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News Tips, Nov. 3 - 9

Tuesday, Nov. 3

Dudley High Hosts College Night, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Dudley High, 1200 Lincoln St., Greensboro) – Dudley High is holding a college night for its students on Tuesday. Admissions counselors from more than 20 colleges, universities, technical schools and the military will be able to answer questions and supply application information to students who are planning their steps after high school. Financial aid experts will also be available to answer questions and give advice to students and parents. For more information, contact Principal Jesse Pratt at 336-370-8130.

Wednesday, Nov. 4

Media Briefing, 10:30 a.m. (Weaver Academy, 300 S. Spring St., Greensboro) – Superintendent Maurice “Mo” Green is holding a media briefing Wednesday to provide information on the culinary arts program at Weaver Academy. This program is just one of the many vocational programs offered by Guilford County Schools (GCS) through Career and Technical Education (CTE). With the holidays coming up, culinary arts students and Chef Jason Fagge will give tips on preparing holiday meals on a budget. This will include easy and delicious desserts and how to safely handle and prepare poultry. CTE programs like culinary arts provide real-world experience for students interested in pursuing a career in a specific field. The superintendent will be available for questions on other topics as well. For more information, contact Haley Miller, media relations manager, at 336-370-3200.

Gibsonville Elementary Rewards Extra-Curricular Reading, Noon to 2 p.m. (Gibsonville Elementary, 401 E. Joyner St., Gibsonville) – Gibsonville Elementary will be rewarding its readers this Wednesday with an afternoon of soccer training. The coaching staff of SoccerOP’s will be at the school to coach children through different stations of soccer skill building exercises. Each year the school chooses a theme to go with their reading incentive program to promote reading outside of class. This year’s theme, SCORE Big with Reading, has a sports focus. Students who complete their weekly goals for outside reading are able to receive prizes at school and the title of Most Valuable Reader. Every nine weeks, students who have completed their goals will attend events like this one as a reward for their efforts. For more information, contact Principal Cathy Batts at 336-273-0299.

Welborn Students Receive Netbooks, 6:30 p.m. (Welborn Academy of Science and Technology, 1710 McGuinn Drive, High Point) – Welborn Academy will be distributing Netbook computers to about 160 of its magnet program students on Wednesday. The students will be able to keep the Netbooks for the school year and use them much like textbooks. The magnet focus for Welborn Academy is science and technology, and the use of these Netbooks will allow students better hands-on experience in the area of technology. For more information, contact Principal Lori Bolds at 336-819-2880.

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Thursday, Nov. 5

Penn-Griffin's First Class of Seniors Participates in Fall Play, 7 p.m. (Penn-Griffin School of the Arts, 825 E. Washington Drive, High Point) – On Thursday, Penn-Griffin theater students will perform the school's fall play and the cast will include the school's first class of seniors. This year, the theater students are presenting "Riders to the Sea" by J.M. Synge, a tragic one-act show about an Irish family at the turn of the 20th century. Penn-Griffin technical theatre students made all of the costumes for the play. For more information, contact Principal Shelley Nixon-Greene at 336-819-2870.

Friday, Nov. 6

Teachers at Murphey Bring Characters to Life, 9 a.m. (Murphey Traditional Academy, 2306 Ontario St., Greensboro) – Murphey Traditional Academy will bring books to life on Friday with its second annual Characters Alive reading program. Teachers and staff, including the principal, will dress up as their favorite book characters and will take part in a Parade of Characters in the cafeteria that morning. Throughout the day, the characters will visit classrooms to read their stories to the students. That night, families are invited to attend a Family Fun and Reading Night and book fair. The costumes and characters that the staff will wear are a secret to the students until Friday. For more information, contact Principal Richard Thomae at 336-294-7380.

Additional Story Ideas

Gateway Class Joins Grimsley's Efforts to Save Animals

A class at Gateway Education Center was inspired by a newspaper story of Grimsley High's Jr. SPCA initiative. After learning of the efforts of Grimsley students to help the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) take care of local animals, the Gateway students have partnered with the high school to provide helping hands. The class will participate by collecting dog and cat food to donate to needy shelters. This is just one of many examples of partnerships between schools in GCS to promote positive action within the community. For more information, contact Principal Linda Lyon at 336-375-2575.

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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