

BOARD HIGH-  
LIGHTS

- The Board approved five individuals for employment, Andrea Dethmers, (WCMS), Taryn Cameron (MB), Monique Terry (MB), Olivia Gray (SW), and Charlene Spence, administrative assistant-district wide.
- Henry Bobbitt (WCHS) received the Auto Service Program Certification by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF).
- Students at WCHS enrolled in Auto Service Technology II, Construction Technology II and Masonry II courses were recognized before the Board for completing the OSHA 10 Hour General Industry Course offered through Career Safe.

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# Discourse

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## Scott serves on N.C. Board of Directors

Warren County School Board member Roberta S. Scott has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the North Carolina School Boards Association.

After serving three terms with the school system, Scott will serve alongside various board members from across North Carolina to assist in determining board policies for the state. Scott expressed her overall gratitude after being recognized at the Board of Education meeting held on Nov. 8.

"I consider this as an honor and a positive opportunity to try and learn more," she said. "My idea is that this is all for the children and I am going to do the best that I can. I will not be standing here if

it wasn't for my fellow board members and my family."

Warren County Superintendent Dr. Ray Spain shared his thoughts



**WCS Superintendent Dr. Ray Spain and board Chairman Calvin Jones honored Board member Roberta Scott.**

on the recent accomplishment of Scott and his overall appreciation for the members of the Board.

"This is a very high honor and it really says a lot about the individual," Spain said. "We are very fortunate to have one of our own from Warren County to be elected to serve. I have said often that we have one of the finest boards of education in Warren County and I am so blessed as a superintendent to have an excellent school board to work with.

"Our Board has an excellent working relationship," he added. "Although they sometimes don't always agree, in the end they do what's best for the children in this system."

## Native American Month

Many associate the month of November with the Thanksgiving holiday of food, family and fellowship, but did you know November also celebrates Indian Heritage Month?

Indian Education Coordinator Wenona R. Anstead, with the

Warren County Title VII Indian Education Program invites all faculty and staff to visit the organization's new website [wcindianeducation.viviti.com](http://wcindianeducation.viviti.com) to view informative facts about Native American students throughout Warren County.

Enjoy a live chat room, message forums, photo galleries and so much more, as students involved in the Native American Student Association (NASA) provide information regarding their focus on career development, leadership skills and community outreach.



Northside EC teacher Felicia Brodnax stands with WCS Superintendent Dr. Ray Spain.

## Brodnax receives Teacher of Excellence Award

“The children are my number one priority,” was the response of Northside Elementary School K-5 Exceptional Children (EC) teacher Felicia Brodnax, as she graciously received recognition for being the recipient of the 2010 Exceptional Children’s Program Teacher of Excellence.

Every year Warren County Schools is asked to nominate a teacher of excellence for the Exceptional Children’s Program. In order to receive the

prestigious honor, the nominee was required to have five years of teaching experience. In those five years the individual should deliver high quality instruction for students with special needs, be a leader within their school and/or school system. They must also continuously provide positive outcomes for students with disabilities.

Brodnax, who also serves as the Individualized Education Program chairperson, said it was truly an honor to be an

employee for Warren County Public Schools and was thoroughly appreciative of the award.

“I thoroughly enjoy working with my EC children and it feels so good to know that the work that I have done people are recognizing it,” Brodnax said. “Just to know that every day when my students come to Northside Elementary, I know that I am going to do the best that I can to provide them with the education and love that they deserve.”

*Congratulations to  
Warren Early  
College High  
School for being  
the recipient of  
The Monthly  
Attendance Award  
97.73%*

Ryan Hurley is pictured with NSBA Director of Education Technology/ Services Dr. Ann Flynn.



## Mariam Boyd/Vaughan are model schools

Congratulations to elementary school principals Canecca Davis and Renee Mizelle along with the faculty and staff of Mariam Boyd and Vaughan Elementary School for receiving recognition from the North Carolina Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Model Schools (PBIS). The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (DPI) commended

both schools for having an active administration in PBIS. According to Exceptional Children Director Melanie Burnette, DPI visited each school and conducted site evaluations. Among those evaluations, only two schools (Mariam Boyd and Vaughan) in the county scored over 90 percent on the state wide assessment. Mariam Boyd and Vaughan formed a PBIS

team who meets monthly, in addition to having an identified school coach.

“It was said that these two schools should be applauded for their hard work and that is straight from the state department,” Burnette said. “The goal next year is to have all eight principals to receive this recognition.”

## Hurley receives “20 to Watch” award

For the first time a teacher from Warren County was recognized nationally for incorporating innovative technology into classroom learning.

The National School Boards Association (NSBA), a Technology Leadership Network (TLN), named WECHS English teacher Ryan Hurley on its “20 to Watch” list

for 2010. Hurley transformed his classroom by using a wide variety of free online resources, such as incorporating writeboard.com to discuss literature. He also allowed students to share books by using books.google.com to access libraries of free public-access digital documents and literature.

“This award highlights the efforts of so many other people who have provided education with some amazing tools,” Hurley said. “It feels great to be recognized for doing things to improve the classroom environment for the students. But I am most proud to represent the work of so many other individuals.”

# WCHS band rated 2nd-runner up in country

The Warren County High School "Steel Stix" Drum Line won first place in the 2010 National Drum Line Championship in Atlanta, Ga. on Nov. 12. According to WCHS Band Director Taylor Whitehead, the recent win marks the fourth time Warren County has won the Drum Line National Championship.

Whitehead stated this accomplishment was especially remarkable since he felt the 2010 edition of "Steel Stix" was a rather novice group consisting of two sixth graders from WCMS. As the students

celebrate a phenomenal victory, Whitehead shared his overall satisfaction on his student's success.

"As band director, I am very proud of my students," he expressed. "They worked very hard and I pushed them to strive for goals beyond what they ever imagined."

"The Dynamic Marching Machine have been working so hard preparing for the field show portion of the competition that I was only able to practice three days for the drum line competition," he added. "It is very hard to win this event one

time, but it is much harder to maintain a tradition of winning."

Whitehead was also elated to announce that the WCHS Dynamic Marching Machine participated in the 2010 National High Stepping Band Competition at Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Ga. The Marching Machine received the title as second runner-up, allowing the band to place as one of the top five overall high stepping high school marching bands in the country.

*Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.*

*- Malcolm*

*Forbes*

## Exemplary Works: Warren County High School

Three groups from various educational areas within Warren County High School presented and displayed exemplary projects during a regularly scheduled Board meeting on Nov. 8. English teacher Patricia London and her students Coslyn Boyd, Shekedria Hicks and Quinton Terry described a colorful artistic expression inspired from the book *A Journey to Canterbury Tales*.

Michelle Williams, a student from WCHS Construction Technology II class, explained information pertaining to modular and mobile home installation, pumping and wiring. Throughout her presentation entitled, *What's In My Walls*, instructor of the course Robert Clary shared a video created by his students which explained the overall project of investigating what could be found

within a wall structure.

Students from Dr. Yvonne Guyton choral music course performed the musical selection, *Now Behold the Lamb*, for all in attendance to enjoy. Students who sang were Alexandria Bullock, Ramon Bullock, Stacie Falcon, Mikayla Hargrove, Teja Kennerly and Symone Teague.

## Links to family and school success

The Warren County Schools Family Night program entitled, *Families, Schools and Community Building Stronger Links for Our Children's Success* was held on Nov. 15 at Warren County Middle School. Parents and students attended sessions designed for their grade level pertaining to new student disciplinary consequences and reproductive health. A light dinner along

with a chance to win prizes was also offered during the evening.

Presenters of the event included elementary principal Canecca Davis, Jamar Perry, Dr. Tony Cozart, Renee Mizelle and middle and high school principals Wray Cannaday, Warren Bell, Laurie Baker and Iris Dethmers. School counselors Grace Alston, Colleen Neuer and

school nurses Celest Long and Tammy Rodwell also assisted in the sessions.



**WCMS principal Wray Cannaday presented to middle/high school parents.**

  
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## December Calendar Events

3	WCHS vs. Northern Vance Home Game - JV Boys @ 4:30 p.m. - Varsity Girls @ 6 p.m. - Varsity Boys @ 7:30 p.m.	17	1 p.m. High Schools Dismissal
10	WCHS vs. Southern Vance Home Game - JV Boys @ 4:30 p.m. - Varsity Girls @ 6 p.m. - Varsity Boys @ 7:30 p.m.	20	1 p.m. K-8 Dismissal High Schools Mandatory Teacher Workday
13	Board Mtg. @ 7 p.m. Vaughan Pre-K Christmas Program 6 p.m.	21	Teacher Workday K-8 High Schools Protected Teacher Workday
14	Management Team Mtg. @ 9 a.m. Vaughan PTA, Winter Concert Grades 4 & 5 @ 7 p.m. South Warren Winter Celebration 6 p.m. WCMS PTSA Mtg./Winter Concert @ 7 p.m.	22	Winter Annual Leave
16	Northside PTA Mtg. @ 6 p.m. Mariam Boyd PTA Winter Program @ 6 p.m.	23-24	Christmas Holidays
		25	Christmas Day
		27-30	Winter Annual Leave
		31	New Year's Holiday