

August 9, 2011

Quarter 1, Week 5

CPSC Weekly Update

...words of wisdom from John and important dates to remember

From the Director....

Dear CPSC Families,

A week and a half ago, the NC State Board of Education released the 2010-11 school accountability assessments, the North Carolina's ABCs (also called the student growth model) and the federal Annual Yearly Progress (AYP). CPSC reached both the targeted goals for student growth set by the ABCs and the federal AYP.

We were the only Durham County charter school to meet both ABC and AYP standards. And, out of the sixty schools in Durham County we were one of only seven schools to meet the federal AYP targets. As a whole, we made progress and some of the highlights included: 13 % increase in 5th grade science, 10% increase in 4th grade math, 6% increase in 5th grade math, 4% increase overall in Reading and a 7% increase in Math for African American students. Over the last five years we have grown from 50% of our students proficient at grade level to now close to 90%.

Analyzing the preliminary data, four goals become clear for us this year: (1) Closing the achievement gap between white and African American students, (2) Increasing growth for our underdeveloped students in math and reading, (3) improvement in math skills school wide, and (4) greater yearly progress for our students in the Exceptional Children program. The academic performance of our students is improving each year but we still have personal goals as a school that must be addressed if we are to feel successful in our mission.

Yours,

John

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Tue., Aug. 23 School Council Meeting, 4:30pm in Art Room (all are welcome!)
- Mon, **Sept. 5** **Labor Day Holiday** – No School
- Wed, **Sept. 7** **Early Dismissal** for all students (ASP begins at 1:30PM)
- Thur., Sept. 8 Website Committee meeting at 4:30pm in Aaron's room
- Fri., **Sept. 9** **Grandparent Muffin Morning** for grades K- 2, 8:30 – 9:30 AM
- Sun., **Sept. 11** **ALL SCHOOL PICNIC** (*new date) at Forest Hills Park, 4-7PM
- Mon, **Sept. 12** **Grandparent Muffin Morning** for grades 3-5, 8:30 – 9:30 AM
- Sat, **Sept. 17** **ALL SCHOOL WORKDAY**, 9:00AM – 12:00PM
- Tue., **Sept. 20** **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**