



# ECHO NEWS



NORTH FAYETTE ELEMENTARY HOME OF THE DOLPHINS

## PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

Parent Center Location: Title I Lab, hours 7:15-2:15 Monday - Friday.  
Pave the way to academic success--check out our reading/math activities!

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Families and Friends,

Happy early spring! This month is always a busy time for us in the schools. As the weather begins to warm and buds start to show, we are going about creating engaging lessons for learning and doing. We are approaching our end of the third 9 weeks period and this means our state assessment is only a few weeks away. Teachers are diligently implementing strategies that support learning and utilizing technology is interesting ways. I encourage you to come by and visit and see what your child's class is doing. Learning "looks" very different in this 21<sup>st</sup> century and I think you'd be surprised at what our students are capable of doing with technology today.

Continued thanks for your involvement and support of the school and events taking place. The partnerships between home and school have ever-reaching positive results!

Sincerely,  
Jade Bolton

### Helping Your Child Succeed as a Mathematics Student

From: The U.S Department of Education Office of Outreach

**Help your child see that the mathematics he is learning is very much part of everyday life.** From statistics in sports to the sale price of clothing to the amount of gas needed to travel from once city to another, mathematics is important to us every day. Help your child link his "school" math to practical events.

**Asking children to explain in their own words** how they arrive at a solution to a problem including how they used a calculator encourages them to get into the habit of thinking and reasoning mathematically.

**Call attention to the role that probability plays in everyday life** by pointing out how it is used in TV weather forecasts or sports stories.

**Point out that many jobs require mathematical skills.** Your child may recognize that many people must have good math skills to do their jobs scientists, doctors, computer technicians, accountants and bankers, for example. However, she may not realize that many other jobs also require math. Point out that math also is used in jobs such as running a business; being a plumber, carpenter, electrician or mechanic; being a salesperson or clerk; and designing clothes or buildings. Let her know that having strong math skills will open up many great career opportunities.

**Learning to use calculators is important for children,** they're part of everyday life. However, they are no replacement for strong arithmetic. Children should not be encouraged to rely too

## WATCH D.O.G.S DADS ROCK!! FATHERING AT IT'S BEST CHICK FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT



## NFE TEACHERS & STAFF SPOTLIGHT



I am Kathy Myers and this year at North Fayette, I am working with the Title I program. I have been part of the Dolphin family for 12 years and was an early intervention specialist during that time.

We have 9 Title I Assistants. These outstanding people work with our program this year, allowing your children to have much more individual and small group time for learning.

We offer many other great programs, such as our after school reading and math (ARM), and our Saturday Academy. Parent workshops are a part of this valuable learning time. This year, we offer workshops on technology, science, math, and writing. All workshops are designed to give parents strategies to help their children succeed in school.

## MARCH STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



History came alive at North Fayette Elementary School on February 21 as fifth grade students were transformed into famous wax figures in celebration of Black History month. Students performed detailed research and went beyond the history books to deliver a very special presentation to parents and other students as they portrayed their favorite Black History heroes. Dressed in the attire of current and past heroes, such as Booker T. Washington, Judith Jamison, Ronald McNair, and Rosa Parks; students recited a 2-3 minute story of their important person at the touch of a button. Students and parents met and learned about famous Black Americans; even President Barrack Obama was represented!! It

**MUSIC NEWS:** Our annual talent show will be May 8. If your child would like to audition to be in the show, look for paperwork later this month. 1st-3rd grade will audition on April 15 and 4th-5th grade will audition on April 22.