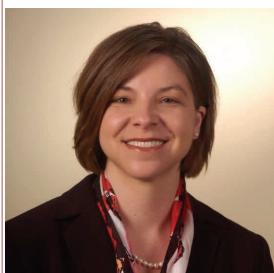


# Hickory Public Schools

## Week in Review

December 8, 2017

*"A snapshot of HPS good news"*



### REMINDER!

Farewell reception for outgoing Board members this Monday (Dec. 11) at Northview Middle, starting at 5:30 (Media Center) with the meeting starting at 6:30 in the auditorium (words of appreciation as well as the oath of office for new members).

Come out to say thank you!

*Thank you for your service to HPS!*

**Reginald Hamilton**

**Sallie Johnson**

**Julie Correll**



Brandy Head 3rd, Rachel Bullman 3rd, Peter Rothenberger 4th, Judy Jolly (Principal), Millie Baker 5<sup>th</sup>. (not pictured: Stephen Ward PE Teacher )

### CONGRATS LONGVIEW ELEMENTARY!

Longview was awarded the NC Positive Behavior and Intervention and Support Model School Recognition for the 2016-17 school year. The Model School Award for PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) is determined by the Behavior Support Section of the North Carolina Exceptional Children Division and the strategies implemented in the school.

**Southwest students receive new coats from Hickory Firefighters!**



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# RISE&SHINE

TURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017



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## AREA'S FIRST TASTE OF SNOW



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L ongview Elementary School student Jah'Mir Mayfield (left) attempts to catch snowflakes on his tongue as he boards school bus 125 on Friday afternoon. Hickory Public Schools closed early Friday due to the first snow of the season.

## Flash- Back Photo:



Can you guess who this is delivering the Hickory Daily Record from his bike?



Answer: Larry Conger—head of maintenance at Hickory High!



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# K-64 UPDATE:

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## LOCAL

### Catawba County

## Challenger Early College principal, LRU president join K-64 team

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HICKORY — Challenger Early College High School Principal Heather Benfield and Lenoir-Rhyne University President Fred Whitt are two of the newest members of the K-64 team.

During Thursday's board meeting, K-64 Chief Executive Officer Mark Story announced Benfield was hired as Catawba Valley Community College's executive director, Student Career Services and Business Community Engagement.

Benfield will step down as principal in February.

In this newly created position, she will work with Story at the college as part of the K-64 staff, according to a K-64 press release. Benfield is only the second principal since Challenger opened and served in the office the last seven years.

Whitt was introduced as the newest ex-officio (non-voting) member of the board as well.

Benfield will provide

strategic direction for the college's career services and engagement programs and assure coordination with local public school districts and other outside agencies.

"As part of the early college movement, I knew that my career and life's work would be part of the state's vision in educational innovation," Benfield said via a press release. "The last 12 years serving the early college system have been truly rewarding.

The K-64 initiative is one of the most innovative in our nation because it fosters partnerships among local school districts, higher education and local businesses to increase pathways to future

careers for students and adults."

Whitt said he looked forward to working with the K-64 board, helping to foster and encourage the educational journey of students in the county.

"You look at what we can do, and I think we can do something pretty significant that will hopefully help keep the students here," Whitt said.

Guy Guarino, of Catawba Valley Hospital, was confirmed as a new member of the K-64 Character Education committee as well.

Story told the board the seventh-grade 1-to-world pilot program was ready to be launched after the holidays.

In November, the board approved a plan to provide Chromebooks for the 1,900 seventh-grade students in Catawba County across all three school districts: Hickory Public Schools, Newton-Conover City Schools and Catawba County Schools.

Funding came from Peo-

ples Bank with a total cost of \$435,100.

Story said five municipalities in Catawba County have contributed \$11,890 as well to help with the costs for protective cases for the Chromebooks. The original funding did not factor in this cost.

"They're only ten dollars each but when you're buying the quantity we're buying, it adds up quickly," Story said. "It's about \$20,000, so I thought it would be good to find some sponsorships for the cases."

He said Conover was the first town to make the offer to sponsor cases for the school in their area. Story decided to ask others, and at this time he has commitments from Newton, Claremont, Maiden and Hickory.

Cindy Geddes, Newton-Conover City Schools director of Technology and Accountability, said the school districts are expecting to receive the Chromebooks next week.

"This gives us enough time for our technology departments to inventory them and have them bar coded for each student," Geddes said.

The devices will be distributed in January with specific dates still to come.

Each district is using the time to get all their seventh-grade teachers trained on how best to use the Chromebooks in their classes.

In total, recent public and private donations to K-64 total more than \$1.2 million. Along with the county's contribution of \$558,755.85 other donations came from the George Foundation Inc. with \$100,000; CommScope with \$50,000; the Corning Foundation Grant with \$25,000; A.A. Shuford Foundation — Shurtape with \$20,000; Corning with \$25,000; Tepranov Techvestors, Inc. with \$10,000; Graystone with \$10,000; ZF North America Inc. with \$5,000; Parker and Stephen Shuford Founda-

tion with \$2,000; and \$400 in individual donations.

K-64 connects students and employers through local educational programs that help shape future careers and meet workforce demands.

K-64 increases access to school-based programs that are proven best practices for preparing a qualified workforce by identifying and expanding programs that are effectively collaborating with local employers to align courses of study with workforce needs, according to the release.

The program exposes students to real-world careers and related curriculum choices and enables adults to update their skills and enhance their employability in a dynamic work environment.

K-64 is a public/private sector initiative managed by Catawba Valley Community College. For more information, visit [www.k-64learning.com](http://www.k-64learning.com).

## Multi-Cultural Night at Hickory Career & Arts Magnet





# Character Counts



## Southwest Primary

Starting January, 2018!

According to Principal Stephanie Dischiavi, the Southwest Primary team is excited about being part of a new school in Hickory Public Schools. "We are the only Pre-Kindergarten through second grade school in our county. With nearly 400 children enrolled, our school is filled with students three years of age to eight years old, and it is exciting!" she said.

"The land of little people is how some like to refer to us. We may be small in size, but we are big on character! We are excited to kick off 2018 with a new Character Card to be used in kindergarten, first, and second grade. So what is on our Character Card? Our Character Card has everything we need to be successful in school," said Dischiavi.

On the Southwest Character Card you will find...

### Southwest Character Commitment

We pledge our Character Commitment each morning to remind us of what is expected.

*"At Southwest Primary we are caring, respectful, and responsible learners!"*

### Southwest Procedures

Southwest Expectations	I will remember to...
Caring	use kind words take turns use kind tone of voice
Respectful	follow directions keep my hands to myself raise my hand use my manners
Responsible	stay on task complete my work be prepared for class take care of materials
Learners	have a positive attitude actively participate be a team player to persevere

### The Four Questions

These are the four questions asked of us when we need reminders about the Southwest expectations.

We can even ask these questions of ourselves.

What are you doing?

What are you supposed to be doing?

Are you doing it?

What are you going to do about it?

### Student and Teacher Reflection

Our good character gets noticed by the teachers and we get rewarded with two or three stamps every day. If we reach our goal for the month, we earn a special celebration.

# *Beautiful holiday art from the students at Hickory Public Schools!*

