

# Husky Happenings

February 28th, 2016



Dear Husky Parents,  
We have had a good week of teaching and learning. If you have not done so, please return your intent to enroll form. This process is very important for our school. Monday of next week will be FreeStyle picture day make sure you have either paid online or send the money and order form with

your student.

We are in for the home stretch of the school year. There are roughly two and half months of learning before we begin reviewing for our State tests. Please continue to take advantage of all of our opportunities for extra help with your child's education Thank you for all you do to help our school be successful.

Miles Brite  
Executive Director

## Note from Elementary:

Thank you to everyone who made the 4th through 6th grade dance such a success. The students all looked nice and seemed to have a lot of fun.

The morning remediation and acceleration time appears to be making a difference. Please continue to support our efforts by getting your children to school early. This extra time is really beneficial to the students' academic growth.

If your child rides a school bus, please help us remind them that school rules apply on the bus as well. We want to ensure the safety of every child!

Thank you for your continued support and know that my door is always open.

Cheryl K. Iannucci,  
Principal for K-6

## Message from the Upper School

As we are now two months into our second semester, I am continually pleased with the way our teachers are providing instruction and how our students are becoming more and more engaged. Additionally, we will begin having a 40 minute block where students will receive remediation and enrichment in all EOG tested areas starting March 8th. This block will last until the middle of May and will provide our students with the necessary extra instruction that can only help in our effort to achieve school growth.

Also, the first annual NECP Junior Prom will be held at the Booker T. Washington Theatre on May 14th. We are continuing to offer our students a more High School experience and will be sending out information on how we are moving forward in the months to come. As always, my door is open for any who have ideas and concerns about the future of NECP.

Sincerely ,  
Taro Knight  
Upper School Principal

## Counselor Corner

On February 29th at 5:30pm there will be an informational session for any 10th and 11th grader who is interested in taking classes at Edgecombe Community College next year. This session will be held at ECC's campus.

On March 1st, the ACT Exam will be given to all students free of charge to all juniors. Students must report to school at promptly 7:45 and the test will begin at 8am. If students are late they will be unable to test. On this day juniors can dress down and will be allowed to leave after their exam, approximately 1:15pm.

Wendy Lebowitz, MS/HS Counselor

## Academics

### Mrs. Gilbert, our new Family and Consumer Science Teacher

My name is Ms. Gilbert. I have been living in North Carolina for 3 years after moving from Michigan. I don't miss the Michigan winters! I started working at NECP 2 1/2 years ago as a sub and now I'm the Family and Consumer and Science teacher. I enjoy working with the children and hope to help them learn. I have a daughter in Vet School over in the Caribbean on the island of St. Kitts soon to be in the United States to a year of clinicals. I have another daughter at ECU majoring in Forensics. I hope to have a successful rest of the year with students and help anyway I can.



### Battle of the Books Region 3 Charter Competitions

The Region 3 Charter Battle of the Books Competitions for Elementary and Middle Schools will take place in McIntyre Auditorium on the Edgecombe Community College Campus in Tarboro again this year! The date is Wednesday, March 9. Elementary teams will compete from 9:00 – 11:00 and Middle School teams will have their competition from 1:00 – 3:00 that same afternoon.

Teams that will be traveling to Tarboro for the competition are: Kestrel Heights Charter, Vance Charter, Falls Lake Charter and Casa Esperanza Montessori. Here are the great readers who are on our teams this year:

**Elementary** – Jason Braswell, Maggie Burton, Julia Davis, Preston Hale, McKayla Johnson, Sadie Owens, E.J. Proctor, Drake Quincy, Katie Taylor, Christian Test, Jayden Test and Mary Kathryn Trevathan (Coaches: Cindy Brittain and Chantel Renadette)

**Middle School** – Erica Andrews, Kayla Cashwell, Hailey Eason, Emily Grimes, Morgan McNamara, Simon Owens, Faye Parker, Hannah Scott, Aneesha Sherigar, Soren Shorter, Jozy Wadsworth and Wyatt Woodard (Coach: Cindy Brittain)

The teams that finish in first place will travel to the Regional Competitions later this spring. We are hoping to represent our charter group as the champions again this year in both elementary and middle school competitions! Simon, Morgan and Aneesha have already placed 3rd in the Jr. Beta Club's State Book Battle Competition and are eligible to compete in the national event in June.

Congratulations to all the team members who will do a wonderful job representing NECP!

# Athletics



Spring is just around the corner and Mother Nature has not dampened our spirits as we have had a wet and rainy start to the season. It was great seeing many of you last week at our orientation and for the few, who missed, please see the overview of our agenda below. Our rosters have been established and our coaches are ready to lead our student athletes (rosters below) this spring. Remember, lastly, don't forget to save money and purchase season athletic passes in advance.

review of general athletic expectations for parents and students

explanation of athletic website  
general athletic booster report  
reviewed parent expectation to assist with athletic gates this spring  
reviewed why we have athletic fees(\$25 and due February 26)

**Spring Athletic Pictures will be held on Monday (2/29) during practices.**

Bob Iannucci  
Athletic Director



## ***March Athletic Booster Meeting***

Please join us for our General Booster meeting on Tuesday (March 8<sup>th</sup>) at 6:00pm. The agenda will include:

Approval of February Minutes

Upcoming fund raisers and learning the importance of funding the athletic program

Reverse Raffle planning (our largest fundraiser-April 30)

Athletic Directors Spring Report

Discussion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Athletic Banquet (May 13 @ 7:00)

*\*All Parents of Athletes are encouraged to attend as we need your support in order to prepare for the busy spring season (reverse raffle and athletic banquet)*

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there!

Lisa Winstead-President  
Leigh Anne Browning-Vice President  
Kim Whitehurst-Treasurer  
Janet Thursby-Secretary  
Latita Gilliam- At large Representative  
Bob Iannucci-Athletic Director

## Vocabulary Boosters

Here are some everyday ideas to increase your child's vocabulary to become a better reader and writer. You can use them whenever you are with your child: riding in the car, in a restaurant, etc.

### *Keep your ears open.*

When you and your youngster go places, point out words that people use. Maybe a waiter describes an *entree* or the dentist talks about *molars*. Encourage your child to figure out what they mean by the way they're used.

### *Go beyond nouns.*

Help your youngster add verbs and adjectives to her vocabulary. Sports and games offer opportunities to use action words. Let your child hear you comment on the softball that *soars* or the runner who *sprints*. When she sends thank-you notes or greeting cards, suggest descriptive words (a *polka-dot* shirt, a *fantastic* birthday. (Resource: Reading Connection)

Nancy Phillips  
Reading Interventionist

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## Vocabulary MS.HS English Language Arts

**Characterization:** The details that describe a character.

**Conflict:** A struggle between two opposing forces.

**Drama:** Fictional representation through dialogue and performance.

**Foreshadowing:** A writer gives a hint for what will happen later in the story.

**Imagery:** The use of words to appeal to the five senses.

**Personification:** A thing, an idea, or animal that has been given human-like qualities.

**Setting:** The environment where a story is set.

**Symbolism:** The use of symbols to represent ideas and qualities by giving them meanings that are different from their literal sense.

**Theme:** The main idea or the underlying meaning of a literary work.

**Tone:** The attitude of the writer toward a subject or audience

## Vocabulary for MS HS Math

**Rational Numbers:** Positive and negative numbers whose decimal form ends or repeats.

**Irrational Numbers:** Positive and negative numbers whose decimal form never ends and never repeats.

**Integers:** Positive and negative whole numbers.

**Function:** A rule that assigns each input(x) only one output(y).

**Domain:** The input or x-values of a function.

**Range:** The output or y-values of a function.

**Rate of Change:** Another name for slope. The change in y-values over the change in x-values.

**Hypotenuse:** The longest side on a right triangle.

**Scale Factor:** The ratio of the lengths of two corresponding sides of similar figures.

**Bivariate Data:** Data with two variables.

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## Spring 2016 Athletic Roster

### Junior Varsity Soccer

Butler, Kaylee  
Castro, Olivia  
Cherry, Mary  
Close, Trinity  
Coleman, Melissa  
Davis, Georgianna  
Del Carmen, Brianna  
Gomez-Sandoval, Erika  
Holloman, Victoria  
Robinette, McKayla  
Smith, Tiffany  
Whitehurst, Georgianna  
Zurita-Gomez, Nadia  
Coach Bruno  
Coach Simson  
Coach Huff

### Junior Varsity Soccer

Brooks, Javari  
Cisneros-Silva, Marco  
Cooper, Jy'shire  
Gilliam, Tyrese  
Holliday IV, Dennis  
Lacy, Johnathan  
Parker, Dylan  
Ponce, Fermin  
Richardson, Terry  
Smith, Aaron  
Tolston Fate  
Vick, Shane  
Coach Shorter  
Coach Cohen  
Coach Harris

### Junior Varsity Softball

Carter, Kiaira  
Goodman, Kayla  
Guilford, Nyla  
Jordan, Magdalme  
Lawson, Georgia  
Lunsford, Logan  
Morris, Jada  
Smith, Latrice  
Smith, Rakiyah  
Speight, Chasity  
Toussaint, Alia  
West, Aubree  
Wilkins, Kennedi  
Williams, Taylor  
Coach Butler,  
Coach Jones  
Coach Davidson

### Middle School Softball

Davis, Alana  
Guilford, Jamia  
Guilford, Jamie  
Harris, Gina  
Holliday, Rachel  
Joseph, Aniyah  
Lee, Marissa  
McNeil, Zykea  
Parker, Fabean  
Perkins, Kaitlyn  
Scott, Hannah  
Whitehurst, Hailee  
Coach Butler  
Coach Davidson  
Coach Jones

### Middle School Baseball

Ayers, James  
Browning, Brice  
Cairns, Tanner  
Coley, Timothy  
Dupree, Layton  
Harris, Jason  
Joyner, Tobias  
Morris, Christopher  
Moss, Erick  
Vandiford, Tanner  
Webb, Ayden  
Whitfield, Starkey  
Winstead, Marshall  
Coach Johnson  
Coach Ayers  
Coach Cairns  
Coach Riley