

The Discourse

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FEATURING THE STAFF AND
STUDENTS OF WARREN COUNTY SCHOOLS



OATH OF OFFICE - Richard Hunter, Warren County Clerk of Court, administered the oath of office to re-elected Board members Dr. Charles Grady, Calvin Jones, and Lynne Lassiter.

Warren County Clerk of Court Richard Hunter administered the oath of office to re-elected Board members Dr. Charles Grady, Calvin Jones, and Lynne Lassiter at the December regularly scheduled board meeting on Dec. 13. The Board voted unanimously to select Dr. Charles Grady as the new Chairman of the Board along with board member Al Cooper as Vice-Chairman.

"I want to thank my fellow board members for their confidence in me by voting me in as the Board Chairman,"

Grady expressed. "I also want to thank those who work with the school system. You are the ones that do the work by helping our children, which is why we are all here in the first place.

"We have a lot of work to do this year," he added. "We have heard many dire petitions about the budget. It seems like a scary year coming up and it has been difficult in the last couple of years, but with this Board, I feel confident that we will do our best to provide the best education possible for our children."

Board of Education Highlights

- Nine individuals were honored for the month of November Lights of Character for the trait of cooperation: Michael Medlin (Mariam Boyd), Leroy Cooper (Northside), Ashanti Richardson (South Warren), Maurice Sykes, Jr. (Vaughan), Kirby Mayo (WCMS), Dajaneke Stockman (WCHS), Mrs. Alice Park (WECHS), Richard Harmon (WNTHS) and Ernie Conner (CO).
- WCHS Steel Stix Drum Line received first place in the 2010 National Drum Line Championship. Students honored were Ramon Bullock, Sydnei Bullock, Amber Carter, Jaquawn Crews, Darauna Davis, Jalen Dixon, Jermon Hargrove, Terrance Hargrove, Sekedria Hicks, Shawn Jones, Brittany Jordan, Christopher Robinson and Quintin Terry.
- WECHS received the award for having 97.64% in best attendance for the third school month.



It was a winter wonderland in Warren County and surrounding areas throughout the month of December. We hope everyone had a joyous holiday season and is anticipating new and exciting things to come in the year of 2011. (Photo credit McDonald & Arnetta Yancey).

REMINDER: Conserve Energy x

Are you doing your part to conserve energy? Facility and staff members are encouraged to pitch in to conserve energy throughout the school system. District Energy Education Specialist Pamela D. Jordan asks that each employee take a few minutes to prepare your work area and/or classrooms before exiting your building at the end of the day. Before leaving, please turn off, unplug or set back any items that consume energy,

such as small refrigerators, microwaves, coffee makers and fans. Electronic items such as computer monitors and hard drives, printers, speakers, department copiers, LCD projectors and Smart Board technology, laptops, CD players and paper shredders should be completely shut down daily. For more tips on how to conserve energy please visit www.energied.com or www.energystar.gov.



Board highlights continued:

- WCHS Dynamic Marching Machine received second runner up in the 2010 National High Stepping Band Competition. A total of 53 students were recognized and honored for their recent achievement.
- Dr. Ray V. Spain was recognized as a leader for the 21st Century UNC-CH and NC DPI Certification Program.
- Dr. Chris Withrow received the UNC-CH and NC DPI certification as Education Chief Technology and Information Officer.
- Dr. Linda Mason was honored for completion of the Education Policy Fellowship Program.

x Internet and Computing Core Certification

In 2008-2009, The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction discontinued their computer skills test that was used to determine if students had the technology skills they needed before moving on to the high school.

Career Technical Education Director Ernest Conner, Jr. stated that after continuous research, a globally recognized program was discovered which was developed by a global literacy council. He explained that the program also introduced the students to industry and globally recognized certifications.

“Beginning in the year of 2010-2011 we have implemented this digital literacy curriculum developed by Certiport,” Conner said. “Certiport is a vendor that provides certification assessments for Microsoft Office Specialist, Adobe Certified Associate, Autodesk, QuickBooks and IT fundamentals.”

Conner further explained the school system is using a program called Internet and Computing Core Certification (IC3). He said a student will have to pass three of the credentials in order to achieve the certification. He announced as of this year, seventh graders had begun using the key application system which target areas such as common program functions, spreadsheets, presentations and file management. He added eighth graders will focus on hard and software, troubleshooting and basic maintenance in the computer fundamentals program.

“With very hard work and dedication from three business teachers that we have at Warren County Middle School, Debra Clayton, Andrea Dethmers and Pamela Hawkins, we have worked with our eighth grade students in taking the IC3 curriculum,” exclaimed Conner.”

Conner was pleased to announce that at only three weeks before the end of the semester, a total of 56 students has earned at least one achievement credential and thirteen students have earned two.

Christmas Card Contest Winners

Three students were recognized for their talented display of holiday artwork after participating in the system's annual Christmas Card Contest. Warren County Middle School eighth grade student Madison Robertson was awarded first place for her Christmas drawing. As the grand winner, Robertson's artwork, entitled Merry Christmas, was featured on over 700 distributed cards. "We have a contest within the schools where we ask students to submit drawings for a Christmas card," Warren County Schools Superintendent Dr. Ray V. Spain said. "We use this Christmas card as our school districts

Christmas card for the year." Tenth grade student from Warren Early College High School Quintin Davis received second place for his detailed artwork, along with fifth grade student Shamanesha Hargrove from Northside Elementary School was honored as the contest's third place winner.

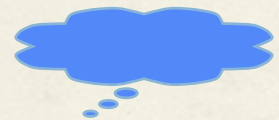
A special thank you is extended to each school as well as students who participated in this year's contest. We appreciate your efforts in making the 2010 Christmas Card Contest another successful competition.

Exemplary Works Warren County Middle

It can be assumed that completing a detailed book report may seem like a dreadful task to some students. Reading several chapters from a novel and reporting on specific details is believed to be the standard process. However, seventh grade English students from Warren County Middle School displayed their creativity by making a few life sized dolls to assist in portraying a character from a chosen book.

English/Language Arts teacher Jan Fuller requested for each of her students to read a novel of their choice and write a three page essay on the characters portrayed in their book. Students were also given the opportunity to display their personalized "friends" throughout the school and during the Dec. 13 Board of Education meeting. Fuller's students Erykah Fields, Ashanti Hayes and Aaron Williams volunteered to present their report during the Board meeting and received recognition for exemplary language arts. Art students from Alexa Molden's class, Michael Brown, Raymond Faucett, Chakelah Goode, Zacary Owens, Savannah Short, Ziara Thompson and Devin West also received an exemplary works recognition for creating a colorful art display.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH



*The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates.
The great teacher inspires.*
- William Arthur Ward

January Calendar of Events

- 18 Vaughan Family Night @ 6 p.m.
WCHS vs. Bunn Home Game
JV Boys @ 5:30 p.m.
Varsity Boys @ 8:30 p.m.
JV Girls @ 4 p.m.
Varsity Girls @ 7 p.m.
- 19 End of 2nd Nine Weeks K-8
- 20 WCMS vs. Cedar Creek Home Game @ 4:15 p.m.
- 21 Protected Teacher Workday K-8
WCHS vs. Corinth Holders Home Game
JV Boys @ 5:30 p.m.
Varsity Boys @ 8:30 p.m.
JV Girls @ 4 p.m.
Varsity Girls @ 7 p.m.
- 27 Northside Career Day
- 28 South Warren Career Day
WCMS Positive Behavior Support Dance @ 7 p.m.
WCHS vs. Northern Halifax Home Game
JV Boys @ 5:30 p.m.
Varsity Boys @ 8:30 p.m.
JV Girls @ 4 p.m.
Varsity Girls @ 7 p.m.

**Tell me and I
forget; show me
and I remember;
involve me and I
understand.**

- Anonymous

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