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September 10-16, 2006

Aaron Springs, Jr., Custodial Services Administrator

Custodian Appreciation Week is Sept. 10-16 this year. I am a member of the Tar Heel Chapter of the International Executive Housekeeping Association, and this week is celebrated internationally by the organization. As you move about this week and see other custodians, housekeepers and facility coordinators doing cleaning jobs, stop and tell them that you appreciate what they do.

All custodial staff in the Wake County Public School System deserve a round of applause! Your hard work and enthusiasm shows in the maintaining of your school areas of assignment. My staff and I appreciate you 365 days a year. As a family, we sometimes have our ups and downs. But when it comes to getting the job done, I could not ask for a better group of individuals.

We have had many school systems come and look at what we are doing and have commented on how good our facilities look. This is due to your hard work and perseverance. You are the gatekeepers to the school and the administrator's right hand for knowing what goes on at your facility and what needs to be done.

As we continue to grow, we are going to need new head custodians and other custodial staff. Tell people about us and what we do. Brag on yourselves.

Have a happy and safe year! Remember, we are here to provide a clean and safe environment for all our occupants and visitors.

School Board Approves Transitioning 19 Elementary Schools to Year-Round

At its September 5 meeting, the Board of Education approved transitioning 19 elementary schools to the multi-track year-round calendar beginning in 2007-08 to provide space for the thousands of additional students entering Wake County schools.

The Wake County Public School System had 127,767 students on the 10th day of school. This is 7,388 more students than the 120,379 students who attended the 10th day of school in 2005-06. On the 20th day of 2005-06, student enrollment was 120,504. WCPSS will check enrollment again on day 20.

After lengthy discussion on how to handle growth, on May 16 the board approved the conversion of enough elementary schools to the year-round calendar to gain 3,000 seats as part of the new building program. Schools on the multi-track year-round calendar can serve 20-33 percent more students than those on the traditional calendar.

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.

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The board then gathered extensive community input through work sessions, public hearings, online comments, e-mails and phone calls, before today's vote.

Ballentine, Baucom, Brassfield, Green Hope, Harris Creek, Highcroft, Hodge Road, Holly Springs, Knightdale, Leesville Road, Lockhart, Middle Creek, Olive Chapel, Pleasant Union, Rand Road, Salem, Vance, Wakefield and Willow Springs elementary schools will transition from the traditional to the year-round calendar in 2007-08. The school board also added a magnet program to Forestville Elementary in Knightdale.

At the Committee of the Whole meeting earlier that day, the school board reached consensus on a number of items and directed staff to come back with a plan or strategy for making the following accommodations for teachers and families:

- Children of teachers at all year-round schools will be guaranteed placement on the same track as their parents
- Children of 12-month staff at year-round schools will be given priority of placement on the same track as their parents
- Fourth- and fifth-graders at year-round schools whose base attendance area is converted to year-round will be allowed to grandfather without transportation
- Kindergarten through third-graders at year-round schools whose base attendance area is converted to year-round will be given priority to stay on the same track
- Siblings will be given priority placement on the same track at year-round elementary and middle schools

The board also asked staff to come back with proposals and a timeline for expanding the current process of applying to magnet schools and for calendar options.

On Tuesday, September 12, the board will continue discussions on possibly converting some middle schools to the year-round calendar. The board will hold a public hearing regarding the middle schools at 7 p.m., Thursday, September 14, at Sanderson High School.

Wake Adds More Than 900,000 Square Feet of New School Space

The Wake County Public School System added more than 900,000 square feet of permanent new school space for the 2006-07 school year: Barwell Road, Brier Creek, Carpenter and Harris Creek elementary schools; and Holly Springs and Panther Creek high schools.

Two new comprehensive high schools open for 2006-07, one elementary school moves to its permanent facility, one high school will add a ninth-grade center, and eight schools wrap up major renovation projects. WCPSS also opened two high schools as part of the small learning community concept; and in July, Wake opened five new year-round elementary schools, including two "early start" schools in temporary facilities.

All 147 WCPSS schools are now in session.

Two new comprehensive high schools open

Holly Springs and Panther Creek high schools open with ninth through 10th grades on the traditional calendar, and add a grade each of the next two school years. Holly Springs High, led by Principal Luther Johnson, Jr., is located at 5329 Cass Holt Road in Holly Springs. The school is a re-used (prototype) three-story design, also seen at Green Hope, Wakefield and Middle Creek high schools. Holly Springs High represents a partnership between the school system, Town of Holly Springs and Wake County. Panther Creek High, led by Principal Rodney Nelson, is located at 6770 McCrimmon Parkway in Cary. This high school was built from a re-used (prototype) three-story design, also seen at Knightdale High.

One school moves to a permanent facility

Harris Creek Elementary School moves to its permanent facility at 3829 Forestville Road in Raleigh after spending last school year at the temporary modular campus on Spring Forest Road.

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Principal Vicki Perry leads the kindergarten through fifth-grade school, which is based on a re-used (prototype) two-story design, also seen at Forestville Road, Cedar Fork and Carpenter elementary schools.

One high school to add a ninth-grade center

Garner High School will gradually add modular units on campus for a ninth-grade center. The classroom units will be in place by the end of November.

East Cary Middle will continue to serve as a ninth-grade center for Cary High School for the 2006-07 school year. The middle school has served as a ninth-grade center since the 2004-05 school year.

Carpenter Elementary served as a ninth-grade center for Green Hope High for two years before opening as a new year-round elementary school in July.

Major renovation projects wrap up

WCPSS completed phases of major renovation projects at eight schools over the spring and summer: Carroll Middle, Daniels Middle, Ligon Middle, Longview School, Martin Middle, Millbrook High, North Garner Middle, and Wake Forest-Rolesville High.

Two high schools open as part of the small learning community concept

Wake Early College of Health and Sciences and the East Wake School of Integrated Technology opened as part of the small learning community concept. Wake Early College, led by Principal Jim Palermo, is located on the Wake Technical Community College Health Sciences campus adjacent to the Raleigh campus of WakeMed Health & Hospitals. The East Wake School of Integrated Technology, led by Principal Kristin Cuilla, is located on the East Wake High School campus. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation awarded East Wake a New Schools Project planning grant to divide the main campus into four small schools.

Five new year-round elementary schools opened in July

Five new year-round elementary schools opened with kindergarten through fifth-graders July 10, increasing the number of year-round schools in Wake County to 20 and the year-round capacity above 17,000 students. Barwell Road, Brier Creek and Carpenter elementary schools opened in permanent facilities. Holly Grove Elementary opened as an "early start" school in a wing of the new Holly Springs High, while the permanent school is built on the site adjacent to the high school. River Bend Elementary in North Raleigh opened two years early in the temporary modular campus on Spring Forest Road that Harris Creek students occupied last year.

Save the Date!

The 2006 Annual Meeting for Support Personnel is Monday, October 30, 2006, at the McKimmon Center (NCSU). Lunch is provided from 11:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. for all support staff who pre-register in eSchoolsSolutions (registration opens on September 8). Display booths will be open from 11 a.m. through the lunch period. The meeting starts at 1 p.m. and will end by 3:30 p.m.

All support staff (including bookkeepers, bus drivers, CNS workers, custodians, secretaries, processors, teacher assistants, technicians, etc.) are encouraged to attend. Come early for the best parking. A flyer describing the event will be coming to your location soon!

Back to School Energy News

Christina Larkins, Resource Management Administrator, Organizational Development

With the start of a new school year, it is important to renew our commitment to WCPSS' energy educational conservation program, EnergySavers®. Despite the increase in utility costs, our past years with the program have been successful due to the diligent work of our faculty and student teams.

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The EnergySavers Program is designed to reduce energy consumption so that instructional programs and support services can be effectively delivered in a comfortable and safe environment. Per the Board of Education's Policy 7450, everyone is encouraged to contribute to energy conservation and efficiency.

Policy #7450 clearly states "All school system employees and students shall be diligent in their efforts to conserve resources and to prevent the wasteful loss of energy. Appropriate means and methods of energy conservation shall be employed to minimize energy consumption, including but not limited to the design and operation of buildings, equipment, and vehicles. All school system employees and students shall share in the responsibility for the successful implementation of energy programs."

There are a number of things you can do on a daily basis to help:

- Control Lighting. Turn off lights in your office or classroom when you exit, even if it is just for a few minutes.
- Turn off computer monitors, speakers, and printers at the end of each day.
- If your work area or classroom has blinds or shades, close them to keep the elements out.
- Keep your office or classroom doors and windows closed while the air conditioning or heat is in use.

Collectively our efforts will continue to subsequently reduce energy consumption in the Wake County Public School System. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or energy related news you'd like to share, please contact Christina Larkins at 856-3715 or clarkins@wcpss.net.

Northwoods, Lacy and Lufkin Road to Participate in Pilot Program

Mindy Hauptman, Resource Management Educator, Organizational Development

Northwoods Elementary, Lacy Elementary, and Lufkin Road Middle have all agreed to participate in a pilot program this year to learn how to deal with potential indoor air quality (IAQ) issues within their schools. The program, Tools for Schools (TfS), was developed by the Environmental Protection Agency to help school occupants learn how to identify potential IAQ issues and health risks. The program, being launched this fall by the Organizational Development and Environmental Health and Safety Departments, builds on the school system's existing environmental education programs, EnergySavers and Feed the Bin.

The program will kick off with two, half-day training sessions to prepare each school's on-site team in identifying and reporting potential risks associated with mold and other IAQ issues. The training will include general information on IAQ and the potential health risks associated with exposure to it. Teams will also be taught how to look for signs of mold and other IAQ factors during their on-site inspections. Trainers will include representatives from the Wake County Environmental Services Department and the State Department of Health and Human Services.

After the training program, each team should leave with the confidence to correctly identify, report, and prevent potential IAQ Issues. We are very excited that Northwoods, Lacy, and Lufkin Road have volunteered to take a pro-active approach to handling potential IAQ issues at their own sites.

For more information about the program, contact Mindy Hauptmann (mhauptmann) at 856-8078, or visit the Tools for Schools website at:

<http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6pd/toolsforschools/tools4u.htm>.

Training Schedule

Computers/Technical/American Red Cross

New Employee Orientation – Auxiliary Services

Sept. 12

8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (All custodial staff)

8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (For all other staff)

Rock Quarry Road Training Center

American Red Cross Workplace Adult & Child CPR/AED Training - Emergency Response Teams

Sept. 12

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Garner Training Center

SRN: 269022701

American Red Cross First Aid - Emergency Response Teams

Sept. 13

8 – 11:30 a.m.

Vinyl Villa (Rock Quarry Rd.)

SRN: 269021405

American Red Cross First Aid Cary Transportation Bus Drivers

Sept. 14

10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Location TBD

Oracle: The Basics

(Admin Inquiry for School-based Secretaries
& Bookkeepers)

Sept. 18

12 – 4:30 p.m.

Location TBD

SRN: 26150302

Bloodborne Pathogen Training

Hepatitis B/Vaccinations

(Mandatory for Emergency Response Team Members)

Sept. 20

8:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Vinyl Villa (Rock Quarry Rd.)

SRN: 269022601

New Employee Orientation – Auxiliary Services

Oct. 10

8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (All custodial staff)

8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (For all other staff)

Rock Quarry Road Training Center

New Employee Orientation – Auxiliary Services

Oct. 24

8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (All custodial staff)

8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (For all other staff)

Rock Quarry Road Training Center

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MAXIMO

MAXIMO Everywhere Training

(For school-based employees)

Sept. 13

10 – 11 a.m.

Rock Quarry Road Training Center

Course #: AS90063

MAXIMO Everywhere Training

(For school-based employees)

Oct. 11

10 – 11 a.m.

Rock Quarry Road Training Center

Course #: AS90063

MAXIMO – Two-Day Sessions

(For M&O Employees Only)

Oct. 18 and 19

Starts at 8:30 a.m.

Rock Quarry Road Training Center

SRN: 269021702

MAXIMO Everywhere Training

(For school-based employees)

Nov. 8

10 – 11 a.m.

Rock Quarry Road Training Center

Course #: AS90063

MAXIMO – Two-Day Sessions

(For M&O Employees Only)

Nov. 14 and 15

Starts at 8:30 a.m.

Rock Quarry Road Training Center

SRN: 269021702

MAXIMO Two-Day Sessions include:

- ½ day of Basic MAXIMO
- ½ day of MAXIMO
Equipment
- Full day of MAXIMO
Mobile Work Manager

Please contact Beth Williams (bwilliams2@wcpss.net or 856-8018) to register for the new employee orientation. 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 about MAXIMO training, please contact Petra Harris, MAXIMO System Administrator, at 856-8128 or pharris2@wcpss.net. For questions about all other classes, please contact Beth Williams.

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