

Districts and 60 Schools Earn North Carolina's Highest Graduation Rates in 2014-15; North Carolina Wesleyan College Awarded a U.S. Department of Education Title III Grant!; Let's Support Rev. Richard Joyner and Conetoe Baptist Church as CNN Heroes;

- **SEN. BRYANT SAYS FAREWELL TO HER HIGH SCHOOL BFF**
- **LEGISLATIVE NEWS:** *Week in Review Monday 9/28 – Friday 10/2; In Case You Missed It – Last Week in Review; Monday 9/21 – Friday 9/25; In Case You Missed It – Last Week in Review; Monday 9/14 – Friday 9/18; NC legislative Child Update – 10/2/15*
- **YOUR KIND WORDS ARE APPRECIATED:** *“Thank You” Letters*
- **SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS:** *Facebook and Twitter*

- S103 – Notice to Vote Absentee Ballot W/Out Photo ID (**Included in HB 836 – Passed**)
- S260 – Permit Align School/Comm. College Calendar
- S305 – NCEMPA Asset Sale (**Passed**)
- S337 – Caregiver Relief Act
- S339 – Healthy Families & Workplaces/Paid Sick Days
- S347 – Up Minimum Wage With COLA/Const. Amendment
- S354 – North Carolina Healthcare Jobs Initiative
- S570 – Expunction/Boat Violation (**Passed Senate; In House**)
- S571 – Expand Uses of 911 Fee
- S613 – Prohibit Discriminatory Profiling
- S626 – Amend Expunction Laws
- S706 – HBCU Innovation Fund
- S711 – Presumption of Shared Parenting (**Passed Senate; In SB519; In Senate Budget HB97**)

EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT

AND MORE:

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- **Kittrell Job Corps Center, Non Residential Program.** *If you are a young adult from the ages of 16 to 24, live in Franklin, Granville, Vance, Wake or Warren counties and interested in career training and education through Job Corps but prefer to live at home this program is for you. Contact Connie Petosky at 919-866-2350*
- **3rd Annual Disability Awareness and Employment Celebration:** *Saturday, October 17th from 11:00am-2:00pm at the Imperial Centre, 270 Gay Street, Rocky Mount, NC 27804. For more information, call (252) 407-2402.*
- **1st Annual All Lives Mater Community Event:** *Saturday, October 17th at 1:00pm at the Courthouse Square, 109 S. Main Street, Warrenton, NC. For more information, call (252) 885-6228.*
- **Fall Into Family Fun-Fall Family Event:** *Saturday, October, 17th, 5:30-7:30pm, Harrison Family YMCA, Form questions call Alyssa Matthews at 252927-9622 ext. 232 or email amatthews@mymca.org*
- **mfgCON 2015:** *Tuesday, October 20th-Wednesday, October 21st at NC State McKimmon Center, 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC 27606. For more information, contact NCMBC at http://www.ncmbc.us/contact-us/NCMBC_Staff.php.*
- **Steak and Burger:** *Sunday, October 22nd at 7:00pm at the Gateway Convention Center, 101 Gateway Blvd, Rocky Mount, NC 27804. For more information, call (252) 977-9924.*

· **Monthly Community Education Series: “The Impact of Bullying on Children”:** *Thursday, October 29th from 10:00am-11:00am at the Eastpointe Rocky Mount Site, Meeting Hall, 500 Nash medical Arts Mall. For more information, contact Brooke Mickelson at (252) 407-2402 or email at bmickleson@eastpointe.net.*

· **The Impact of Bullying on Children.** *Thursday, October 29, 2015, 10:00am-11:00am*

Tuesday, Presented by: Kimberly Hickerson, BAQP Community Relations Specialist

Eastpointe. To register call Brooke Mickelson at 252-407-2402 or send an email to

bmickelson@eastpointe.net.

· **A Health Information Fair, Monday,** *November 2nd, the Edgecombe County Industrial Incubator (110 Fountain Park Drive, Battleboro). Questions, call 252.962.3462. The target audience includes those who are unemployed or underemployed and in need of health insurance. There will be lots of health information resources available. Certified Application Counselors will be on-site from Nash Health Care, Rural Health Group, Rocky Mount OIC, Carolina Family Community Health Centers, and Legal Aide.*

· **Healthy Churches 2020 National Conference:** *Wednesday, November 4th-Friday, November 6th at the Hilton Charlotte University Place, 8629 J M Keynes Dr., Charlotte, NC 28262. For more information, please visit: <http://healthychurches2020conference.org/>.*

· **The second annual Wilson/Barton Think Tank,** *Friday, November 6th on the campus of Barton College, featuring Peter Zeihan, international strategist and author of The Accidental Superpower. The ticket price of \$25 includes lunch at noon followed by Mr. Zeihan’s presentation. Please contact Carol Bowen at: cbowen@wilsonedc.com, 252-237-1115.*

· **Institute for Emerging Issues,** *Friday, November 6, 2015, 9:00am-3:00pm. IEI is hosting an extraordinary, first-of-its-kind youth engagement event for North Carolinians who are passionate about intentionally fostering successful engagement among youth (ages 16-24). Simultaneous convenings in Asheville, Raleigh, and Greenville, linked by active*

livestreaming. Pick the venue of your choice! Click for *INFORMATION* and *REGISTRATION*.

<http://www.cnn.com/videos/tv/2015/02/21/exp-gps-zeihan-sot-water.cnn>

Walking in the Footsteps of Freedom: Saturday, November 14, 9:00am-3:00pm, Roanoke Canal Museum. For information call, 252) 537-276.

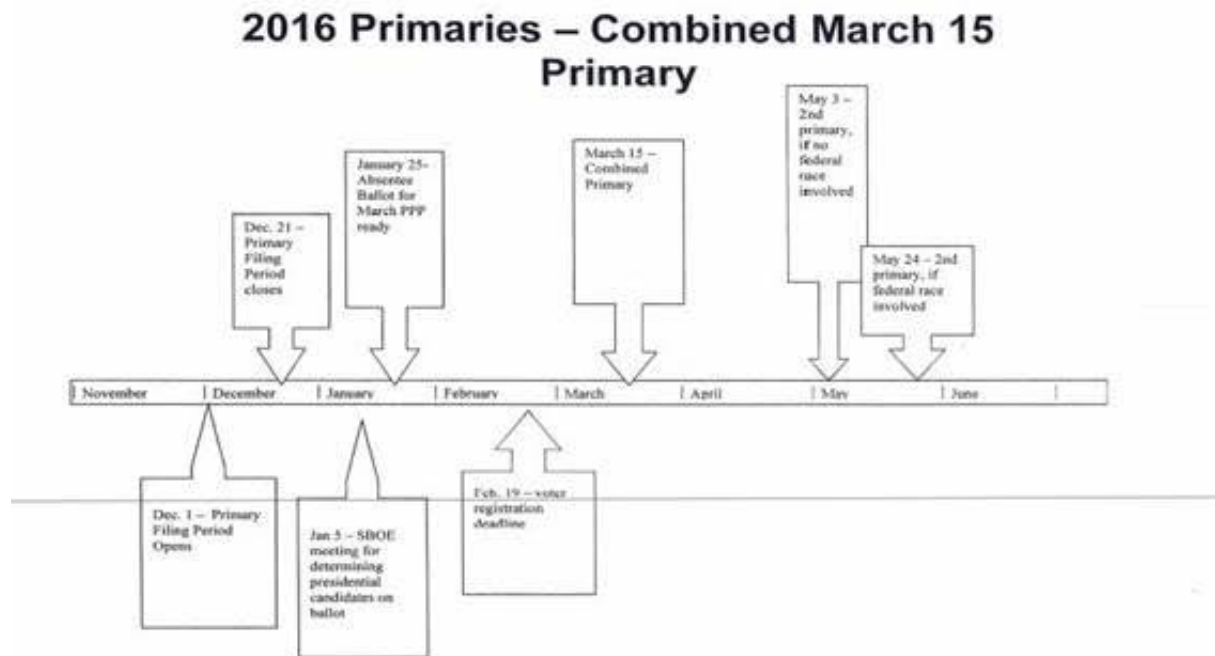
Monthly Community Education Series: "End of Life: A Positive Approach": Wednesday, November 18th from 2:00pm-3:00pm at The Fountains at The Albermarle, 200 Trade Street, Tarboro, NC. For more information, contact Kim Hickerson at (252) 407-2426 or email at khickerson@eastpointe.net

Volunteer opportunity to help with Club Days at William R. Davie Middle School, The schedule for Club Days is Nov. 20, Dec. 11, Jan. 29, Feb. 26, Mar. 18, April 22, and May 20. If you are interested in volunteering to help with a club, your support will be greatly appreciated by both the school and the students. If you are interested in helping with a club, please e-mail the LGA Education Committee at education@lakegastonassoc.com.

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THE MORE YOU KNOW THE MORE YOU GROW:

Presidential Primary Timeline

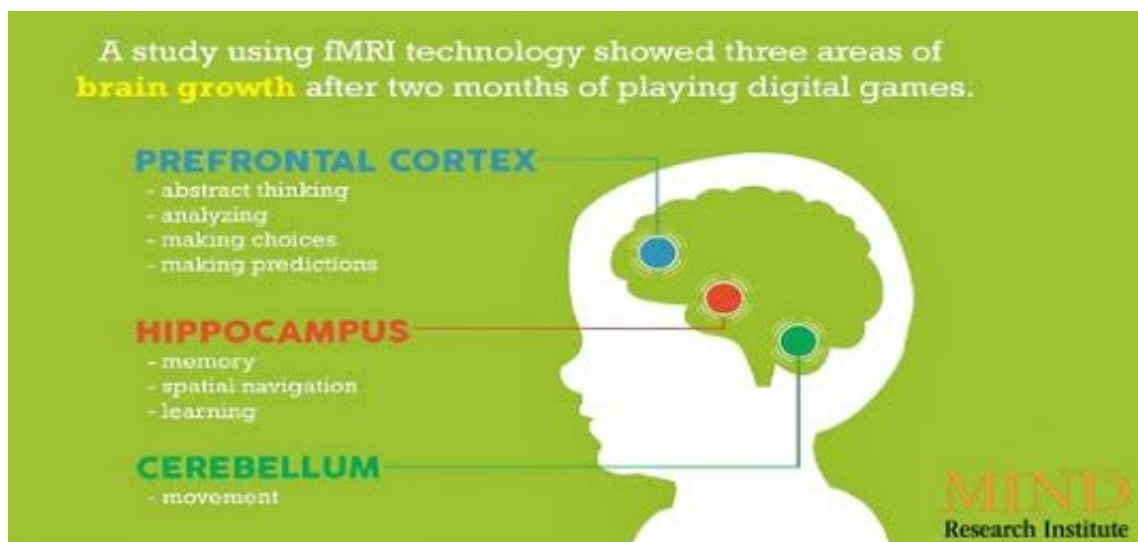


NC STEM CENTER Strategies That Engage Minds

Click on Image for more information

STEM Spotlight

Games Make Brains Grow



Less than half of the students in America are proficient in math and most students would rather eat broccoli than do math problems. Yet we are asking more of our students than ever before. How can we get students to not only engage in math, but also go deeper in the mathematical thinking and practices described in the standards? Click image above for more information and details.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Howard Jones, President and CEO of Wilson OIC Honored by Congressman G.K. Butterfield

On Wednesday on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman G.K. Butterfield honored Howard Jones, President and CEO of Wilson OIC and the N.C. Rural Assembly’s 2015 Rural Leader of the Year. It is a touching and well-deserved tribute to a man who has dedicated his life to helping others.

