

# Auxiliary Adviser

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## 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.

## Custodians of the Year

The Wake County Public School System recognized five employees as Custodians of the Year at the 2005 Custodial Professional Development Conference, June 29, at Southeast Raleigh High School. District employees nominated these individuals based on factors such as work performance, setting a good example, going above and beyond regular duties, demonstrating pride in his/her work, and attendance and punctuality.

Gary Haithcock, director of Buildings and Grounds, and Aaron Springs, Jr., custodial administrator, awarded plaques to Lee Collins, head custodian at Vance Elementary; Elaine Gray, head custodian at East Millbrook Middle; Willie Marshall, custodian at Enloe High; Robert Johnson, head custodian at the Rock Quarry Road Complex; and Ernest Oakley, custodial field supervisor.

Here are some of the glowing things people had to say about our Custodians of the Year:

**Lee Collins** is one of the most caring and dedicated persons I have ever had the privilege to work with. I have never worked with a person who gives as much attention to detail as he does...He projects a warm, cheerful attitude to our staff and students. I have seen him resolve conflicts and handle other difficult situations with remarkable patience and admirable tact.

**Elaine Gray** knows our campus "inside-out," as she has faithfully worked here at East Millbrook for approximately 27 years...Mrs. Gray has taken it upon herself to learn Vietnamese terms and effectively learned to sign to her team member who is deaf. There could be many barriers that impede the progress of this team (language, deaf member), but Mrs. Gray refuses to let these "minor" complications derail her sense of duty to fulfill her responsibilities.

**Willie Marshall** is loved and respected by faculty and students alike. His commitment to the success of our students and our school is obvious to all around him. His smile lights up our halls with love. Who he is as a human being is an inspiration to our students...He is a good listening ear for a number of students. Not only is Willie a good role model for the students (work habits and devotion to school and student body), he is a good friend to faculty and staff as well.

**Robert Johnson** always strives to please and always does his work with a smile. He is always courteous and respectful to everyone. He never asks for favors and is a very deserving person...Committed to EXCELLENCE!

**Ernest Oakley** is a devoted family man. He consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty for help with emergencies and situations needing immediate attention no matter the time of day. Ernest has made great strides over the past year. He has become more confident in his decision-making skills and has received positive feedback from school principals on his handling of difficult situations.

## Child Nutrition Services Employees Honored at State Conference

Several of the Wake County Public School System's Child Nutrition Services employees were honored at the School Nutrition Association of North Carolina's annual conference, June 20-24, in Greensboro. During the statewide event, CNS Director Marilyn Moody was installed as president-elect and CNS Area Supervisor Martha Gomer was installed as state secretary of the 3,300-member organization. Three staff members placed first, second or third in the culinary and creative arts competition as well.

As president-elect, Moody will be responsible for marketing initiatives and the House of Delegates meeting. Moody also chaired the steering committee that organized the 2005 conference.

Cecilia Pace, CNS budget analyst, won second place in the specialty cake competition and first place in the decorated cake division. Veda Cooke, CNS administrative assistant, won second place in the salad plate division. Hazel Koonz, cafeteria employee at Hodge Road Elementary, won third place in the self-serve salad division.

"Sun Up to Sun Down, Hillbilly Hoedown" was the theme of the 2005 conference. Over 1,200 child nutrition employees from across the state attended the event to learn about new school nutrition initiatives. The convention began with three educational opportunities: the Department of Public Instruction's New and Potential Cafeteria Manager Training, Healthy Edge 2000 Workshop and a Chapter Leadership Seminar. Members also competed in a New Horizons Golf Tournament, with proceeds going to educate members to serve as advocates for improving the health and wellness of their students; and participated in a Wellness Walk, with donations going to the Food Bank of North Carolina.

## Wake County Schools Switch to Whole Wheat Bread

In an effort to increase the fiber content of foods offered in school cafeterias, the Wake County Public School System will replace white sandwich bread with whole wheat bread for the 2005-06 school year. The change will take place on the first day of school: July 11 for year-round schools, July 25 for those on the modified calendar, and August 25 for traditional calendar schools.

Substituting whole wheat for white bread is inline with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's *2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans*, which recommends eating fiber-rich fruits, vegetables and whole grains often.

WCPSS Child Nutrition Services (CNS) suggests that parents introduce or identify whole grain foods at home so students will be familiar with these nutritious foods. They can teach children where to find the word "whole" on labels and to recognize other key words such as "fiber" and "whole grain."

CNS plans to introduce whole grain dinner rolls and sub buns later in the school year as they become available.

The change to whole wheat bread is part of the department's commitment to improve the nutritional value of foods offered in school cafeterias. In 2002-03, CNS implemented the Winner's Circle Program to help students identify great-tasting, healthy menu items at lunch. The program emphasizes nutritional guidelines that offer disease prevention for the majority of chronic diseases. These guidelines build on fruits, vegetables, grains and calcium. The nutritional analysis ensures that the fat and sodium are within the recommended guidelines.

CNS removed whole milk, then two percent milk and non-Winner's Circle items, to reduce the saturated fat and sugar content in school food choices. The number of Winner's Circle items available in vending machines in the middle and high schools increases each year.

## Five *Feed the Bin* Schools Receive Grants

Christina Larkins, Resource Management Administrator, Organizational Development

Each semester Wake County's Solid Waste Management Division awards grants through the *Feed the Bin* recycling program in the Wake County Public School System. Participating schools are eligible to win a \$500 environmental education grant in lieu of recycling revenue sharing. All projects must involve environmental education activities related to WCPSS schools. Preference is given to waste reduction, reuse or recycling projects, but other environmental projects such as those involving water, air and soil are certainly considered. The following schools applied for and received a grant this spring:

- Root Elementary for composting supplies such as gardening tools, gloves and a rain barrel;
- Forestville Elementary for science software, which will enforce science concepts on End-of-Grade tests;
- Lincoln Heights Elementary for an environmental field trip to learn about human impacts on the environment;
- Rand Road Elementary for a trip to Blue Jay Point County Park, and
- Conn Elementary for water quality and stream monitoring kits to test the water at a stream that runs adjacent to the school.

For more information, please contact Kelley Dennings, Solid Waste Management, 856-5277.

## Change A Life. Become A Mentor.

MentorWake is the Wake County Public School System's new mentoring program that partners adults with fourth- through eighth-grade students based on their interests, skills and needs. By giving two hours of your time a week, you can improve a student's academic achievement, and help him develop strong character and leadership skills. MentorWake will provide the training and support you need, and most mentoring activities will occur at school.

To become a mentor or learn more about MentorWake, call Ann Rollins at 858-1736 or visit <http://www.wcpss.net/mentorwake/mwakehome.html>.

## Rex Blood Drive

The Rex bloodmobile will be at the school system's Crossroads office (110 Corning Drive, Cary) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wed., July 20. To sign up to give blood, please call Sherry at 858-3225 or Robin at 856-8141. Each donor will receive a T-shirt and C-reactive protein screening, compliments of Rex Blood Services.

## Mark Your Calendar

### **First Day of School**

Year-round calendar – July 11

Modified calendar – July 25

Traditional calendar – August 25

## Training Schedule

### **Computers/Technical/American Red Cross**

#### Fundamentals of Electricity

July 12, 14  
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Garner Training Center  
SRN: 259013409

#### Fundamentals of HVAC

July 12, 14  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Advanced Energy Training Center  
SRN: 259013605

#### Lotus Notes

July 13  
9 – 11 a.m.  
Rock Quarry Road Training Center  
SRN: 259015101

#### Lotus Notes

July 13  
1 – 3 p.m.  
Rock Quarry Road Training Center  
SRN: 259015102

#### Fundamentals of Electricity

July 19, 21  
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Garner Training Center  
SRN: 259013410

#### Lotus Notes

July 20  
9 – 11 a.m.  
Rock Quarry Road Training Center  
SRN: 259015103

#### Lotus Notes

July 20  
1 – 3 p.m.  
Rock Quarry Road Training Center  
SRN: 259015104

#### Fundamentals of HVAC

July 25, 27  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Advanced Energy Training Center  
SRN: 259013606

#### Fundamentals of HVAC

July 26, 28  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Advanced Energy Training Center  
SRN: 259013607

#### Lotus Notes

July 27  
9 – 11 a.m.  
Rock Quarry Road Training Center  
SRN: 259015105

#### Lotus Notes

July 27  
1 – 3 p.m.  
Rock Quarry Road Training Center  
SRN: 259015106

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## Stay Informed

The *Auxiliary Adviser* is e-mailed to subscribers in the school system and posted on the Internet. A hard copy of the *Adviser* is also posted on bulletin boards in the Maintenance and Facilities buildings, and one is sent to the head custodian and child nutrition staff at each school.

To have the newsletter e-mailed to you directly, simply send an e-mail with "subscribe" in the subject line, to [kflenniken@wcpss.net](mailto:kflenniken@wcpss.net).

