



CCEF 5th Annual Golf Tournament

Cumberland County Education Foundation held its 5th annual golf tournament at Kings Grant Golf Club. There were 26 teams who enjoyed a beautiful day on the green. Thomas Bell (Seventy First Classical Middle School) and his team of pros; Russell Warner, Will Warner and Dan Dawson took first place.



Max Abbott Middle School

The Election Day 2008 was one of the most anticipated events in recent history and Max Abbott Middle School was no exception.

Partnering with KidsVote of Cumberland County the CIS program at Max Abbott Middle School got campaign fever. CIS students in grades 6-8 created their own political parties and eighth graders debated their classmates. Students rushed to vote during lunch and waited in line for their *I Voted stickers!*

While the rest of America had to wait until November 4th, Max Abbott students elected their

president on October 24th. Democrats had a good day at Max Abbott from Barack Obama to Beverly Perdue and Kay Hagan

Teachers across the school are still talking about how their students took their vote seriously. If this is any indication, our next generation of leaders is well on the way!

CCEF Grant Update

Cumberland County Students become science "investigators" thanks to a program funded by GlaxoSmithKline.

Nearly 800 students in 13 elementary schools in Cumberland County will have the chance to investigate science with hands-on activities aimed at promoting academic growth and sparking enthusiasm for science with a \$25,000 grant.

The Cumberland County Education Foundation was among 21 inaugural Ribbon of Hope grant recipients. The Science Investigators program is aimed at increasing students understanding of weather and climate, and of land forms and other scientific interests as measured by standardized assessments.

The Foundation has received additional funding totaling over \$45,000 this year from Progress Energy, Youth Growth Stock Trust and Cumberland Community Foundation. These funds support programming in classrooms throughout the county.

New Board Members



Cumberland County Education Foundation is pleased to introduce the new members to our Board of Directors; Charles Broadwell, Publisher of The Fayetteville Observer, Dr. Jose D'Arruda, Professor of Physics, University of North Carolina Pembroke and Audra Pope, local business owner.

Staff Spotlight

Nejeri Fikes - Originally from Rocky Mount, NC Njeri Fikes relocated to Fayetteville with her family while her husband is stationed at Fort Bragg. Since 2001, Njeri has been active with Communities In Schools either as an employee or volunteer.

A public relations major in college, she understands that communications skills are critical to success. Njeri hopes to inspire young people to believe in themselves and their worth! The mother of two daughters ages 14 and 1, Njeri believes that all children have special gifts.

The CIS class is a great place for young people to explore their gifts in a nurturing environment. We live in a highly competitive world and Njeri sees CIS as a way to ensure that our young people are prepared to lead successful lives. Whether it's college, military service or gainful employment Njeri is dedicated to working with the schools, families and community to prepare our next generation.



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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

1/22 Excellence in Education Reception
1/27 Education Summit



3rd Annual Excellence in Education Reception Come Celebrate Education with Us

Cumberland County Education Foundation is proud to announce the guest speaker for our 3rd Annual Excellence in Education event to be held January 22nd at the Airborne and Special Operations Museum. Dr. Holden Thorp, Chancellor, UNC will be this year's keynote speaker.

All proceeds support CCEF programs that promote excellence in education in Cumberland County Schools.

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