obtain a flu shot in accordance with the CDC guidelines, you will need to contact your own physician. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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.

Expedition Goes Live!

Louise Burke, Supervisor, Information Management

On September 7, the Wake County Public School System's Facilities Planning and Construction Department began using Primavera Expedition web-based project management software. The Expedition Software assists in controlling project information such as budgets, documentation, changes and risk, from pre-design through warranty phases.

The first pilot projects (construction phase only) to utilize Expedition are the following:

Brier Creek Elementary (E16)

Architect: Boney

General Contractor: TBD

Planner: Marcella Rorie

Project Manager: Jerry Bradley

Panther Creek High (H4)

Architect: Boney

General Contractor: D.H. Griffin Construction Company

Planner: Harold Hinson

Project Manager: Bob Stutts

Holly Springs High (H5)

Architect: Cherry Huffman

General Contractor (Multi-Prime): DeVere Construction, AJ Plumbing, and Central Heating & Air Conditioning

Planner: Marcella Rorie

Project Manager: Jerry Bradley

WCPSS trained the above staff, including architects and contractors, on the software in July. Facilities will utilize Expedition in the following schools (construction phase only) next: Douglas, Harris Creek (E11) and Barwell Road (E10) elementary schools; Daniels, Ligon, Martin and North Garner middle schools; and Cary, East Wake, Enloe and Millbrook high schools. Facility planners and project managers for these schools will receive training in October.

Expedition's core team includes Louise Burke, Ed Kerber, Court Crosby and Angie Hunter.

For more information, please contact Louise Burke at 664.5645.

Please visit Organizational Development's intranet site for new monthly training calendars and a photo scrapbook.

<http://www2.wcpss.net/Departments/organizationaldevelopment/calendars/index.htm>

<http://www2.wcpss.net/Departments/organizationaldevelopment/scrapbook.htm>

Saving Time, Saving Energy

Christina Larkins, Special Projects Coordinator, Organizational Development

Daylight Saving Time reverts to standard time at 2 a.m., Oct. 31; Daylight Saving Time began at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday of April.

One of the biggest reasons we change our clocks to Daylight Saving Time (DST) is that it saves energy. Energy use and the demand for electricity for lighting our homes is directly connected to when we go to bed and when we get up. Bedtime for most of us is late evening throughout the year. When we go to bed, we turn off the lights and television.

In the average home, 25 percent of all the electricity we use is for lighting and small appliances, such as TVs, VCRs and stereos. A good percentage of energy consumed by lighting and appliances occurs in the evening when families are home. By moving the clock ahead one hour, we can cut the amount of electricity consumed each day.

In the winter, the afternoon DST advantage is offset by the morning's need for more lighting. In spring and fall, the advantage is less than one hour. So, DST saves energy for lighting in all seasons of the year except for the four darkest months of winter (November, December, January and February), when the afternoon advantage is offset by the need for lighting because of late sunrise.

DST was changed slightly in 1986 when President Reagan signed public law 99-359. It changed DST from the last Sunday in April to the first Sunday in April. This was done to conserve energy during the month of April. Adding the entire month of April is estimated to save about 300,000 barrels of oil nationwide each year. No change was made to the ending date of the last Sunday in October.

As the end of DST (Oct. 31) approaches, please take this opportunity to make sure your exterior security lights are operating properly (i.e., on at night and off during the day). If you find lights are not operating properly or the timing needs adjustment, please report this immediately so that they can be adjusted.

A safety reminder

Many fire departments encourage people to change the battery in the smoke detector when they change their clocks, because it can be so easy to forget otherwise. "A working smoke detector more than doubles a person's chances of surviving a home fire," says William McNabb of the Troy Fire Department in Michigan. More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but one-third are estimated to have worn-out or have missing batteries.

October is National Energy Awareness Month

Christina Larkins, Special Projects Coordinator, Organizational Development

Energy – you can't see it, touch it, smell it, or taste it, and yet it powers all of earth's cycles as well as human activities. Energy affects our lives every day. It is not just an environmental issue; it is a quality of life issue, too. Fostering energy efficiency in all segments of the school system is a good way to protect the environment and prolong energy resources.

Now is a great time to "recharge your conservation plan." If your school is launching the EnergySavers® program this year or needs to schedule an energy audit, please call Christina Larkins at 856.3715 or Judy Cox at 664.5728.

Here's how you can start saving now:

- Turn off the lights when you leave a room.
- Turn off computers and other equipment at the end of the day.
- Keep exterior doors and windows closed when the heating/cooling system is operating.
- Make sure vents, thermostats and sensors are not blocked.
- Report temperature problems to your administration immediately.

Training Schedule

MAXIMO

Basic Training

Oct. 20 or Nov. 17

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Training Center, Rock Quarry Road

Microsoft Excel Level I

Oct. 27

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Training Center, Rock Quarry Road

SRN: 249005202

Computer Classes

Intro to Windows

Oct. 19

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Training Center, Rock Quarry Road

SRN: 249002703

eSchoolSolutions Registration Training

Nov. 11

8 – 9 a.m.

Training Center, Rock Quarry Road

SRN: 249002805

To register for MAXIMO classes, please contact Petra Harris (pharris2@wcpss.net or 856.8128). To register for all other courses, go to <http://ero.eschoolsolutions.com>. Click on the "log on" button and type in the following: Organization ID=42358, 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).

Concerned?

If you have any Maintenance and Operations questions or concerns that you don't feel comfortable asking your supervisor, please contact one of the Internal Communications Focus Team members listed below. He or she will submit your question to Kristin Wood (anonymously if you wish), who will find the answer and include it in this newsletter when appropriate.

Team members include:

Kristin Wood, Communications specialist, 850.1792

Buddy McCarty, Environmental Health & Safety supervisor, 856.8031

Sylvia Surcy, processing technician, 856.8119

Mike Weisbeck, Heat Shop craftsman, 427.5172

Ron Wood, AFM, Knightdale Cluster, 266.8401

Darren Grogg, Carpentry craftsman, 868.1976

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