CONNECTING TOGETHER



The Conquerors Level Up! March 10, 2025

School Calendar

March 20 - Family Engagement Night (5-7) & Living Wax Museum (12:30-1:30)

March 27- Field Trip to NC Museum of Art

March 28 - End of Quarter 1

April 2 - <u>Inter-Faith Food</u> Shuttle

Every Tues - BackPack
Buddies delivery (See Mr C)

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A Note of Thanks from Mr Beckwith, Assistant Principal

Dr. Perkins: I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to join Connections Academy. I'm genuinely excited to start this new chapter of my career and contribute to the growth and success of the team.

Students/Parents/Guardians: It's been a pleasure getting to know each of you, and I'm excited to continue working together. Your enthusiasm and positivity make this a great place to be.

Teachers: A special thank you to the teachers, your willingness to open up your classes and share what's happening in your classroom has made such a positive impact. I am grateful for all the time and effort you've invested in helping me get acclimated to Connections.

Office Staff: I want to express my sincere thanks to the office staff for all the assistance and support you've provided me as I settle into my new role. Your kindness and willingness to help me have made this transition so much smoother, and I truly appreciate everything you've done to help me get started.

Levi Beckwith

Assistant Principal, Connections Academy

Writing Tip:

Add **new details** to your writing and mark out others. Make any changes that will improve your draft.

Test-Taking Tip:

Eat a healthy **breakfast** before a big test.

Wellness Moment:

Get involved in your school & community to maintain **social well-being**.

Social Studies Teacher Highlight: Ms Sessoms Happy Black History Month: Celebrating Contributions and Culture

This February, our school celebrated Black History Month in an engaging and creative way by highlighting the contributions and culture of Black individuals through various activities. Classrooms were transformed with door decorations that showcase important moments in Black history, adding vibrant colors and powerful messages throughout the school. Our staff was challenged to "Teach the Complete History" to go beyond trauma and struggle to examine the liberation, civic engagement, creativity, beauty and talent of Black people during Black History Month.

In Social Studies class, students explored African art by crafting traditional masks, connecting with the rich cultural heritage of the continent. These hands-on experiences help students gain a deeper appreciation for Black history, fostering pride, understanding, and respect for diverse cultures.

On Thursday, March 20th, from 12:30pm to 1:30pm, the Social Studies and STEM classes will be hosting a trifecta event featuring a Living Wax Museum, Women's Month Celebration and the CAMS Parent Engagement Event. Parents and families are welcomed. Students will portray influential Black figures and Women from the past and present, bringing their stories to life for all to see. Celebrating Black history is not just about acknowledging the past, but about actively participating in building a future where diversity is celebrated and equality is achieved.



Celebrating Black History Month: Door Decorating







