Second EdCamp Vance is a great success

What amazing energy and comraderie at the second EdCamp Vance held on Saturday, February 23, at AdVance Academy!

Almost 200 educators came together for the all-morning event that provided them with outstanding opportunities to network and learn from one another.

Principal Stephanie Ayscue of AdVance Academy and her school staff were great hosts for the EdCamp. The planning committee that coordinated everything did a great job.

Superintendent Anthony Jackson was on hand and welcomed everyone. The Vance County High School Vipers band and cheerleaders, along with cheerleaders from Vance County Middle School, played and cheered for the educators as they arrived.

Following a lively opening general session, educators participated in breakout sessions to have open discussions about a variety of issues affecting public education today. They were able to take away lots of successful strategies for teaching and learning in the classroom each day and made important contacts with educators outside of their schools and districts. Plenty of fun photos were taken, too!
First United Methodist Church receives outstanding partnership award

First United Methodist Church of Henderson is the first repeat winner of the school system’s Shining Moment in Education Award, recognizing the district’s top business partner for the school year. First United Methodist Church received the award based on its outstanding support for Pinkston Street and Dabney elementary schools. The church first won the award for the 2008-2009 school year. This is the 17th consecutive year that the Shining Moment award has been presented. Other nominees for the award this year included Clearview Baptist Church, I Believe God Outreach Church, Henderson Toyota and South Henderson Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Presenting the award to Jack Richardson, a leader of the church, were principals Michael Putney and Jacqueline Batchelor-Crosson of Dabney and Pinkston Street, respectively, and Dorothy Gooche, chairwoman of the Vance County Board of Education.

Church supports New Hope

Every student at New Hope Elementary School received a gift for the holidays in late December through donations made by members of the I Believe God Outreach Church, an outstanding partner with the school. Santa Claus was on hand, with the help of Mrs. Claus and an assistant, to present the gifts to each student as they came up on stage in the school’s cafeteria, as shown in the photo at right. There were lots of smiles, hugs and great fellowship shared during the event.
Leadership Vance visit

Dr. Carnetta Thomas, principal of L.B. Yancey Elementary School, stands at center in the photo at left, as she leads a tour of her school for Leadership Vance participants on February 19. The group of 15 local business representatives also toured Vance County High School and Vance County Middle School during the day to learn more about programs and services in our schools.

Jackson meets again with Parent Advisory Council

Superintendent Anthony Jackson met with members of the Parent Advisory Council for the third time this school year during the evening of February 20.

He covered a wide range of topics with the parents and received valuable feedback from them. He is shown above as he talks with the parents.

Assistant Superintendent Trixie Brooks also discussed the middle and high school registration guides for course selections with the parent representatives and answered lots of questions. She urged the parents to get involved in their students’ class scheduling and to let other parents know the importance of their involvement.
Yancey hosts Cultural American History Program

A crowd of at least 300 students and parents attended the Cultural American History Program held at L.B. Yancey Elementary School during the evening of February 27.

The event was designed to celebrate the many cultures featured in the student population and among staff members at the school.

In the photo at right, Principal Carnetta Thomas is standing at center as she talks with students who are in costumes. The students were part of several student groups who performed during the show as part of the evening’s festivities. Students sang and danced to a variety of cultural music.

The Cultural American History Program displays in the school’s multipurpose room featured very informative and colorful booths, including the culture of Jamaica, above, the Philippines, top left, and artifacts of old ways to communicate, cook and tell time, bottom left.
VCMS students and staff enjoy Black History event

Vance County Middle School joined schools throughout our district in February in hosting special Black History Month programs for students, parents and staff members. The Jaguars’ audience was treated to special music and singing during an afternoon assembly on March 1 to culminate students’ studies of black history, including impactful music, events and famous people. Performers in the program are shown above as they sing and play for students and staff in the school’s gymnasium.

Pamela Perry chosen to participate in Energy Literacy Fellows Program

Pamela Perry, a member of the faculty at Vance County Middle School, has been selected to participate in the year-long 2019 Energy Literacy Fellows Program.

The program, which will feature educators from across the state, is provided through the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Institute for the Environment.

Perry, as a math and science teacher, will join her peers in the professional development program that showcases current energy science, technologies and careers to enhance educators’ abilities to deliver energy related content, conduct STEM based activities and promote STEM career opportunities to students. In the program, fellows interact with diverse scientists, engineers and industry representatives to receive up-to-date, curriculum relevant content and engage in hands-on, inquiry based activities designed to support learning about the science of energy.
VCS associates earn Vanceformation awards

School system employees again were honored with Vanceformation awards for going above and beyond their normal duties at a celebration at the Golden Corral in Henderson on February 21.

Superintendent Anthony Jackson, center in the photos below, presented the awards.

Those honored included:

**Top left photo:** Mary Landis of Zeb Vance Elementary, right, nominated by Venessa Lalor, left.

**Top right photo:** Tammy Barrow of STEM Early High, right, nominated by Assistant Principal Melonee Hunter, left.

**Bottom right photo:** Kiara Burwell of Pinkston Street Elementary, right, nominated by Principal Jacqueline Batchelor-Crosson, left.

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Bottom left photo: Jacqueline Howard of L.B. Yancey Elementary, right, nominated by Principal Carnetta Thomas, left.
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Top right photo: Oscar Suarez of Early College High, right, nominated by Principal Travis Taylor, left. Middle right photo: Yulanda Henderson of Clarke Elementary, right, nominated by Connie Krupa, left. Bottom right photo: Casey Jackson of Aycock Elementary, right, nominated by Kathryn Wilson, left. She also was nominated by Stephanie Black and Natasha Rubin.

Top left photo: Dr. Jessica Perry, director of Accountability, right, nominated by Aarika Sandlin, left.

Bottom left photo: LaKeitha Kersey of Vance County High School, right, nominated by Desmond Thompson, left.

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**Top right photo:** Renita Richardson of E.M. Rollins Elementary, right, nominated by Alice Marrow-Jones, left.

**Bottom right photo:** Lue Helen Pugh, right, nominated by Wanda Pugh, left.

**Top left photo:** Ondray Ward Evans of E.O. Young, Jr. Elementary, right, nominated by Principal Marylaura McKoon, left.

**Bottom left photo:** Linda Neal of Dabney Elementary, right, nominated by Leah Abbott, left.