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News Tips, Oct. 20 - Oct. 26

Tuesday, Oct. 20

Town Hall Meeting for Enrichment Region, 6 p.m. (Memorial United Methodist, 1225 Chestnut Dr., High Point) – Regional Superintendent Lewis Ferebee is holding a town hall meeting at Memorial United Methodist Church on Tuesday. School staff, students and parents from the Enrichment Region will be in attendance to meet Ferebee and ask questions about schools. For more information, contact Haley Miller, media relations manager, at 336-370-3200.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

Media Briefing, 10:30 a.m. (Franklin Boulevard Administrative Office, 120 Franklin Blvd., Greensboro) – Superintendent Maurice “Mo” Green is holding a media briefing Wednesday in recognition of National School Bus Safety Week. Transportation staff will talk about how they keep buses running safely for more than half of the district’s students. They also will share information on the ways motorists can ensure the safety of students when they are loading and unloading at bus stops. Local law enforcement is teaming up with GCS on Wednesday morning to watch for motorists who fail to stop for the school bus stop arm. “Operation Stop Arm” will take place Wednesday from 5:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. Contact Deputy Craig Apple at 336-516-4876 for more information.

In addition to discussing bus safety, the superintendent will talk about graduation rates and will be available for questions on other topics as well. Four of the district’s schools were recognized last week by the North Carolina State Board of Education. Weaver Academy, The Middle College at GTCC-Jamestown and The Early College at Guilford had a 100 percent graduation rate. Northwest High was recognized for having one of the top two graduation rates for schools with 500 or more graduating seniors. For more information, contact Haley Miller, media relations manager, at 336-370-3200.

Thursday, Oct. 22

Hunter Elementary Hosts Lights on After-School Event, 5 p.m. (Hunter Elementary, 1305 Merritt Drive, Greensboro) – The Hunter Elementary After-School Care Enrichment Services (ACES) program will sponsor a Lights on After-School Event on Wednesday. The event will be one of more than 7,500 such events around the nation that day. The purpose is to call attention to the importance of after-school programs that keep children of working families from being unsupervised after school. The ACES students will perform for the event. There will also be guest speakers, including Hunter parents, former students and WFMY News 2 Weekend News Anchor Carol Andrews. For more information, contact Principal Michelle Thompson at 336-294-7345.

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Friday, Oct. 23

Jefferson Elementary Celebrates 10 Year Anniversaries (Jefferson Elementary, 1400 New Garden Road, Greensboro) – Jefferson Elementary is celebrating 10 Years of Excellence in Eagle Education this year. Each month, they are celebrating the 10th anniversary of a Jefferson program, such as the book fair and fall festival. On Friday, they will have a birthday party for their mascot, Jeffrey the Eagle. This will also be the start of their Adopt an Eagle program and they will have a live eagle visit the school. Students will be collecting money from Friday until March 12 to help take care of the eagle they adopt. For more information, contact Principal Tanya Feagins at 336-316-5870.

About Guilford County Schools

Guilford County Schools is the third largest school district in North Carolina serving more than 71,000 students at 120 schools. With approximately 10,000 employees, the district's mission is to graduate responsible citizens who are prepared to succeed in higher education or the career of their choice.

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