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A Newsletter from the Superintendent

February 16, 2018

SESA Awarded S2TEM SC Grant

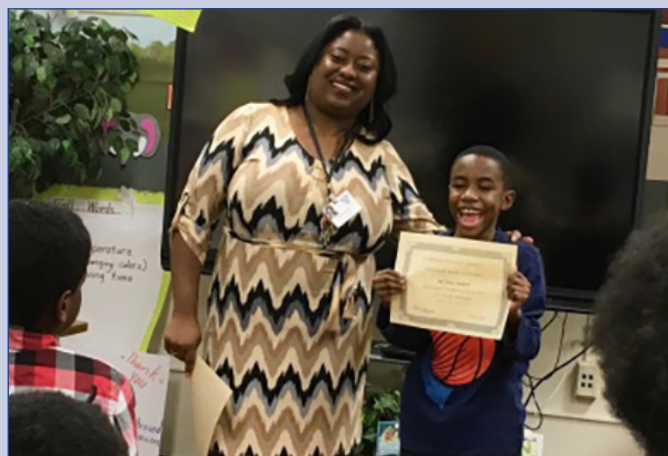
It's going to be a busy summer for 25 students and their teachers at Scranton Elementary STEAM Academy as they work in their school garden to plant all things necessary to make pizza.

Jami Kirby and Brittany Sanders found out Monday that their grant proposal for S2TEM SC's "Growing in SC: The Future of STEAM is Here" grant was fully funded. This grant was written for a six-week summer program that will afford students the opportunity to plant, cultivate and harvest vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers, onions and mushrooms right from their very own school garden. Students will also take a culinary class and learn how to make pizza dough and pizza sauce.

They will even research, design, create and market their own innovative gardening tool!

At the end of this exciting and engaging program, students will get to show off their gardening, culinary, engineering and marketing skills at their pizza party celebration where parents, teachers and community members will all be invited.

SESA is definitely full STEAM ahead by encouraging and offering students opportunities to participate in real-world experiences that incorporate science, technology, engineering, art and math.



Shining Stars Recognized AT PPA

By John Singletary

Panther P.R.I.D.E Academy held its 2nd Quarter Awards Day Ceremony February 8.

Awards included honor roll, improvement in I-Ready scores and highest averages in ELA, math, science and social studies.

Students were also recognized for displaying good character traits. The students were excited to receive the recognition and awards.

Panther P.R.I.D.E (Preparation, Responsibility, integrity, Discipline, Excellence) strives for excellence in each of these attributes and is determined to ensure that our students are prepared for a college and/or career ready future.



100 Days and Steel Drums

Lake City Early Childhood Center was filled with the cutest little old people you ever did see Friday, February 2.

Students were invited to dress like they were 100 old to celebrate the 100th day of school. Teachers filled the day with lots of activities that centered on the number 100. Faculty and staff also were invited to participate in dressing up.

The winners for faculty and staff were Erica Poston and Sharee Jones. The best group award went to the Golden Girls - Angie Rampey, Rachel Steele, Brandy Moore and Kristin Floyd!

LCECC finished the 100th Day Celebration with a performance by Pantasia, a steel drum band from South Carolina. Pantasia provided two interactive performances for students, teaching the history of steel drums and inviting students to participate.

This was definitely a 100th Day to remember!



SESA Hosts Career Day

While walking the halls of Scranton Elementary STEAM Academy on February 10, one might have encountered five veterinarians, eight nurses and a couple of highly-coveted makeup artists and models. There was also one train conductor and he was full steam ahead for Career Day.

In order to celebrate Career Day, students were encouraged to dress as what they wanted to be when they grow up. A buzz of excitement filled the hallways of SESA. There was a palpable excitement from students as they were all talking about what their future careers would be.

Between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., each class began to receive visitors. Some classes were visited by a saxophonist Ezra Brown and even the mayor of Lake City, Lovith Anderson Jr. Other visitors included a mental health counselor, a nurse, a Realtor and more.

Career Day at SESA was a success. Thanks to all who participated.



4+4 is 8 and Lake City Early Childhood Center's Math Night was Great

Lake City Early Childhood Center hosted a Math Family Night for parents Tuesday, February 6.

Second-grade students opened the ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance, the school pledge and a welcome. Kindergarten students provided entertainment by singing how they can count to 100 with style, while second-graders provided a showcase of the dance skills they learned in their dance residency.

Tonyelle Thomas, assistant principal at Main Street Elementary School, was the guest speaker and focused on the importance of math.

Parents and students were invited to attend interactive breakout sessions with counting and number recognition for 4K and 5K, problem-solving with a number line for first-graders and math with a deck of cards with second-graders. These sessions were hands-on and provided parents with some make-and-take activities where they could practice math skills at home.

Participants were treated to a delicious spaghetti dinner and lots of great conversations about math to conclude the night.



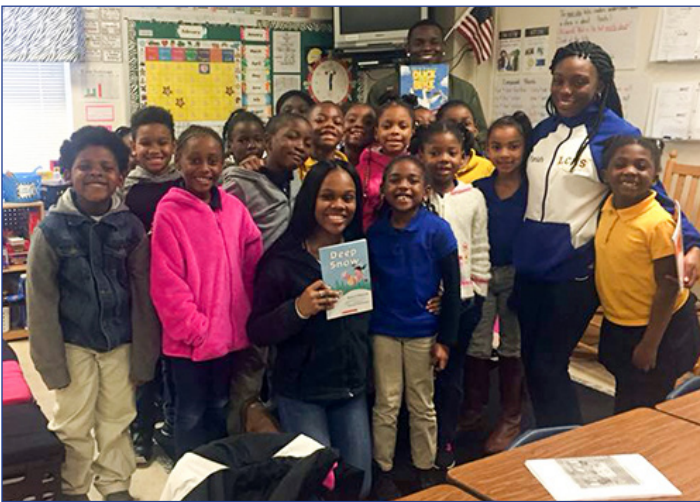
LCECC Celebrates Read Aloud Day

What's better than getting to listen to one of your favorite books being read aloud? Getting to listen to lots of great books being read aloud all day!

On Thursday, February 1, Lake City Early Childhood Center celebrated World Read Aloud Day! Teachers spent time choosing their favorite books to read aloud to students, created anchor charts and lists of the books they read, and shared great discussions.

Several of Tonia Wilson's students from Lake City High School visited to share their love of reading. Ms. Wilson even shared some read alouds!

LCECC's young students loved seeing the older students use funny voices and read about some of their favorite characters and can't wait to celebrate World Read Aloud Day again next year!



STEAM Academy Opens Out-Of-Zone Student Application Window

Scranton Elementary STEAM Academy is accepting out-of-zone enrollment applications for 5K-6 grade for the 2018-2019 school year. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, April 8.

STEAM offerings at SEAS include robotics, agriculture, coding, engineering, foreign language and keyboarding.

Applications are available at <http://bit.ly/SESA1819>. For more information, contact SEAS at 843-389-2531.

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Student Application Window Opens for FCSD3's Two New Magnet Schools

Florence County School District Three's two new magnet schools are now accepting student applications for the 2018-2019 school year.

The application window opened Thursday, February 15, and will remain open through Thursday, March 15. The online application is available at <https://florence3.novus-choice.com/>.

Olanta Creative Arts and Science Magnet School is open to students in grades 4K-5. J. Paul Truluck Creative Arts and Science Magnet School is open to students in grades 6-9 with plans to phase in grades 10-12.

The magnet schools were created as part of a five-year, \$9.1 million Magnet Schools Assistance Programs grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Innovation and Improvement for its Project C3 Explores: Colleges, Cultures, & Careers initiative.

The goal of Project C3 is to expand student and parental choice and reduce the isolation of African-American students while enabling all students to pursue rigorous, engaging programs of study that meet challenging academic standards and provide preparation for college and careers.

In order to ensure racial integration and socioeconomic diversity, both magnet schools have open enrollment. Additionally, both magnet schools will be a choice option for students in neighboring counties.

Olanta Elementary Creative Arts and Science will serve 352 students (116 additional seats) through creative arts and science themed project based hands-on learning environments designed to foster a range of critical thinking and problem-solving skills through art and science infused learning while exposing students to a wide array of college and career choices.

J. Paul Truluck Intermediate Creative Arts and Science will serve 396 students (132 additional seats) through creative arts and science themed project based hands-on learning environments to develop competencies in both the arts and science while challenging students both intellectually and creatively in efforts to expose students to the wide array of career choices in the arts and science.

