

Florence County School District Three

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A Newsletter from the Superintendent

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Alternative Center for Education Hosts Morris, Sanders as Guest Speakers

Paul Morris, a member of FCSD3's board of trustees, and Everett Hannah visited the Alternative Center for Education (ACE) Friday, April 13, with a special morning message.

The Alternative Center for Education (ACE) is a program for students who are at-risk, will benefit from alternative educational options or are placed here by parental requests (which have dramatically increased during the 2017-2018 school year). Currently the program has approximately 50 students attending the regular day program and after school program.

Ms. Morris spoke to the students about the importance of having good character and avoiding negative influences. She encouraged students to use their placement at ACE as a learning experience and a stepping stone – not a stopping point.

Mr. Hannah followed with more great words: Be the “real” you at home, at school, and in the streets. The first step to finding and accepting the “real” you is to decide what your goal is in life, understand what it takes to reach the goal and then go for it, he said. Mr. Hannah stressed that it is passion that will drive you to the “real” you.

The students were allowed to ask questions and share their feelings. This was a time for them to “be real”. They were very appreciative of Ms. Morris and Mr. Hannah's inspirational speeches.

It takes a community to help make our students great.

We invite others that care about our students' futures to become a part of the solution by mentoring, giving time, and encouragement to ACE attendees.

“ACE's students are an important part of the community, and it is the community's job, obviously as well as the school system's job, to ensure that these students are successful,” said Christy Evens, a teacher at ACE. “Yes, reaching students in alternative environments sometimes does take just a little more effort and attention,” she added.

She said the ACE staff is thankful for board members and community members that step up and do their parts in motivating, encouraging and caring for students.



FCSD3 Students Have Fun Competing in Special Olympics Games in Darlington

Florence County School District Three special needs students and staff, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Operation HOPE, participated in the Special Olympics spring games April 11 in Darlington.

FCSD3 students compete in several events, including 25m walk, 50m walk, 25m run, 50m run, softball throw and tennis ball throw.

As a reward for competing the students received ribbons showing where they finished in each event.

The Special Olympics is a great opportunity for students to socialize, meet new people, make friends and compete in the games.

