



YORK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 5201 BROOKHAVEN DRIVE, RALEIGH NC 27612

Monthly Newsletter

March 2019

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A Message from Our President....

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Parent's Night Out. What a wonderful event full of community engagement and school spirit! We are well on our way toward our fundraising **goal of \$10,000!** If you missed it, we are asking parents, friends and family members to make any size donation to the school so that **EVERY child can participate in grade-specific learning experiences.** These experiences will enrich our students' educational foundation, and that's a cause that's always worth supporting.

Thanks to your financial support and the coordination of the Cultural Arts committee, we welcomed Writer-in-residence, Susie Wilde, last month. The 1st graders were able to connect reading and writing with creativity and fun! I also want to thank all the families who attended Family Dance Night! We really appreciated the team effort from AIA, the AIA Steering committee and YMCA for making this event happen.

Later this month, all of our students will enjoy a performance from **Project Ole! Carlota Santana Spanish Dance Company**, an arts education program that uses the rich and powerful Hispanic dance and music to build understanding and communication between young people of different cultures.

Lastly, if you haven't already registered with WCPSS to volunteer at our school, please stop in the office and take the time to do so. Registering on campus is required to volunteer at our school. Next month, we will be running a volunteer drive with a chance to enter in a raffle for a prize, so please don't be left out, **REGISTER THIS MONTH!**

Sincerely,
Melissa Smith, 2018-2019 York PTA President



Rick Brown
Founder and CEO, Science Adventures

You won't meet anyone in the York community that doesn't adore Rick Brown! Mr. Brown has been supporting York for the last seven years, working with all grade levels (Pre-K – 5th) to build their love of science! He creates his own units, holds workshops, hosts assemblies, participates in Literacy/STEM Night and the STEM Expo, helps coach the Science Olympiad team and so much more! He helps our students thrive through the use of STEM and the 4C's, and helps provide Professional Development to the teachers. Mr. Brown integrates our NC Science standards with STEM and Project Based Learning. Students start by problem solving an authentic real-world issue and use the engineering design process to solve it. We are **EXTREMELY** lucky to have such a dedicated, hardworking, knowledgeable Science Resident at York Elementary School!

Calendar of Events

March 8- WCPSS Early Release- 1:15pm
March 12- Last day of Bulldog Bonanza
March 14- PTA Board Meeting- 4:30pm
March 15- Staff Birthday Luncheon
(hosted by 1st grade)
March 19- Project Ole! Carlota Santana Spanish
Company visit (PK-5)- 1:30pm
March 26- End of Q3
Leadership/SIT Meeting- 8:00am
PTA Lobby Day at the Gen. Assembly-9:00am
Spirit Night (Chuck E. Cheese)- 5:00pm
March 29- WCPSS Teacher Workday
April 5- STEM Expo- 5:30 - 7:30pm

Points of Bulldog Pride

- ❖ Thank you to all those that attended Parents' Night Out. **\$7,051** was raised at the event. We're well on our way to meet our Bulldog Bonanza goal of \$10,000!
- ❖ Congratulations to the students who earned a spot on the York First in Fitness Team:

3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	Event
Eli Segal	De'Andre Crudup	Jordan Thomas	Shuttle Run
Janiece Williams	Allison Lopez-Vasquez	Mattie Matonic	Shuttle Run
Patrick Smith	Carson Owens	Maddox Lowery	Pull Ups
	Sophia Retzlaff	Maya Segal	Pull Ups
Henry Campbell	Evan Miranda	Alex Reams	100 Yd Dash
Maya Fefer	Zoe Reams		100 Yd Dash
Aidan Flynn	Oliver Perez	Andrew Lawrence	Speed Rope
Katie Lewis	Eliana Paredes	Afton Gorrell	Speed Rope
Taj Mauldin	Ra'lon Bynum	Christian Rowland	Standing Long Jump
Charles Sexsmith	Shelby Bannerman	Harmoni Walters	Standing Long Jump
Ian Perry	Nicholas Finckel	Nathan Beaulieu	100 Yd Dash
Lamiyah McCullough	Diamoneya Palmer-Allen	Tatyana Sanders	100 Yd Dash
	William Benson	Devon Whitlock	Triathlon

Wish them luck as they represent York in the WCPSS First in Fitness event at SE Raleigh HS on March 13!

How You Can Help York

- ✓ Complete your 2019-2020 Willingness to Serve Form (sent in Tuesday folders). For questions about available volunteer opportunities, please contact Sharaka Bert (Sharaka_bert@yahoo.com). There are opportunities for ALL commitment levels and skill sets!
- ✓ Make a donation to Bulldog Bonanza before **March 12** to support new learning experiences for every grade level.
- ✓ Come by York to register as a WCPSS volunteer. To make the process as simple and fast as possible, remember to bring your drivers license/NC ID!