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21st Century Community Learning Center



Father,

Give us a new year. Not just a new number, but a truly new year. Give us a year full of new things, new adventures, new attitudes, and visions. Lord, give us a new year full of new ideas and refresh some of our old ideas. Give us new relationships and renew old relationships, and restore relationships that have been broken.

Father, give us a new year. Give us a new song. Give us a new memory. Give us a new image of Your Son, and help us to show His image of those who are new to you. Give us new thoughts, new friends, and new things that replace the old worn-out things.

Father, give us a new year. The year that has just ended was difficult for some of us. There were struggles and frustrations and disappointments that we did not handle so well. Give us a better mentality and better spiritual insight that will help us deal with the struggles, frustrations and disappointments that will come in this New Year.

Father, give us a new year. Give us a year filled with new ministries, new opportunities, new voices, and new messages. Help us hold on to the old things that are worth holding, and help us let go of the old things that have served their purpose.

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year. Give us a year that is not controlled by fear. A year in which we are not afraid of people who are different. A year when we are not afraid of ideas that are new, of plans that are new, and places that are new.

Father, give us a new year. Give us a year filled with new love. A new love for you. A new love for each other. A new love for Your Kingdom. A new love for strangers. A new love for the helpless. A new love for the needy. A new love for poor. A new love for rich. A new love for all people.

Father, give us a new year. Help us put the old one to bed. Help us to leave the things of the past in the past. Help us look forward. Help us look beyond what we can see to what you have planned for us that we cannot see. Help us move forward with confidence and courage and humility and gentleness.

Father, give us a new year. Help us, in this New Year to completely surrender to you and what you have planned for us in this year filled with new things.

Source: www.heartlight.org
“New Year Prayer”

What's Going on at Think Smart??



Kinder Prep (2 years old to 5 years old) meets Monday-Friday from 6:30 am-6:00 pm. We also have 2nd shift available until 11:45 pm

After School Program Meets Monday-Friday from 3:00 pm-6:00 pm. We also have 2nd shift available until 11:45 pm.

Pre-Collegiate (Middle and High School Students) meet the 1st Saturday of each month from 12:00 pm-2:00 pm and then attend trips as they come available

Tumble Bus (for the Kinder Prep Program) comes to the center the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am

The Storyteller (for the Kinder Prep Program) comes to the center the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:45 am

Think Smart's Radio Station airs every Wednesday from 9:00 pm-10:00 pm at 646-381-4846 or www.blogtalkradio.com/thnk-smrt-undrgrnd

Family Reading Night meets Bi-monthly (see monthly calendar)

Male/Female Mentor Night meets Bi-Monthly
(See monthly calendar)

Modeling Club meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm.

From the After school Corner:

Mrs. Anita-Site Director
Ms. Norma-Enrichment Counselor
Ms. Christy-Enrichment Counselor
Tatyana-Part-time
Dietary/Technician/Office Assistant



It is a New Year which means a New Start! The students in the after school program came back to the program "jumping" into some wonderful activities/ideas. The students have been focusing on Math and Spelling in which they have been doing Speed Spelling which not only help them learn how to spell words but also teaches them to do things "off the top of their heads". They also have been doing Circle that Word in which the students are given a group of words and have to circle the word that is correctly spelled.

In reference to Matching Math, students have to match the math problems with the corrected answer but can not see the cards on the correct side.

The students are also using the After-School Energizer from the Department of Public Instructions-21st CCLC/ECU as a great tool on a daily basis.

Students are learning new things from cooking and crafts in order to make them independent in life.

From the Kinder Prep Corner

Ms. Chona-Lead Childcare Specialist
Ms. Shontavia-Assistant Childcare Specialist
Mrs. Brenda-Asst. Childcare Specialist



2010 has started off "with big things" in the Kinder Prep Class! The students have started a Unit Activity for the students to prepare them for Kindergarten. The students are doing a daily worksheet with Teacher Instructed and Independent Practice, sight words to take home for study (for a Sight Word Test on Fridays).

The students are also doing a Word Wall in their Classroom. As the children learn a new word a star with their initials will be placed on the word until their entire wall is covered with stars. They will use sight words to write short sentences and for beginner reading.

The students are also learning their colors in Spanish.

Focal point for Kinder Prep is recognizing and spelling their names, recognizing the alphabet and numbers, and potty training for those that are not "completely trained".

The Kinder Prep is excited about the "New Beginning of a New Year". Together Your Kids/Our Kids can succeed. Let's continue to work together. There is Strength in "U-N-I-T-Y".

Thank you TSOC Kinder Prep Staff

Financial Aid Workshops



Our program has teamed up with Fayetteville State University's Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) to do In-House Financial Aid Workshops at our center for any person 18 and older that would like to go to college and need assistance with completing the Financial Aid paper.

The EOC program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education for the purpose of providing assistance to adults who want to pursue a college degree. The services are offered to adults residing in Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Robeson and Sampson Counties in North Carolina.

A representative from their agency will be out our site on the following dates from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm:

January 27, 2010, February 10, 2010
March 3, 2010, and April 6, 2010

New Year~New Way to Pay



Our program tries to make our program convenient for everyone involved and to keep up with the 21st Century Technology. Our program will NOW be taking Credit Card/Debit Cards as a form of payment as well as a way to pay for your cruise trip!

From the Pre-Collegiate Corner

Pre-Collegiate Director-Ms. Pam
Pre-Collegiate Assistant Director- Ms. Nell



The Pre-Collegiate Program had its monthly workshop on Saturday, January 2, 2010. The workshop was packed with students eager to receive information about college and careers. The students received "great" words of wisdom from Harnett County Professionals. The Professionals were on a panel and they spoke to the students in reference to their careers. We had the honor to have the following Professionals at our center:

Margaret McNeill-Educator in the Harnett County School System

Antira Hart-Co-Owner of Hart and Hart Car Care

Angela Cameron-Truck Driver

Deron McLean-Probation/Parole Officer for the State of North Carolina

Sgt. Aaron Meredith-Sgt. at Harnett County Sherriff Department

Supply Sgt. Theodore Robbins-Retired Army

January 23-24, 2010, our Pre-Collegiate Program will be heading to the Queen City area to do an overnight tour of Johnson C. Smith University, UNC-Charlotte, and Livingstone College. The student's will also attend the Sprite Step-off while they are in Charlotte, NC this weekend.

From the HCPAL Corner

Ms. Nell-PAL Director
Mr. Walter-Athletic Director



2010 Boy's 18 and Under Winter Basketball Schedule

Monday 1/25

Erwin vs Think Smart
Erwin Elementary School 7:30 pm

Thursday 1/28

Dunn PAL vs Think Smart
Dunn PAL 7:00 pm

Saturday 1/30

Think Smart vs Dunn PAL
Erwin Elementary School 12:00pm

Saturday 2/6

Think Smart vs Erwin
Erwin Elementary School 1:00 pm

Saturday 2/13

Think Smart vs Lillington
Erwin Elementary School 10:00am

Saturday 2/20

Lillington vs Think Smart
Old Lillington High School 10:00 am

Athletic Department:

Boys Basketball Coaches-Deoward McLean, Marco Spears, and Lamont Massey

**Cheerleader Coach-Trudi Martin;
Assistant Coach-Shontavia Williams
Bookkeeper-Christy Douglas**

Come out and support the Cougars! Spring Basketball Season will begin in March 2010.

Welcome



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Ms. Christy to the Think Smart Family. She will be the Volunteer Coordinator and the Enrichment Counselor. She is currently a junior at Fayetteville State University (Bronco Pride) majoring in Psychology. Her goal after completing college is to obtain employment in the Juvenile Justice Field. She has worked with youth in the Upward Bound Program at Fayetteville State University. When you see Ms. Christy, give her a BIG Think Smart Welcome!

Only have 5 cabins left to go with us to Jamaica!!!



We are so excited about our 2nd Annual Fundraiser Cruise. We only have 5 cabins left and we will be full. **We only have interior double occupancy cabins available.** We will be heading to Ocho Rios Jamaica and Grand Cayman Islands for a 5-day Carnival Cruise from December 4-December 9, 2010. The proceeds raised for this trip will go towards the various programs that we have at Think Smart Outreach Center, Inc. The first fundraiser Cruise we did was to the Bahamas and it was a Huge Success. We know that this trip will be even better. The cruise is open to the public! If you would like to sign up before it's too late, please contact our office or stop by the front desk at the center.

Think Smart's January Events:



Staff Meeting	2
Pre-Collegiate Workshop	2
Snow Activity	4
Healthy Habits for Kids Activity	4
Fruit Cake Toss Day	6
Seeing Things Differently Day	8
Penguin Appreciation Day	13
Snow Cones	15
Dr. King Event	15
Dr. King Holiday (Closed)	18
Family Reading Night	19
Basketball Day (Game at Park)	20
Teacher's Workday	22
Community Service Guest Speaker	22
Movies Field Trip	22
College Tour	23-24
Hat Day	27
National Puzzle Day	29
Family Movie Night	29

Activities above coincide with a project

Sharonda C. Williams Memorial Gym (SCW) will be here before you know it! We already have raised \$15,000.00!



As some of you might be unaware of our program is raising funds to purchase a gym. The gym will be named The Sharonda C. Williams Memorial Gym. It will be an Open Gym that will be open to individuals in the community. We have some wonderful ideas that will be implemented in reference to the gym. We have already raised \$15,000.00 towards the gym. We are looking forward to having a Ribbon Cutting and a Deed Burning on the same day! If you would like to donate funds on behalf of the gym, please contact our office at 910-814-8762. We will also have "Name Sake" spaces available if you would like to have an entire area in the gym named after you, a loved one, or your business.

We also currently have at our site Bricks that will be placed on the walls or walkway of the Gym and will display your name, your loved ones name, business names, etc. The bricks cost \$100.00 each. Again, all money raised will go towards the gym. If you would like to purchase a brick, please contact our office.

We are looking forward to this wonderful addition to our youth center.

Pastor's Breakfast Set for February 27, 2010



Our program will be hosting a Pastor's Breakfast on Saturday, February 27, 2010. This is going to be a wonderful event that will not only be extremely informative but a huge benefit to everyone that is involved as well as the community. We will be sending invitations out later this month and it is our hope that every Pastor in the area will come out to participate in this wonderful fellowship. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact our office at 910-814-8762.

Grantwriting Workshops will start at our center starting in February!



Our program will start hosting Grantwriting Workshops for individuals in the community for a fee to assist with our sustainability plan. If you are interested, please contact our office.



None of the things that we do here would be possible without the assistance and support of the Department of Public Instructions-21st Century Community Learning Centers, North Carolina Department of Public Instructions-Drop Out Prevention, Smalls Grants Program, South River EMC, and National PAL. For you all, we are forever grateful!

Volunteers Needed



Our program is currently seeking volunteers to assist with our program. We need individuals to assist in anyway that you can. We need individuals to come to the center to read to the child, help with homework assistance, be a mentor, decorate a classroom, chaperon a field trip, and just to lend a helping hand. Our hours of operation are from 6:30 am-6:00 pm so it perfect for any person's schedule. We also have activities on Saturday if weekends works best for you!



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We were established on April 24, 2001. Eight Years and Still Growing Strong!!

We would like to say a Special Thank You to our Wonderful Staff and our Volunteers. You complete the puzzle at Think Smart Outreach Center, Inc. 21st Century Community Learning Center!!