

TURTLE TALES

January 2016



Happy New Year!

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January 15 - Early Release
 January 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No school
 January 19 & 20 - No school
 February 15 - No School

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Community,

Great things are still happening at Perquimans Central School. Students are making progress and are still excited about learning and coming to school. Our character trait for the month of January is "responsibility". We had a very smooth transition with students coming back from the Winter break.

Some very important things are happening at our school during the month of January. Students are taking their benchmark test during the week of January 11-14. January 15 will be an early release day which also ends the second semester of school. January 18 is an official holiday (no school). So that teachers will have enough time to review benchmark data and prepare reports cards January 19 and 20 are workdays for teachers (no school students). Report card pickup will be January 27. Teachers will be in contact with parents to schedule parent conferences. We are at the perfect time of the year for conferences so that parents can be made aware of their child's academic status. We

highly encourage all parents to meet with your child's teacher. We want every student to be ready and prepared for the next grade level at the end of the year.

As always we need your continued support. Visit our school and witness the great things that are happening on a daily basis. Parents please continue to ensure that your child gets a good night's rest. The next few weeks will be a busy time at our school; however, please remember to remain in contact with your child's teacher. If you have questions or concerns please contact me at any time at bonitajones@pcs.k12.nc.us or I can be reached by phone 252-426-5332. Do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, a staff member, or me at any time.

Happy New Year!

Bonita Jones

Principal



Happenings

Pre-K

Pre-K is gearing up for this half of the school year. We are continuing with LetterLand with the letter J for Jumping Jim. We are reading fairytales. Pre-K will be holding our parent conferences in February.

Kindergarten

Wow, time is going by so fast! December was a busy month with holiday activities, field trips, and winter break. We came back ready to learn and are in the middle of mid-year testing now. Please ensure that your child is reading daily and getting plenty of rest. Parent conferences will be held the first week of February. It is important that you meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress thus far. We are all so proud of our students!

First Grade

First Grade is preparing for 2nd Nine weeks testing. After testing, students will begin a study on animals. Nonfiction writing will be our writing focus. In Math, students will be learning about graphs and graphing information.

Second Grade

Happy New Year! Second grade will begin to focus on informational writing and enjoy books based around "A Long Journey to Freedom". In math, students will focus on composing and decomposing numbers to add and subtract up to 1000.

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Pierce Awarded Grant

Congratulations to Mrs. Stacey Pierce for receiving the Windows of Opportunity Grant entitled Prosperous Planting. Students will update the butterfly garden behind the first and second grade playground. They will add hummingbird feeders and butterfly houses and plant flowers.

Pierce & Crank Awarded Grant

Congratulations to Mrs. Stacey Pierce and Mrs. Stephanie Crank for receiving a NC Farm Bureau grant. With this grant we will host a Farm Agriculture Night at PCS in the Spring. Students will learn about farming and animals in Perquimans

Suter: Math Foundation Trainer

Congratulations to Mrs. Carole Suter for becoming a Math Foundations trainer.

Celebrating the Life & Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Students are learning about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. this month. Students will create artwork and sing songs in music and art to celebrate his life's work. Students will read the NC Children's Picture Book nominee, The Cart That Carried Martin by Eve Bunting.



Counselor's Corner

There is a free community clothing giveaway (fall/winter clothes, coats, shoes and accessories) on Saturday, January 16, 2016. The giveaway will be held at 936 Sandy Ridge Rd., Tyner, NC in the Center Hill Baptist Church Community Building from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. There will also be FREE haircuts for children on a first come first serve basis.

Tips from Mrs. Bonner RESPONSIBILITY

- * Know what you are to do and do it
- * Think before you act
 - * Do your best
 - * Keep trying
- * Always Be Positive

John H. Holland Memorial Donation

Mrs. John H. Holland visited in January and made a \$1000 donation to the PCS library in memory of her husband. Mr. Holland volunteered at our school in classrooms for over a decade. He loved working with children and made a huge impact on many of their lives. He received the Volunteer of the Year award many times over the years.



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Darby's Dancers

This school year, several of our students from Perquimans County are learning to become talented dancers through Darby's Dancers, which is an organization founded by the parents of Darby Jones of Huntsville, Alabama. This program has been coordinated through Edenton Dance Stars. Darby's Dancers provides an opportunity for children with special needs to participate in the performing arts through dance education once a week. Each Saturday morning, dancers are greeted by energetic music and warm smiles by the youth volunteers. Dancers can participate in fun and encouraging activities to strengthen muscles, increase

coordination, build confidence, and form lifelong friendships. We are fortunate to have several students and staff participating from Perquimans County Schools – either as a dancer or volunteer. The volunteers have learned important lessons in responsibility and friendship by providing one-on-one assistance to the dancer. Averie Hollowell, student at Perquimans Central School, says, "I love the Chicken Dance and Shake Your Sillies Out. They are fun." For more information, please visit <http://www.darbysdancers.com/>.

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