



The Advisor



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Welcome to the first issue of the PAC newsletter!!!!

The **Parent Advisory Council (PAC)** has been around for years, but how much do you know about us? We thought a newsletter would help to introduce you to our group and let you know what we do for *your child, your school, your community and you.*

Every public school in Carteret County has a parent advisory council whose members are appointed by the Board of Education. These councils meet monthly and those meetings are open to the public.

The purpose of the PAC is to be a link between the school's parents and administration and to share in the decision making process with regards to the school's curriculum, activities, facilities and morale.

The PAC is to serve as a sounding board for parents and to hear about their suggestions and concerns.

You will see members of your PAC around more often and can identify us by our signature *bright pink shirts* and *PAC nametags*. Please look for us and allow us to introduce ourselves.

PAC Parent Advisory Council BOARD

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In order to be environmentally conscious, this newsletter will only be distributed via email. Please tell your friends who do not use the internet about this newsletter to help keep them informed. ~Thank you for your help.

Look for us on the WOES website:

www.carteretcountyschools.org/woes/pac.htm

While we try to teach our children all about life, Our children teach us what life is all about.

~Angela Schwindt

“White Oak Academy” - an after school enrichment program

What is White Oak Academy?

“How can my child learn a foreign language?”

“Where can I send my child to learn a new skill, such as playing chess?”

We heard what parents

were looking for and we asked some questions and were able to pave the way for a volunteer and professionally taught after school program for the students at WOES!

You will receive information about this

program that is not affiliated with our school, but is run by a team of volunteer parents for the benefit of our children.





“White Oak Academy” – part 2

Classes will be determined by interest and instructor availability. We are considering the following:

1. Spanish
2. Chess
3. Finance for Kids
4. Yoga for Kids
5. Guitar
6. Magic

Class sizes will be small and will be on a first come, first served basis.

Parents, what classes would YOU like to see?

Are you interested in being an instructor?

Do you, a friend, or a neighbor have a skill you would like to teach?

We'd love to hear from you! Contact a PAC member or send us an email from the PAC web page:
www.carteretcountyschools.org/woes/pac.htm

Minimal fees will be charged which will go directly to the Academy, not to WOES.



Watch for information and registration for this program in early December.

There are no seven wonders of the world in the eyes of a child. There are seven million.

~Walt Streightiff

Safety Spotlight – information about keeping you and yours safe

Did you know???

Adults should require all children 12 and younger to sit in the back seat: “Sitting in a rear seat instead the front seat reduces fatal injury risk by 36 percent among children 12 and younger.”

~Source: “Fatality Facts: Children 2002,” Insurance Institute for Highway Safety: Highway Loss Data Institute, June 11, 2004



Did you know???

The WOES school bus cameras are being replaced by new digital cameras?



Did you know???

The new “Best Behaved Bus” program began on November 1st?

Ask your kids about it!!!!

Superintendent Search

What qualities should the new Carteret County Public School System Superintendent possess? The Carteret County Board of Education would like to know.

A search for a new superintendent is underway after the tragic and unexpected death of former Superintendent Brad Sneed. Mr. Sneed died October 22, 2008, of respiratory failure.

Assistant Superintendent Jeanne Huntley now serves as Interim Superintendent.

The Carteret County Board of Education has retained the North Carolina School Boards Association (NCSBA) to conduct a search for the new superintendent. As part of that service, the NCSBA is conducting online community surveys and staff surveys. These are all due December 9, 2008.

Community members can access the online survey at:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=gMI6K_2br8SBtXkjGtKo2f2VQ_3d_3d.

“The purpose of the surveys is to provide the Board of Education with a good understanding of the qualities that community members and staff members feel are important for the new superintendent to possess,” Board of Education Chair Cathy Neagle said.

Ms. Neagle believes the survey results will be valuable to the Board of Education members in their search for a new superintendent. She encourages parents, business leaders, grandparents, retirees and community members of all types to complete the survey.