



Good News about Our Schools

October 2016



**Congratulations Joe Caro
3th Grade Teacher
Harnett Primary School**

**Congratulations Hannah Matthews
Math and Science Teacher
Wayne Avenue School**

Matthew Jones, son of Rob and Lou Ann Jones and former student at Harnett Primary, heard about the Golden Apple Awards from his dad and asked if he could nominate someone. Matthew was more than willing to help present the award to 3rd grade teacher Joe Caro. In his nomination, Matthew stated, "Mr. Caro is a great teacher. He made learning fun each day. He taught me a lot and I made great grades. Most of all he is nice and cares about each of his students. I was lucky to be in his class and he deserves this award."

In an anonymous nomination, Hannah Matthews is described "as one of the best beginning teachers I have ever had the pleasure to work with." The nominator goes on to say, "She has been a teacher at Wayne Avenue for 4 years. I knew the minute I saw her in her classroom with her students that she was going to be a master teacher. She demonstrates professional standards and has high expectations for all her students."



Pictured, left to right: HPS Assistant Principal Starr Hodges, Matthew Jones, Joe Caro, VP of Education Lena West, Education Committee Member Rob Jones; HPS Principal Dr. Sylvia Wilkins and Education Committee Member Karen Teasley



Pictured, left to right: Education Committee members Carnell Robinson, and Karen Teasley, VP of Education Lena West, Hannah Matthews, WAS Assistant Principal Beth Backus, and WAS Principal Steve McLean

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Be a Part of the Golden Apple Awards

Nominate an outstanding teacher for a Golden Apple Award. Administrators, teachers, counselors, parents and students are encouraged to nominate a teacher currently teaching full time at a Dunn Area Public or Private School, which is an active member of the Dunn Chamber. Nomination Forms can be found on the Chamber website at www.dunnchamber.com under About Us—Forms and Registrations or by calling the Chamber office at 910-892-4113.

Dunn PAL



The Dunn Police Athletic & Activities League and the Afterschool Alliance will celebrate the importance of afterschool programs at Lights On Afterschool! on October 25, 2016 at the Dunn PAL Fitness Center located at 610 E. Johnson Street, Dunn.

In communities today, 15.1 million children take care of themselves after the school day ends. Afterschool programs keep kids safe, help working families and inspire learning. Join them, along with 7,500+ afterschool programs nationwide, in celebrating afterschool programs.

Come celebrate with them and experience firsthand what fantastic activities the Dunn Police Athletic & Activities League is providing the youth of the Dunn area. There will be booths and various activities provided by the students. The event will include food, fun and entertainment.

To RSVP call 910-892-1873 Ext. 1005 and leave a message for Stephanie Coxum by October 21, 2016 or email her at s.coxum@dunnpal.org.

Dunn Middle School

Dunn Middle School is looking for assistance with their Monday Tutoring Program. This 27 week program will have approximately 20-25 students for the 2016-2017 academic year. These are students with a high number of discipline referrals and/or low academic performance. Part of the program is to provide the students with a nutritional snack immediately after school. The two-hour program will comprise 40 minutes of SuccessMaker Math, 30 minutes with pizza or sandwiches while listening to a guest/motivational speaker, followed by 40 minutes of SuccessMaker Reading. All students would then be transported home utilizing school buses. At this time the school is in need of financial assistance to help make up the \$6986.62 budget. If you or your business are interested in donating, contact Dr. Janet Doffermyre at (910) 892-1016 or by email at jdoffermyre@harnett.k12.nc.us.



Congratulations to Dr. Janet Doffermyre, Principal of Dunn Middle School, who recently received her Doctor of Education from North Carolina State University!

Harnett Primary School

Harnett Primary began the 2016-2017 School Year by celebrating their academic successes. At this time, they are proud to announce that the School Performance Grade has moved from a “D” to a “C”, they MET their Growth, they MET ALL of the Annual Measureable Objectives (AMO Targets). They were one of two schools to be removed from the Low Performing School’s status. They have also moved from 37% proficient to 54.5% proficient. Dr. Wilkins and the entire school would like to extend a ware “Thank you to our community for always supporting our school!”

Wayne Avenue School

Students at Wayne Avenue School participated in National *See You at the Pole Day* on Wednesday, September 28 sponsored by the WAS PTO in partnership with local law enforcement offices. This year’s event was in appreciation of all our Law Enforcement Officers—those in attendance were all given black and blue ribbons to wear to show their support of all law enforcement.

Gabby West, a student at Wayne Avenue, wrote and offered the following prayer:



Almighty God we pray to you
In heaven up above
Watch over our dear police officers
And protect them with your love.

Please guide them as they keep us safe both day and night
And hold them firmly in your care
Should danger come their way.

Give them true strength and courage
As they serve til duty’s end
And one more thing to ask dear Lord
Protect their family and their friends.