

Dunn Area Chamber of Commerce presents

# Golden Apples

## Good News about Our Schools!




### Harnett Primary is Positively Winners


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Karen Lee, the Assistant Vice Principal for Harnett Primary School, was selected as this year's Vice Principal of the Year. She does a great job for the school and these children—Kudos for a Job Well Done! We are Dunn Proud!

 Kathy Rivers, a first grade teacher at Harnett Primary, was selected by the Veterans of Foreign War as the "Teacher of the Year" at both the local and district levels. Mrs. Rivers was recognized for the wonderful job she does teaching patriotism.

 Harnett Primary had six County and State Winners in the Young Authors Contest—Tyler Albright, Jada Horne, Ericka Knoll, Spencer Johnson, Zoie Staring and Daughtry Williams.


 Harnett Primary is buzzing with bees. As part of the Positive Behavior Plan, they are "catching students being good." The main areas are to Be Caring, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. Rewards are given to students for their good behavior.




### Dunn Middle Scores Again



Stan Williams, Principal for Dunn Middle School, was named the 2009 Wachovia Principal of the Year. He has been the principal at DMS since 2005. He has implemented several new programs which led to DMS being recognized as a high achieving school. We are Dunn Proud of Stan and appreciate what he is doing for our young people at his school.

 Southeast District Band auditions were held at Mac Williams Middle School in Fayetteville in January. Students had to memorize scales, prepare a solo and sight read. David England, Meredith Baysa and Mailik Leak were chosen from Dunn Middle—David, 3rd Chair trombone, is now eligible to audition for All-State Honors Band in March.

 Dunn Middle has two winners for the Young Authors' Writing Contest. Seventh graders, Ashley Dean and Meredith Padgett won at both the county and state levels. This year's theme was "Bridges" and both students plan to attend the state ceremony to be held in Raleigh.

 Congratulations to Quadarion Johnson, a 7th grade student, who will represent Dunn Middle at the County Spelling Bee.

### The Heart of a Tutor



Each Tuesday, I travel to Harnett Primary School to spend time with a little girl who has become so special to me. She is in first grade, lives with her grandmother and needs a little extra help to make the grade.

I help her with her sight words, her math, writing sentences and sometimes when we have time—we read a book together. She smiles at me a lot, tries so hard to get words right and sometimes hides from me as we leave the library.

I wish I could say I'm helping a lot but I'm not sure in less than an hour a week, I can teach her everything she needs. But I can *encourage* her, show her *love* and let her know I *care*.

Yes—I believe tutoring can make a difference—for me and her.







**"Education: a debt due from present to future generations."**

**George Peabody**






## Triton High School Excels

Our very own Triton was recently chosen to make a presentation at the North Carolina High School's Network Conference.

-  Triton's Suspension Rate is 50% lower than the other high schools average in the county.
-  Triton has made a significant reduction in the number of drop outs—they went from 105 drop outs to 55 last school year.
-  Triton's test scores were over 70%, which is the highest of the high schools in Harnett County.
-  Student Attendance Percentages have been increasing almost every month for the last two years.
-  The Freshman Academy continues to help Triton by creating a positive and nurturing environment for the students. The promotion rate from 9th to 10th grade has increased considerably since the implementation of this program. Triton was among the first high schools in the state to implement the Freshman Seminar which offers students a smoother transitional period between middle school and high school.
-  Triton students are achievers: ECU Legislators' School of Youth Leadership Development nominee—Krysti Byrd; Rotary Youth Leadership Award delegates are Jacob Godwin, Jerrod Godwin, Brittany Hargrove, Madilyn Smith, Christy Hudson and Diamond Leggett; Cornelius Harnett Chapter, NCSDAR nominee—Jessica Neville; NC Regional Teaching Fellows Finalists—Christina Belville, Reynolds Bond, Alicia Mosby, Meredith Sherrod, Caroline Yopp; Harnett County Governor's School Nominees—Benjamin Byerly, Austin Faulkner, Zachary Harper, and Charles Smith.









## Wayne Avenue Reports

-  Wayne Avenue had four Young Author State Winners: Alexandra Caudle, Grace Gage, Bailey Williams, and Shakalyn McLean.
-  Congratulations to 5th Grade Teacher Concetta Masci for being the Forever Young State Winner.
-  Wayne Avenue scored big at the Harnett County Science Fair with winners Tanner Kelly, Daniel Snyder and Dakota Honeycutt taking 2nd Place with "Rock Disintegration" and Ethan Cruse taking 3rd Place with "Here Comes the Mold."



## Harnett County Business Education Partnership

The Partnership has been working with the Harnett County Schools for several years now to help better prepare our students for their future. The Partnership is a group of volunteers consisting of educators, business representatives and parents, who are willing to give of their time and resources and determine the best means to reach and prepare our students for their future careers. Just some of what they do include:

-  Workforce Development Curriculum Presentations at all four high schools—to volunteer to make presentations at Triton call Tammy at the Chamber office (910-892-4113).
-  Job Shadowing for Juniors and Seniors
-  Career Exploration Fairs for middle school and high school seniors
-  Sponsor Special Tours for students—For Example: 8th Grade Student tours to CCCC
-  Sponsors a Scholarship for one student in each high school who keeps grades up while working part-time.
-  Keeps Communication Lines open with Guidance Counselors to make sure students are receiving current workforce information.

### Learning Matters.....

Just wanted to send a Salute out to our Members who are making a Difference in Education.

- AppleWorks Private School
- Campbell University
- Cape Fear Christian Academy
- CDI Head Start of Harnett Co.
- Central Carolina Community College
- Dream Big Christian Academy
- Faith Education Academy
- Foundations Bible College
- Gospel Tabernacle Academy
- Harnett County Partnership for Children
- Heritage Bible College
- Hope Childcare and Development Center
- j'Originals Art Studio
- Little Ivy League Learning Center
- People Achieving Living Skills
- Road Master Drivers School
- Think Smart Outreach Center
- Triangle South Enterprise Center

