



**Communities In Schools
First Book Program**

This spring Cindy Kowal, CCEF Executive Director, presented new books to the students at TC Berrien Elementary School as part of the Foundation's Communities In Schools First Book program.

First Book is a nonprofit organization with a single mission: to give children from low income families the opportunity to read and own their first new books.

The primary goal of First Book is to work with existing literacy programs to distribute new books to children who, for economic reasons, have little or no access to books.

Mrs. Kowal brought Miss North Carolina, Jessica Jacobs, with her to read to the students. Miss North Carolina is working to promote literacy throughout the state.



**Fuller Performance Learning
Center**

Students from Fuller Performance Learning Center will celebrate the 20th Annual Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) April 26th with their Students Together Achieving and Reaching Success (STAR) project. Fuller received funding for this event from a Community Action Plan (CAP) Grant for \$1,500 from the Junior League of Fayetteville. This service

project will be a joint project with students from Fuller and Ferguson Easley Elementary School joining together to plan, plant and enjoy a butterfly garden that can be maintained by students from both schools. Project STARS will also provide hands on learning for the NCDPI Science Strands.

Project STARS is listed on the GYSD website and all community members are invited to attend from 9am - 1pm to help plant. For more information, please call Fuller PLC at 910-488-6262. Senior Amanda Young is the project manager.

CCEF Spring Grants

The CCEF Science, Math and Engineering Explorations Grant seeks to encourage the development of programs that will inspire, excite and motivate students to explore the fields of science, math and engineering.

The programs must engage students in the learning process, preferably with hands-on activities. Collaborations between schools, institutions of higher learning and/or the public and private sector are greatly encouraged.

Our goal is to support and encourage teachers to make careers using science, math and engineering appealing to their students.

This grant is open to all Middle and High schools within the Cumberland County school system.

One grant will be awarded for the 08/09 school year; up to \$10,000 is available. This grant is generously funded by Mr. and Mrs. Steven Parlett and GlaxoSmithKline.

Max Abbott Middle School

CIS at Max Abbott Middle School continues to be very busy. The Girls Scouts program "Uniquely Me Girls Club" just finished their year with an end of year celebration. "The Boys

Club" continues to work hard; they will have retired FBI agent, Julius Stackhouse, as a guest speaker as part of the Great Oak Youth development Center partnership with CIS.

Site Coordinator, Ms. Wakenia George, is facilitating the Fast Forward Reading Program. The students are now in week 11 of this program and hope to finish the program by the end of the school year. Hopefully by End of Grade testing our CIS students will show tremendous gain in their reading skills. With less than 8 weeks of school remaining, our CIS students are in the home stretch and continue to work hard.



Staff Spotlight

Wakenia George - Originally from

Whiteville, North Carolina, Wakenia graduated in 2000 from Fayetteville State University with a BS in Psychology.

She returned to Whiteville and began a life changing experience as an Exceptional Children's teacher in Whiteville City Schools. This experience set her on the path of working with at risk youth.

Wakenia moved back to Fayetteville in January 2007 to focus on her career as a "helping hand." She was introduced to CIS by her brother, a Site Coordinator for CIS in Whiteville City Schools. She saw the positive changes the children made as the result of participating in CIS and knew she wanted to be a part of this experience.

Wakenia now works as the CIS Site Coordinator at Max Abbott Middle School. She is looking forward to growing the CIS program and making her students' lives better than they ever believed possible.



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OUR MISSION

The Cumberland County Education Foundation seeks to promote excellence in education by focusing on:

- Developing supportive community and private sector relationships for our public school system
- Securing private sources for educational projects not typically funded by local, state, or federal dollars
- Supporting innovative and collaborative classroom programs
- Recognizing teachers and administrators for outstanding achievements

Mark Your Calendars

- 5/1 CCEF Board Meeting
- 6/10 Last Day of School
- 6/13 CCEF Golf Tournament



Come Golf with Us 5th Annual CCEF Golf Tournament

There's still time to get a team together and play in CCEF's 5th Annual Golf Tournament. This year the tournament will be held at Kings Grant Golf Club, June 13th, 8:15 am check-in and 9 am shotgun start. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$300 per team. The ticket includes a shirt, gift bag, green fee, cart, range balls, snack, drinks, breakfast sandwiches and a catered lunch. All proceeds go towards CCEF programs that support excellence in education in Cumberland County Schools.

For tickets or information please contact: Melissa Kouw @ 910 221 8800 or
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