

CCS Staff In the Know



HAPPY LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Best Wishes for a Safe & Healthy Long Holiday Weekend!

All schools & district offices will be closed on Monday, September 6th in observance of the federal holiday.

Reminder for the return to school & work on Tuesday, September 7th~if you are experiencing ANY COVID-like symptoms DO NOT report to school/work. Please contact your school nurse and/or healthcare provider for the best next steps. Please be safe.

COVID-19 Dashboard

The number of positive cases is newly reported for the week. Quarantines are based on an individual(s) being considered a close contact. A close contact is within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes cumulatively over a 24-hour period.

For the Week of August 27th-September 2nd

12,800	Total Number of Students	153	Total Confirmed new positive cases (staff & students)
1,587	Total Number of Staff	1,779	Total quarantined (staff & students)

If you are experiencing any COVID-like symptoms please contact your school nurse and/or healthcare provider for the next best steps.

Follow our social media channels for up to date information:



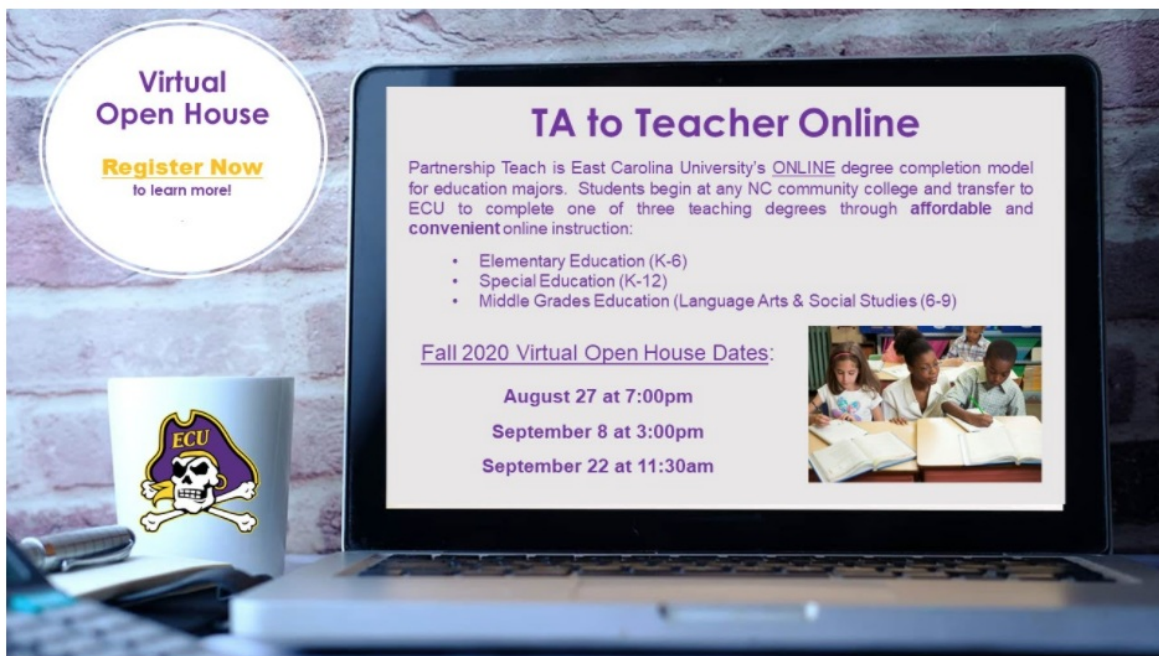
@cravencountyschools



Monday, August 30th was a special day for Dr. Miller, Superintendent as she took the time to meet with Senior student leaders at New Bern High School to listen to their concerns and answer any questions they had regarding the return to school. It was also important for the seniors to hear first hand the district is NOT planning on shutting school down after Labor Day and to hear how they could help in keeping us in school.

Dr. Miller plans to meet with our seniors at all 5 of our high schools this week so each school can hear there is no hidden agenda to close the schools for their last year of high school or any of our schools for that matter. The main goal is to keep all students and staff in school safe and healthy.

With the holiday weekend approaching it is critical we all do our part and wear our mask while at school and if anyone is experiencing any COVID like symptoms (Fever or chills, Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Headache, new loss of taste or smell, Sore throat, Congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, Diarrhea) to please stay home and contact your child's school nurse and/or your health care provider for the best next steps.



Open House Registration Link:
<https://education.ecu.edu/partnership/>



Technology Updates:

HotSpot News:

Craven County Schools students who were issued a Kajeet or an Orbics Verizon HotSpot may soon see a disruption in service as those data plans will be expiring.

If students are still in need, schools can submit an order (1to1plus.cravenk12.org) and request a T-Mobile HotSpot. These devices provide 100GB/year...once the 100GB have been used, the device will no longer operate.

Online mCLASS with DIBELS 8th Edition Course Description mClass Update

Administrators and teachers should complete the mClass online training prior to the Beginning of Year (BOY) assessment window that begins August 30 – September 20. You can create an account for the training by clicking this [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.

All administrators and teachers who complete this self-paced course will turn in their certificates to the school's Assistant Principal. Mr. Jason Griffin will collect those certificates and issue 1 literacy credit for the completion of this course.

Please contact your school's District Learning Systems Coach if you need help with your mClass assessments and contact Mr. Jason Griffin if you have questions regarding your literacy credits.



We are excited to announce the launch of our new reading initiative, Rally to Read 100! As RIF celebrates the milestone of reaching 100 million children served over our 56-year history, there is no better time to reaffirm our commitment to serving the next generation of children. And, with the learning disruptions caused by the pandemic, as students return to school, RIF wants to rally our nation of educators, families, and literacy advocates to motivate and engage our nation's young readers!

Visit RallytoRead.org today to explore all of the reading fun RIF will be offering over the next six months to help drive increased enthusiasm and reading frequency for kindergarten through fifth-grade students. The Rally to Read site features monthly reading themes, notable author and illustrator read-alouds, book lists, reading activities, and more. On RallytoRead.org you can:

Take the pledge to read 100 books by March 2, 2022, Read Across America Day - a child, classroom, family or anyone can take the pledge!

Order your Classroom Kit for a poster, bookmarks, take-home postcards, stickers, and more (hurry - only available to the first 500 educators who request a kit).

Enter for a chance to win (educators only) 100 new, diverse books for your school

or organization (you can enter daily!).

Rally to Read 100 will culminate on March 2, 2022, Read Across America Day, with a national virtual reading celebration, showcasing the real-life inspiration reading provides during a program featuring readings and messages from literacy leaders and national figures, plus recognizing the 100 sweepstakes winners. Make sure to opt-in to receive reminders of Rally to Read 100's monthly theme, featured guest read-aloud, and activities to build excitement with your young readers. [Text the word "RIFREAD" to \(877\) 379-5018](#) and enjoy all of the reading fun RIF will be offering over the next six months.

Don't miss September's first read-aloud with [LeVar Burton](#) reading his book *The Rhino Who Swallowed the Storm* by visiting [RallytoRead.org](#) today and check back each month for more featured read-alouds and reading resources!

Happy reading,
The RIF Team



Professional Development Opportunities

On-Demand Professional Learning Session: Using the K-12 Social Studies Unpacking Documents

Implementation of the K-12 Social Studies Standards has begun and the NCDPI Social Studies team will be releasing four on-demand professional learning sessions this fall.

The first on-demand professional learning session is on *Using the Unpacking Documents*. This recorded PD will allow social studies educators, curriculum leaders, and administrators to gain a better understanding of how to use the Social Studies Unpacking Documents as a tool to plan for, teach, and assess the Social Studies Standards.

Webinar Recording: Using the Unpacking Documents

Password: Socialstudies!1 (case sensitive)

Resources

Use **this link** to access various social studies related information that may be useful throughout the school year

Use **this link** to access the recorded session and other K-12 Social Studies Professional Learning Resources and Tools

Professional Development from the North Carolina Council on Economic Education

The [North Carolina Council on Economic](#)



Education (NCCEE) is offering no cost professional development for elementary and middle school teachers. A stipend is available for attending one of the sessions below.

Upcoming Asynchronous PD Sessions
for Elementary, Middle and High School Teachers
Self-Paced Professional Development Courses
presented by NCCEE

EPF Preview (10 hours) will be offered September 1-30, 2021

Investing 101 Reboot (5 hours) will be offered October 1-31, 2021

Insurance 101 Reboot (5 hours) will be offered November 1-30, 2021

There is no cost to attend these asynchronous courses but space is limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis.



**History-In-a-Box: Bringing the
North Carolina
Museum of History to your
classroom!**

Through the innovative "History-In-a-Box" Kits, educators use a fresh and fun approach to introduce topics in history. These multidisciplinary teaching tools provide you with background materials, reproduction artifacts, lessons, and activities that tie North Carolina history with language arts, science, math, and visual art. Kits are available for pick-up and drop-off at the North Carolina Museum of History for the Fall 2021 semester.

Current kit offerings include:

Primarily North Carolina

North Carolina Pottery

Colonial and Revolutionary Times in North Carolina

Everybody's War: North Carolina and World War II

From the Mountains to the Sea: The Coastal Region

From the Mountains to the Sea: The Piedmont Region

From the Mountains to the Sea: The Mountain Region

New this year!

Educators and students all over North Carolina will now have digital access to the History-In-a-Box kits. Explore one of the interactive kits [here](#)! The digitized kits include access to Canvas Classrooms with the same background information, lesson plans, and activities you know and love.



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Area Studies

This year's symposium will be held *virtually*. For more information, please visit <http://areastudies.unc.edu/ltl/>.



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and out of the
classroom!



On Thursday, September 2nd, Dr. Wendy A. Miller, Superintendent of Craven County Schools took the time to visit with Seniors at West Craven High School to learn what's on their mind and how the district together with our schools and community can help them be successful this year in school. They were very insightful and shared what could help them through the pandemic and the first semester. Dr. Miller appreciates our student voices and will continue to gather their feedback so they can remain in school and have the best year possible. Next stops Havelock High and Craven Early College and Early College EAST. We are #CCSUnited!



District 2021-2022 Testing Calendar (updated on the district website)

District 2021-2022 Benchmark Assessment Schedule (all of these dates are included on the District Testing Calendar)

A note from Finance -

We are waiting on the legislature and governor to pass a state budget that will provide salary adjustments including step increases for certified staff members. We have received many

questions from staff concerning credit for their year of service in their August paycheck. We must wait on guidance from the state before any adjustments are made. Typically, any changes made by the state are retroactive to your August paycheck, so you will receive retro pay for any adjustments. We will keep you updated as we receive more information.

**You don't have to be a teacher or CCS employee to join -
anyone can be a member of PIE!**

**Parents, community supporters, and
staff in all CCS departments are encouraged to join PIE!**

***When you join and support PIE, designate your
membership to the school of your choice
to help them win cash for their operating funds.***

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For a list of PIE School Ambassadors,
a Membership Form, and
a link to the grants offered by PIE,
visit cravenpartners.com or contact
Darlene.Brown@Craven12.org.

Return your completed
Membership form to your
PIE School Ambassador or
to PIE at Central Services.

How can you join PIE? There are two ways!

One-time Payment Member (Everyone is Eligible)

*And be eligible for
each consecutive drawing!*

- ⇒ Join by September 27 to be eligible
for the \$150 drawing on September
29
- ⇒ Join by October 4 to be eligible for
the \$125 drawing on October 6
- ⇒ Join by October 11 to be eligible for
the \$100 drawing on October 13
- ⇒ Join by October 18 to be eligible for
the \$75 drawing on October 20

***Each school level (elementary, middle,
high, & early college) with the highest
percentage of participants will be awarded
\$500 (80% participation is required to be
eligible—parents and staff, help your
school be eligible!).***

**Make a One-Time Payment
for as little as \$15!**

Payroll Deduction Member (CCS Employees Only)

- ⇒ Join by October 18
and be eligible for the
Dr. Miller's Challenge
drawing for \$500 at the
end of October!

***The school with the highest
number of participants in the
Payroll Deduction Program
will be awarded
\$1,000!***

**Minimum \$100 per year
to join through
Payroll Deduction.**

**Become a
Sustaining Member
for automatic renewal!**

All money awarded is the personal property of the winner!

**Teachers: As a member of PIE, receive one extra point on your
total grant score for TRAA Art Grants, PIE Grants,
International Paper Math and Science Grants,
and Superintendent's ECP Grants.**

And, win money for your classroom and your school!



2021-22 Grants Administered by PIE

- ⇒ International Paper Math and Science Grants - \$250 per grant, four grants awarded per cycle. Math and/or Science focus. All grade levels, multiple grants per school allowed. Two Cycles - **Due 9/22 and 2/9, 5:00 pm.**
- ⇒ Superintendent's Exceptional Education for Exceptional Children Grants - \$500 per grant, two grants to be awarded. All ECP teachers at all grade levels are eligible. Multiple grants per school allowed. **Due 10/20, 5:00 pm.**
- ⇒ PIE Grants - up to \$1,500 - any subject. PIE Grants are cash awards offered by Craven County Partners In Education to encourage innovative and creative educational projects that have the potential of encouraging long-range growth in educational performance. All grade levels, multiple grants per school allowed. All PIE Grant winners win one free ticket to the PIE Luncheon! Two Cycles - **Due 10/6 & 1/12, 5:00 pm.**
- ⇒ Aspire to Inspire Grant - up to \$500, one grant awarded - all **4th-grade** teachers are eligible - Math and/or Science focus. One grant per school allowed. **Due 10/20, 5:00 pm.**
- ⇒ The Bate Foundation Individual School Grant - up to \$5,000, \$30,000 to be awarded - all principals are eligible - art, music, health and fitness, and athletics focus. One grant per school allowed. **Due 10/20, 5:00 pm.**
- ⇒ Dr. Bryan Johnson STEM Grant - up to \$2,000 - all principals are eligible - STEM focus. One grant per school allowed. **Due 10/20, 5:00 pm.**
- ⇒ International Paper Literacy Grant - \$5,000, two grants will be awarded - all principals are eligible - literacy focus. One grant per school allowed. **Due 10/20, 5:00 pm.**
- ⇒ TRAA Art Grant - \$250, eight grants be awarded - any grade, all art teachers are eligible. Multiple grants per school allowed. **Due 10/20, 5:00 pm.**
- ⇒ Toyota of New Bern Tech Grant - up to \$3,000, one grant will be awarded, all principals are eligible - technology for your school! One grant per school allowed. **Due 12/21 5:00 pm.**
- ⇒ Donna & Team New Bern Music Grants (**available to ALL schools in the Craven County Schools district**) - four grants awarded at \$1,000 each, \$4,000 to be awarded. Open to all music-related classrooms and programs. All grade levels, multiple grants per school allowed. **Due 12/1, 5:00 pm.**

To apply, visit cravenpartners.com/ and visit the grant section.

Be sure you are signed into your Rapid Identity account through Craven County Schools email when you access the grants link to the shared CCS Google Drive.

As a member of PIE, receive one extra point on your total grant score for the PIE Grants and International Paper Math & Science Grants and help your school win money! Ask your PIE School Ambassador or visit <https://cravenpartners.com/> to learn how.

*If you have questions about these grants
or becoming a PIE member, contact
Darlene.Brown@cravenk12.org.*

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FROM 5PM-10PM
(DRIVE BY THE MINISTRY CENTER PARKING LOT)**

**EXAMS WILL BE GIVEN FROM 8AM-5PM
ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH**

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