



ECHO NEWS



NORTH FAYETTE ELEMENTARY HOME OF THE DOLPHINS

PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

Parent Center Location: Title I Lab, hours 7:15-3:15 Monday - Friday.
Pave the way to academic success--check out our reading/math activities!

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Families and Friends,

We're already at the end of the 2013 calendar year! Wow.... time seems to be moving so fast. Though this is a fun time of year for many, be alert to the many distractions and choices that your children have this time of year. Children work and feel better when their day is structured and they know the expectations. With less than three weeks left of school in this semester, be sure your child is adequately prepared for school and understands the importance of making appropriate choices. We want all of our students to have a positive experience during this busy time by keeping everything in the correct priority.

As always, keep checking your student folders to keep up with the many activities going on in the month of December. Grade level websites and newsletters provide an abundance of important details to mark in your calendar. P.T.O. will be hosting their Reindeer Workshop for children to do a little private shopping for family, and our Media Center is hosting a Bargain Book Fair. Don't forget the P.T.O. meeting, featuring our Chorus students on Thursday, December 12. The holiday feast for PK-5th is coming, so hopefully you've reserved your spot. Look for the details of all of these events and more this month in the newsletter, website, and communication folder. Thank you to all for your continued support and involvement with our school. It's important to know that as your participation increases, student achievement does too!

Happy Holidays!
Jade Bolton

READING FOR PLEASURE CAN IMPROVE VOCABULARY SKILLS

From: The Parent Institute (www.parent-institute.com)

To get your child reading:

- * **Suggest books you enjoyed as a child.**
- * **Help your child find friends** who like to read. Encourage them to discuss books they enjoy and start a book club.
- * **Keep a supply of books** and magazines on subjects that interest your child.
- * **Connect books and food.** Many adults enjoy reading at cafes. Create your own café at home. Bake a favorite dessert and make some hot chocolate, sit down with your child and spend time reading.

WAYS TO MOTIVATE RELUCTANT READERS

Does your child make excuses not to read? Here are some steps you can take to encourage her:

Find reading materials about your child's interests.

Watch educational TV programs related to what she's reading.

Talk about reading. When she is able to express her thoughts, her confidence about reading grows.

Demonstrate how reading is useful. Use cookbooks or newspapers in your daily activities.

SPOT LIGHT ON OUR NEWEST HEROES OF THE HALLWAYS



NFE TEACHERS & STAFF SPOTLIGHT



My teaching career is a happy accident. When I graduated from FSU I had a degree in voice performance but knew before finishing I didn't want to perform.

I was offered a secretarial position in rural NC but then was told the job wasn't available. "Would you like to teach music?" a county office official asked. I said, "No, thanks." A week later I was offered the teaching position again. I decided to give it a try and immediately loved it. My first principal was very supportive and encouraged me to get certified.

I've taught in classrooms and a bus barn. I've come into my room and found bats and a wall covered in bugs. I've taught elementary, middle and high school. Now, I'm blessed to work at North Fayette Elementary. I believe I've found my niche!

Thank you for supporting me and the music program at NFE.



2013—2014

NORTH FAYETTE ELEMENTARY

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

KIMBERLY HEARN

NOVEMBER STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

2013 POETRY GRADE LEVEL WINNERS



K- Aya Adams,
Jada Barker, Jonathan Minter,
Joshua Ross

1st - Autumn Lewis,
Zyeon McClure, Jonay Seay-Oliver, Cherish Stephens

2nd - Chinazor Livinus,
Mariah Shaw, Hazaiah Stephens, Jordyn White

3rd
Ryan Lewis
Kellsey Miller
Jordan Price
Emily Sickles

4th
Morgan Godfrey
Juan Smith
Margie Stricklin
Taylor Williams

5th
Vanessa Campagna
Christian McIntosh
Benet Olive
Madison Powell