

Husky Happenings

October 25th, 2015



Dear Husky Nation,

A huge thank you to all parents, students, and teacher for a successful Fall festival. We were able to raise over five thousand dollars. We Will

use the money to buy a classroom set of computers. We look forward to a great week of teaching and learning.

Miles Brite

Executive Director.

Note from the Elementary

The Elementary students did a great job last week demonstrating their school spirit. Thanks to all who participated.

Halloween is right around the corner. Please join us for a safe Trunk or Treat event on Thursday, October 29 from 5:30 - 6:30. Candy donations and trunks are still needed. Please contact the office to volunteer your trunk and candy can be dropped off at the front desk. We hope to see you at Trunk or Treat

Cheryl Iannucci, Elementary School Principal (K-6)

The ACT Plan exam will be given to all 10th grade students on Wednesday October 28th at 8am. All students need to arrive on time, report to their first period class and then will move to their testing location. This exam, which is great practice for the actual ACT exam, is also a North Carolina testing requirement.

Junior Parents-save the date! November 18th will be our first Junior Parent night! Information about post-secondary planning will be presented!

Wendy Lebowitz— Counselor

Messages from the Upper School

Our first annual Homecoming was a success with the students enjoying a full week of school spirit activities. Unfortunately, the football game did not end to our liking, but the students represented NECP well with their attitudes and sportsmanship. I want to remind all parents to stay in contact with your child's teachers if you have any questions about their academic performance. On that same note, if your contact information has changed, please provide the front office with the updated information. This will allow our teachers to stay in contact with you. As always, my door is open to answer any questions or concerns that you may have.

Taro Knight
Principal- Middle and High School.



Sixth grade English teacher, Amy Robinette, was shocked Monday morning to learn she had been selected by Edgecombe-Martin EMC as a Bright Ideas grant recipient. Mrs. Robinette will receive \$790 to purchase two chromebooks that will allow her students to communicate with children at Starlight Family School in Kiboga, Uganda, where Mrs. Robinette spent a month teaching this past spring. This experience will create a global learning environment, as well as enhance the writing skills of the students at both schools. More information on this experience will be communicated with the sixth grade parents in the upcoming weeks. We are excited about this opportunity for our Husky students and appreciative of Edgecombe-Martin's continuous support of our school!

Our trip to the Scientific Circus at Wesleyan College was truly a memorable and educational experience for our fourth graders. From balancing acts to spooky glow in the dark creatures, every act had an interesting lesson explaining the science behind it. The students learned terms like gravity and centripetal force and the important differences between science and magic. We have already witnessed some of our students trying to reenact some of the cool circus acts they have learned! I think science just might be the new favorite subject for our fourth grade Huskies!

NECP Fourth Grade Team



The Husky band is preparing for its final song, Soul Street. The song gave the students a chance to enjoy jazz and play the blues.



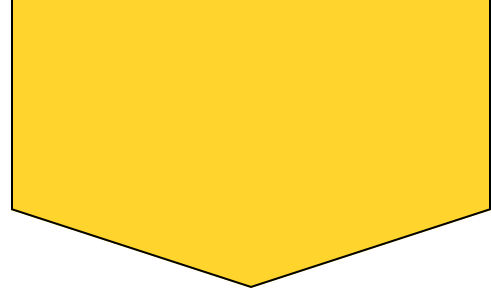
During the Fall Festival, the Middle and High School choruses presented their fall concert. The two groups performed individually, as well as in a combined ensemble. Under the direction of Ms. Kaehler, the six pieces of repertoire performed covered a wide range of traditions, including an Israeli Folk Song, pieces from the African-American Spiritual tradition, and a German Renaissance Motet. The students have done a tremendous job, and Husky Nation could not be more proud of them.

Upper School Teacher of the Month

Consuela Forero

I am from Colombia South America, the mother of five grown up kids and grandmother of two babies. I have been living in the States for 27 years, 14 of them teaching Spanish in Rocky Mount and Tarboro.

I love sharing my culture and my language with my students. My classes focus a lot in helping students to make connections between the two languages in order to reinforce knowledge, make associations with other subjects and expand learning.



Athletics



Our last fall game was played this past Saturday with our first Homecoming. It was a wonderful turnout for the game as we reached record attendance and the support from the parents and faculty was much appreciated. Unfortunately, our team lost the game and the fall season has come to a close. A special thank you to all the coaches and student athletes for their hard work, commitment and dedication. You have made us proud and please remember the off season is where you work to prepare for the next level.

Winter Season is almost upon us. The winter season tryouts are fast approaching.

Basketball try-outs will be held on November 2nd and 3rd

Cheerleading try-outs will be held from November 3rd-6th.

For eligibility to participate, student athletes must meet the following expectations:

A current athletic physical must be on file with the school

Fall athletic fees must have been paid

The student athlete must meet our athletic academic policy

The student must have a "C" average in core classes

Good luck to our Winter Athletes!



What's Up in the Arts?



Middle/High School Drama and Film

Drama classes have been studying the works of Washington Irving. They have been reading the famous short story, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* and comparing it to modern adaptations from playwrights, Disney, and television.

Technical Theater classes have been studying mask styles and the history of masks through creating their own original mask designs. These classes have also been working on basic carpentry skills used in the theater to make set, props, and costumes.

Film class has started moving into the world of talking pictures. Studying the works of Alfred Hitchcock, Boris Karloff, and other works from the late 1920's and early 1930's.

Middle and High School Art

Ms. Cloer's Art Class

Classes have been working on a Still Life studio project where they are focusing on their observational drawing skills and applying value to their drawing. Students have just begun learning about the Pre Columbian tradition of Dia de los Muertos. They will create their own sugar skull designs.

Mr. Nobel's Art Class.

Students are currently working with line drawing where they are applying the principles of value and tonality. Through these lessons they are learning the power of the line! Work in the area of collage will continue into the quarter.

Middle and High School Music/ Band

Mr. Morrison's Band and Ms. Kaehler's Chorus classes are working hard preparing for their upcoming holiday concerts. Students are working with a variety of traditional carols from America, Great Britain, France, and much more!

Please come to the Holiday concert on December 10th and see all the hard work they have been doing!



Elementary Music

Students in elementary music will continue working with instruments and their families and the exploration of the different types of music associated with these instruments through October.

Elementary Art

Below are some examples of work being done in Ms. Ward's Art Class.




-  October 28 ACT Plan for 10th grade students
-  October 28 RTA for 4th grade transition students
-  October 29th Trunk or Treat
-  October 31 Middle School Dance of the Living Dead



Mrs. Becker and her first grade class would like to give a huge **THANK YOU** to Ms. Sabrina Graves. Ms. Sabrina took an entire Friday afternoon to come into our classroom and show us how to make homemade play dough! We had an absolute blast mixing colors and ingredients, seeing the play dough form, playing with it and then putting the final touch of glitter on it to take it home. Ms. Sabrina was patient with us when we had questions, willing to let us all stir and be part of the creation process. We had an awesome afternoon with her. Hopefully, she'll be willing to help us again in the future with another project! Thank you again Ms. Sabrina for an amazing afternoon!!!!



 Earlier this year we gave you information about using mCLASS: DIBELS Next to assess students in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade in reading. Students will be assessed three times this year. Teachers have completed the first assessment for this school year.

You will receive a letter outlining your child's specific assessment results and progress as a reader this week. The letter includes easy, fun activities you and your child can together do at home to reinforce skills learned at school. The teacher's efforts in school, combined with your support and encouragement at home, will ensure your child reads with mastery and confidence.

mCLASS:DIBELS Next instantly analyzes your child's development in grade-appropriate foundational reading skills. Teachers use this data to focus their instruction around your child's specific needs in areas that may include:

- Hearing and using sounds in spoken words (Phonemic Awareness)
- Knowing sounds of letters and sounding out written words (Alphabetic Principle)
- Reading words in stories easily, quickly, and correctly (Accuracy and Fluency)
- Understanding what they read (Reading Comprehension)

If you have any questions about the assessment, the activities, or your child's classroom work and progress, please talk to your child's teacher, who is ready to help. .

Nancy Phillips
Interventionist