



CCS Staff In the Know



Back to School Celebration Parade
Postponed

Out of an abundance of caution, it has been decided at this time to postpone the Back to School Celebration Parade due to the increase in COVID cases in our county. Our main priority is getting students and staff back to school safely.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact [Jennifer Wagner](#).



We're Hiring Career Fair

Classified & Certified Positions

Make Plans to attend an in-person career fair to meet principals and learn what CCS has to offer!

NEW BERN HIGH SCHOOL
AUGUST 12th
3:00-6:00 p.m.

For additional info contact:
neshawn.dawson@cravenk12.org



HELP SPREAD THE WORD

Please help spread the word about this upcoming event so we can have a great turnout and help get our vacancies filled as soon as possible. You can also share the information that has been posted on the district social media sites.

What is a 'NO DAY' on the Traditional Academic Calendar?

The "No Day" designation for Friday, August 13th on the Traditional School Calendar is a day that is not a part of the 215-day contract for 10-month employees. Employees following this calendar will not work on this date and they will not use leave. It's a day out of the calendar. They are off!

ENJOY YOUR NO DAY!

Mask Exemption Process for K-8 Students

The Mask Exemption Request Process will be shared with parents but we wanted our staff to have this information in case you are asked. In order to request an exemption, the following process will be followed:

1. Parents will pick up the exemption packet from their school principal.
2. Parents will return the completed exemption request and documentation to Mike Swain, Director of Student Services.
4. The Mask Exemption Committee will meet to review the request and documentation. The committee consists of the Director of Student Services, Assistant Director of Exceptional Children, a Classroom Teacher, the School Principal, and the Assistant Lead Nurse .
5. The committee will review all documentation and reach a decision based on an exemption formula.
6. Parents will be notified, in writing, of the decision reached within 5 business days from the date they submit the completed request packet.

Exemptions that were approved last year will remain in effect. Parents will not be required to request another exemption for this year. If an exemption was not approved, parents may submit again, with proper documentation. To make you aware, there were 82 exemption requests and of those, 74 were approved.

Reminder: All students MUST wear a cloth face mask when riding a school or activity bus. The Mask Exemptions do not apply to buses unless the exemption is based on transportation being a related service as noted in a student's IEP.

PowerSchool Maintenance Weekend for Aug. 6-Aug. 9


Starting at 5pm Friday, August 6, NCDPI will shutdown PowerSchool for its monthly maintenance weekend. This maintenance weekend will include a major upgrade of the PowerSchool functionality. When PowerSchool returns on Monday, August 9, there will be new features along with upgraded functionality. This is the biggest PowerSchool upgrade we have had in our time using PowerSchool. Because of the upgrade we will need to keep PowerSchool down Monday morning in order to review the new functionality and features and upgrade security settings for users in the district. We will be working alongside many of our neighboring districts and districts within our region to work through the updated changes and security needs. The goal is to have PowerSchool available to all users no later than 12:00pm Monday. We will send out an email to everyone once we have opened PowerSchool back up.

Dr. Cooper will be reaching out to the two Early Colleges regarding attendance and other matters as it relates to PowerSchool and normal school operations for the day.

A Message from the NC Retirement System

NC Total Retirement Plans would like to reinforce their unwavering commitment to ensuring that K-12 educators and staff are prepared for a more financially secure retirement. As your dedicated Retirement Education Counselor, it is my pleasure to support this initiative by inviting your employees to register in the upcoming virtual NC Total Retirement Planning Conference on August 10, 2021. The content of this event will provide a great opportunity for employees to receive a comprehensive overview of

retirement plans offered by the state. Employees will obtain information regarding the TSERS Pension, NC 401k, 457 and 403b plans in addition to insights on how the plans complement each other to achieve optimal retirement readiness! This event is exclusively tailored to meet the needs of K-12 educators and staff. Please see the flyer below:



Retirement Education Alert!

Discover How the NC Total Retirement Planning Conference for K-12 Educators & Staff Can Help You Achieve Retirement Readiness

In just a small amount of time, you can learn about what simple steps you can take **today** to help give yourself a more secure financial future.

Topic	Dates	Time	Virtual
<u>Retirement Planning Conference</u> <i>An overview of the State Retirement Plans to include the TSERS pension, the NC 401k, NC 457, and NC 403b Retirement Plans and how the plans work together to achieve Retirement Readiness.</i>	Tuesday August 10	4 –5 pm	<u>Click here to register</u>

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Pacing Guides for Teachers

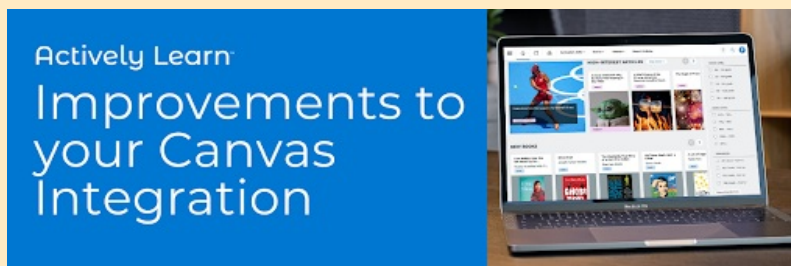
PACING GUIDES FOR TEACHERS

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FIND YOUR PACING GUIDES!

Visit bit.ly/CCStools for our Instructional Toolbox
to access the pacing guides as well as teacher
resources!

Actively Learn: Improvements to Your Canvas Integration



You asked and we listened! You can now create Actively Learn assignments from within Canvas using the “External Tool” link.

Just import your Canvas courses or sections into Actively Learn to jumpstart the sync. After syncing the assignments, you can update the details of course assignments, such as the due date or points, all from within Canvas!

To learn more, [click here.](#)

Ready to create your next Actively Learn assignment in Canvas?

Import my Canvas courses

Training for Open Up Math (6th-8th)

School Leaders, Middle School Math Teachers & EC Teachers:

Middle School Open Up Math Training is scheduled for August 10-11 (8:30-3:30pm). Professional learning will be provided for those who are new to Open Up, as well as experienced users who need to revisit the curriculum and the instructional process (considering the interruptions we have experienced). We encourage everyone to participate so we are geared up for 2021-22!

Please add your information to this link: **Open Up Math Sign-Up**
Also, please ensure you register via FrontLine to receive your 1.2 CEUs after completing the training.



2021 CTE Opening Meeting

The 2021 CTE Opening Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19th, from 12:30pm-4:00pm at the New Bern High School Media Center. This is a mandatory meeting. All middle school and high school CTE teachers are expected to attend.

We look forward to seeing you all and to kicking off an exciting new school year!
#CTE #CCSUnited

Back to School Digital Learning Playlist

August
PL Playlist
<http://bit.ly/digplaylist>
[Digital Learning Website Resources](#)



Back to School Digital Learning Playlist

Staff members are encouraged to participate in one of the following trainings in order to prepare for the 2021-22 school year.
Sessions are offered daily at bit.ly/ccsdiglearnzoom.

Sessions will include Google Classroom 101, Canvas 101, Google Classroom Updates, Canvas Updates, Pear Deck, Discovery Education, Explore/Choice Boards, and Engagement Strategies. Please register using Frontline.

21-22 Media Coordinator/ITF Meeting Dates

CRAVEN DIGITAL/MEDIA SERVICES

2021-2022 Meeting Dates

August 11, 2021 All Media Coordinators/ITFs - New Bern Public Library

November 5, 2021 Elementary School Media Coordinators/ITFs - Oaks Road Elementary

November 8, 2021 Secondary School Media Coordinators/ITFs - New Bern High

February 25, 2022 Secondary School Media Coordinators/ITFs - West Craven Middle

February 28, 2022 Elementary School Media Coordinators/ITFs - James W. Smith Elementary

May 13, 2022 All Media Coordinators/ITFs - Craven Community College



New to Craven County? Join us for an Apple Resources Webinar

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Apple Resources Webinar

Make the most of your MacBook and iPad
next year!

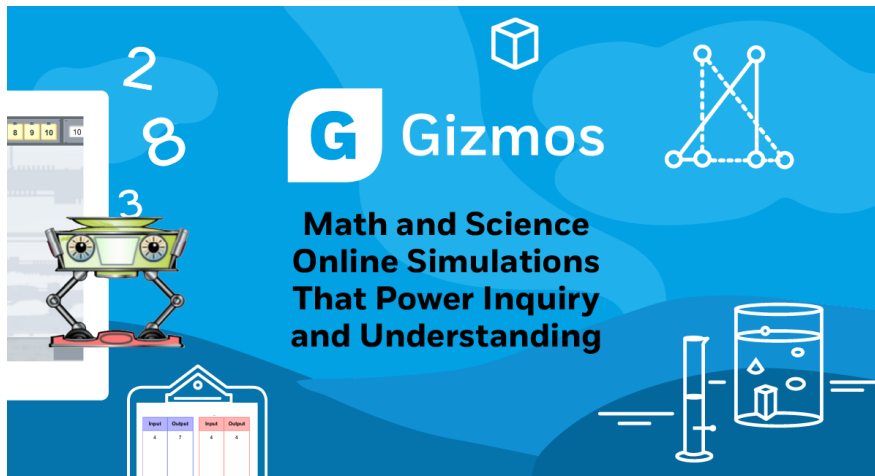
Join us August 12 OR August 20, 2021

August 12 (8:00 am, 9:00 am, or 10:00 am)

August 20 (12:00 pm, 1:00 pm, or 2:00 pm)

Please register [here](#).

Gizmos



Craven County Teachers Grades 5-12 will continue to have access to the Math and Science Gizmos by Explore Learning.

Interested in learning more?

Please join us August 17, 2021 from 9:00-10:30 am, 1:30-3:00 pm for an Intro to STEM Cases or from 9:00-11:00 am for an Intro to Gizmos. Register [here](#).



(Save the Date) North Carolina Early Learning Inventory Trainings

As a part of the Read to Achieve legislation, all Kindergarten teachers complete the formative assessments of the NCELI with their students. To prepare for this, kindergarten teachers and administrators should mark calendars for the following events:

Initial training for Kindergarten teachers (new to teaching or to grade level): Tuesday, August 17th-- 1:00pm to 4:30. Location: BDQ Media Center

Refresher training for returning Kindergarten teachers (with platform updates, etc): Wednesday, August 18th 1:00pm-2:15pm. Location: Virtual. Link will be shared prior to the 18th.

Registration is available in Frontline!

Online mCLASS with DIBELS 8th Edition Course Description

As part of the implementation of mCLASS with DIBELS 8th Edition for the 21-22 school year, all North Carolina educators will have access to a self-paced online course as a support for a successful implementation and to serve as a resource throughout the school year. You will not be able to create an account or access the course until July 7, 2021. To create an account click the [LINK](#), enter your name and email, create a password, click sign up, and bookmark the course. It will be important to use a consistent log-in once you start the course so that you can generate a completion certificate

Upon completion participants will be able to:

Explain how mCLASS with DIBELS 8th Edition assesses the basic early literacy skills required for students to become proficient readers.

Administer and score mCLASS with DIBELS 8th Edition assessment measures for their grade level according to standardized guidelines.

Interpret student data and identify students' instructional needs.

Access targeted skills-focused lessons available in mCLASS DIBELS 8th Edition to plan differentiated instruction.

Generate a certificate of completion.

Please contact Mr. Jason Griffin if you have any questions regarding this self-paced training.



All Early Childhood Staff that work with Family Literacy, NC Pre-K, Title 1 and Exceptional Children's Preschools are required to attend an opening meeting on:

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

8:30 to 12:30

NC Cooperative Extension, 300 Industrial Drive,
New Bern

This is a mandatory meeting and all staff are expected to attend.

Accommodations will be made for our childcare staff to receive the necessary information at a later date.

**Help Partners In Education
fill the bus with school supplies for
Craven County Schools' students in need!**



Items collected will be distributed through the principals at Craven County Schools. If you have a child in need – contact your school principal or guidance counselor.



Learn more at
CravenPartners.com

Saturday, August 14, 2021

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Staples in New Bern



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VIT (VERY IMPORTANT TEACHER) EVENT

You're invited! This year, we're saying thanks to all our teachers in a big way. Stop by our store's VIT Event for prizes, raffles and most importantly... savings!

Date

August 11, 2021

Address

3230 Dr. MLK Jr Blvd, New Bern NC 28562

Phone number

(252) 637-6867

FREE GIFTS and event raffle

The first 20 teachers get free classroom supplies and the first 50 get a free poster to welcome back their students. Plus enter the in-store raffle for the chance to win \$50 in Classroom Rewards!

20% OFF your in-store purchases. Exclusions apply.*

Save on your entire classroom restock. When you download our app and sign up for Classroom Rewards, you'll get 20% off your in-store purchases, 7/1/21-9/30/21. Exclusions apply.

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When people shop (including you!), they'll earn 20% back to give to their local teachers all season long.



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