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Wake County students who dreamed of playing baseball, but were sidelined because of special needs will be able to get in the game beginning this April. The school system and the Miracle League, a baseball league for special needs children, have formed a partnership and selected Adams Elementary School as a site for a new field.

With the motto "Every Child Deserves a Chance to Play Baseball," the Miracle League wants the completion of the field to coincide with the opening day of Major League Baseball (April 2006). WCPSS schools will use the field during the school week and have priority use at all times. Miracle League games will be scheduled on Friday nights, Saturdays and Sundays.

There is no cost to the school system. The Miracle League is funding the construction and ongoing operations of the field, as well as relocating Adams's existing playfield and walking track.

In the League, each ballplayer wears a uniform and baseball cap, gets to bat and circle the bases to score a run each inning, and is paired with a buddy from the community. If the player isn't able to connect with a pitch, he hits the ball off a tee. There's even a special ball if the child is blind. Nothing is too great of an impediment. Play ball!

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.

Coming Soon ... The Crossroads Cafe!

Susan Thompson, Supervisor of Nutrition Education and Training

As many of you know, Child Nutrition Catering has previously provided lunches for the long summer days with short lunch breaks. This summer we will be providing this quick convenient service for long days with short breaks at the new Crossroads building.

We will begin delivery service on June 13 and continue through August 18 (except for July 4-8). Lunch will arrive at 11:30 a.m. and we will stay until about 12:00 noon, so come early for a great selection! Check out our great menu offerings on the intranet.

Password for Lotus Notes

Please remember to make note of your employee number on your paycheck/pay stub. This number will be your initial e-mail password for Lotus Notes, beginning July 1.

Non-employees who do not receive a paycheck from Wake County Public School System are asked to contact their WCPSS supervisor for their initial e-mail password on July 1. Supervisors of these employees can contact Customer Support Services (helpdesk@wcpss.net or 664-5700) on behalf of their employee requesting the initial password.

Brier Creek Groundbreaking

The Wake County Public School System, City of Raleigh and Wake County put their gold shovels to good use June 1, breaking ground for the new Brier Creek Elementary School, community center and community park. The site is located off Brier Creek Parkway, a couple miles past the shopping center.

Despite chilly temperatures and a constant drizzle, about 60 people came out to support the joint project. Board of Education Vice Chair Patti Head served as emcee and thanked everyone for their role in making Brier Creek a reality. The crowd also heard comments from Superintendent Bill McNeal, Raleigh Mayor Charles Meeker and Wake County Commissioners Vice Chair Tony Gurley. Katherine Peele with LS3P/Boney Architects presented drawings and a model of what the school will look like when it opens for the 2006-07 school year.

"We're here today as a result of the successful October 2003 school bond referendum," said McNeal. "We're here because our community values education and understands that there's a strong correlation between good facilities, like the one that will open here in 2006, and high academic achievement."

Brier Creek Elementary will hold a little more than 600 students, and will be built from the same two-story design seen at Baileywick and Jeffrey's Grove elementary schools. (The design will be used at Forest Pines Drive and Sanford Creek as well.) The school will have a standard multi-purpose field, play areas for kindergarten through second grade and for third grade through fifth grade; the community center includes a full-size gym and community classrooms; and the park will have two fields plus nature trails.

"I'm proud to be a part of this celebration," said Head. "This is a great example of what we can accomplish by working together."

Funding comes from WCPSS PLAN 2004 and PLAN 2000, city of Raleigh, and Wake County. The total project budget is approximately \$16.7 million, and includes furniture, equipment and all fees.

Nine Schools Recycle \$22,000 Worth of Phone Books

Nine Wake County schools received a total of \$22,000 through a Whitepages.com phone book recycling effort, May 3. The schools recycled more than 36,000 books – 72,000 pounds worth – in a campaign that ran April 4 to May 3. Tiffany West with Whitepages.com presented the checks at Lockhart Elementary School.

Led by its EnergySavers team, Lockhart Elementary School won first place, receiving \$2,850 for recycling more than 7,000 phone books. The school plans to buy books with the money. West Lake Elementary won second place and received a check for \$2,600; Poe Elementary placed third and received a check for \$2,450. Fuquay-Varina, Lead Mine, Middle Creek, Northwoods, Salem and Swift Creek elementary schools also participated.

Whitepages.com gave \$1 for each collected phone book, up to \$2,000. Each school received an extra \$350 for doing the recycling on its own. There were also bonuses for first-, second- and third-place finishers.

Mark Your Calendar

Father's Day
June 19

Custodial Conference
June 29

Red Cross Blood Drive (Rock Quarry)
June 20

Last Day of Year-round School
June 30

Child Nutrition Services Awards Banquet

The Child Nutrition Services Department paid tribute to outstanding employees at an awards banquet, Wed., May 18 at the McKimmon Center. CNS honored four managers of the year; one driver of the year; 10 retirees; 12 manager trainees who received certificates of completion; 10 people who recruited new employees; and 70 employees with perfect attendance for the year. The department also recognized 13 schools that maintained 100 percent sanitation scores; schools with the highest percentage increase in lunch, breakfast and total participation; and presented financial status awards.

Managers of the Year:

Joy Wellons, Baucom Elementary
Afif Antoun, Leesville Road Elementary
Sue Smith, Fuquay-Varina Middle
Lori Wooten, Middle Creek High

CNS Driver of the Year:

Frank Hunter

Retirees:

Wanda Baker
Earlene Bryant
Katherine Cooke
Wanee Flinchum
Peggy Hall
Kathleen Massenburg
Donnie Sykes
Mary Tedders
Pam Wilkie
Eunice Williams

Maintained Sanitation Grades of 100 Percent or Above:

Ballentine Elementary
Brassfield Elementary
East Garner Middle
Heritage Elementary
Heritage Middle
Holly Springs Elementary
Jones Dairy Elementary
Kingswood Elementary
Leesville Road High
Middle Creek Elementary
Turner Creek Road Elementary
Wakefield High
Willow Springs Elementary

Years of Service:

5 years	47 people
10 years	16 people
15 years	12 people
20 years	7 people
25 years	7 people
30 years	3 people
35 years	1 person

Recruited New CNS Employees:

Joyce Alexander
Tammy Eakes
Anita Erb
Wanee Flinchum
Luci Geisler
Cathy Hart
Toni R. Norris
Nancy Peed
Tena Sonko
Lynne Williams

Highest Overall Participation (breakfast and lunch):

Brentwood Elementary
East Wake Middle
Knightdale High

Highest Percent Increase in Participation (breakfast and lunch):

Olive Chapel Elementary
West Cary Middle
East Wake High

Highest Overall Financial Status:

Lockhart Elementary
Leesville Road Middle
Wake Forest-Rolesville High

Employee Excellence Awards

The Board of Education recognized six Wake County Public School System employees with Employee Excellence Awards at its May 17 meeting. Three of the honorees reside in the Auxiliary Services Division: John Allsbury, General Services; Louise Burke, Facility Planning; and William Hartley, Construction Management.

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.

John Allsbury is a Multi-Task Employee in General Services. Allsbury joined the Wake County Public School System only eight months ago. He recently designed and built the prototype of a portable water reserve system. This system is designed to fit on our existing trailers, giving our maintenance crews the capability to take water to areas where water taps do not exist. This tank and pump system can be used in conjunction with a power washer to remove graffiti, wash air conditioning coils in mobile units, and clean mobile units that are far from a water source.

Louise Burke is Supervisor for Information Management in Facility Planning. Burke has been with Facility Planning for almost two years now. She is caring and professional and always willing to help. In all her endeavors she has gone beyond the call of duty and does much more than is expected of her. She implemented an employee satisfaction survey and followed up with a volunteer team in developing actions based on the survey. She has been instrumental in implementing Expedition, software for streamlining and making project management processes more efficient.

William Hartley is Supervisor Construction Management for Facilities Planning and Construction. Hartley has been an excellent supervisor in the Construction Department. He is a great trainer and has gone beyond the call of duty by working on Saturday's touring projects. He is always willing to put forth the extra effort to help new hires learn the proper procedures to follow and to understand why we must adhere to these procedures. He maintains a cheerful attitude in the toughest of times.

Williams Earns MESH Certificate

Beth Ann Williams, Operations Specialist in Organizational Development, earned the Manager of Environmental, Safety and Health (MESH) Certificate. The MESH program is designed to increase the professionalism of environmental, safety and health managers at government, commercial and manufacturing sites in North Carolina through a rigorous series of continuing education programs. The MESH program strives to recognize environmental managers, raise industry standards, and increase the value of these practitioners to their employers and others to whom their services are provided.

"We are tremendously happy to recognize Beth Ann Williams as a recipient of the Manager of Environmental, Safety and Health Certificate," said North Carolina's Commissioner of Labor Cherie Berry. "This program prepares managers for keeping their worksites safe and healthy, and that preparation improves employee protection and company productivity."

MESH is sponsored by the Safety and Health Council of North Carolina, N.C. State University, and the N.C. Department of Labor.

Certified Executive Housekeepers

Aaron Springs, Jr. and Ben Hooker in Custodial Services received their Certified Executive Housekeeper Certification (C.E.H.) from the International Executive Housekeepers Association, Inc. IHEA is a professional organization committed to a cleaner, safer, healthier environment. Through this organization, individuals can attain education, share research, and achieve recognition for success while interacting with colleagues within the career environment.

2005 Custodial Professional Development Conference

Please remember to register for the 2005 Custodial Professional Development Conference to be held Wednesday, June 29 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Southeast Raleigh High School. Custodians may register for a variety of courses in the fields of health and safety, technology, and human resources. They will also have the opportunity to visit vendor displays and other exhibits.

Custodians may register online or by telephone. To register online, go to <https://ero3.eschoolsolutions.com/user/login.taf?orgID=42358&userID=&PIN=&function>. Enter your user ID (social security number) and Pin (last four digits of your social security number). To register over the phone, call 1-877-453-3443. Although pre-registration is preferred, you may also register at the conference.

For details, please contact Beth Ann Williams (856-8018 or bwilliams2@wcpss.net). Organizational Development is sponsoring the conference.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Due to summer flex hours, the Red Cross Blood Drive has been changed to Mon., June 20. The bus will be located outside the Child Nutrition Services office at Rock Quarry Road from 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. To sign up for an appointment, please contact Marilyn Moody (856-2914 or mbmoody@wcpss.net) or Robin Pace (856-8141 or rpace@wcpss.net).

Your donation could save a life.

First Aid, CPR and AED Training

Approximately 130 Auxiliary Services employees have completed First Aid, CPR and/or Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training through Organizational Development's in-house trainer, Beth Ann Williams. Supervisors have a list of all trained, certified staff.

There is an AED in the Environmental Health and Safety Department (behind the Operations Building) and in nurse Kelly Creech's office (Facilities Building).

AEDs are small machines that deliver a potentially life-saving shock to a person suffering from sudden cardiac arrest. The Red Cross estimates that more than 95 percent of sudden cardiac arrest victims survive when defibrillation occurs within two minutes of onset, a statistic that decreases to five percent when defibrillation is delayed only 10 minutes.

Lotus Notes Training

Auxiliary Services employees may register for Lotus Notes training via eSchool Solutions. There are 14 classes to choose from, with the first class on July 13.

Go to <https://ero3.eschoolsolutions.com/user/login.taf?redirect> and look under the Auxiliary Services course listing. Proceed as follows:

Organization Id: 42358
User ID: Your Social Security # with no spaces or dashes
PIN: The last four digits of your Social Security #
Course Catalog
Curriculum: Auxiliary Services; Hit enter
Select Lotus Notes: Course # AS90151
Select dates available
Register

Training Schedule

Computers/Technical/American Red Cross

Fundamentals of HVAC

June 7, 9
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Advanced Energy Training Center
SRN: 249013603

Fundamentals of Electricity

June 7, 9
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Garner Training Center
SRN: 249013407

American Red Cross Re-certification

CPR/AED Training
June 13
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Garner Training Center
SRN: 249005806

Fundamentals of HVAC

June 14, 16
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Advanced Energy Training Center
SRN: 249013604

Fundamentals of Electricity

June 14, 16
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Garner Training Center
SRN: 249013408

2005 Custodial Conference

June 29
7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Southeast Raleigh High School

Word Basics

June 30
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Training Center, Rock Quarry Road
SRN: 249015801

To register, 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).

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.



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