



Radford Reflections

Preserve the Past.....Invest in the Future.....Enjoy the Present

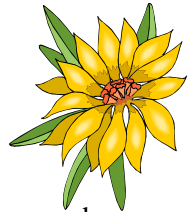
Spring Edition

2010-2011 School Year



City of Radford Historical Site

On Monday night, May 9th, the City Council recognized the historic Fred Wygal School Building as the first City of Radford Historical Site. The building was constructed in 1943 as an elementary school for African-American students. It is the last former African-American School in the City. The building is currently used as the School Administration Office. A celebration of this designation is being planned and the community will be invited to attend.



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Superintendent's Message

As we approach the close of the 2010-2011 school year, we maintain a heightened awareness of living in the second decade of the 21st century. As educators, parents, and members of the Radford Community, it is paramount to focus on the fact that we're educating students who may live well into the 22nd century.

If we reflect on the 20th century, we are reminded that the automobile, airplane, computer, internet, cell phone, television, microwave, and fast foods collectively changed everyday life. Our challenge is not only to educate students to be prepared for life in the 21st century but to educate students to become leaders in "creating" the 22nd century. We strive to educate students who will become productive citizens in a global society. In order to meet this challenge, our mission will be to preserve the past, invest in the future, and enjoy the present.

In the Radford City Schools, we will continue to create valuable learning opportunities for students which support the basics of the curriculum and insure relevance in their 21st century lives with advanced technologies. We are in the planning stage of additional conservation initiatives through a new "Green Team". The organizational meeting for "Green Team" was held on May 17th. Look for many beneficial strategies to develop from this enthusiastic organization. If you are interested in providing support to the "Green Team", especially through the Farm 2 Table Project, please contact Tammy Weston, Anne Rehak, or Stacy Page at Belle Heth Elementary School or contact me at the School Administration Office.

At this exciting time of the year, we extend our most sincere congratulations to the Seniors on their graduation and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Thank you for your support of the Radford City Schools. Best wishes for a safe, happy and enjoyable summer 2011.

Sincerely,

Becky H. Greer

Becky H. Greer, Ed. D.
Division Superintendent



The Radford City Public Schools would like to thank all the booster clubs and organizations that worked diligently to support our schools this year. We appreciate the PSAs, the Athletic Boosters, the Band Boosters, the Choir Patrons, The Radford High School Foundation, and all the parents who participated in fund-raisers to support our schools.

The Athletic Boosters would like to express their appreciation to the community for their support, especially for the Black and Gold Auction Event which raised \$17,000 for the athletic program.



For two weeks in April, Dalton Intermediate School students participated in "Dalton Dimes for Disaster." Students donated dimes as well as other change in their home rooms to give to the American Red Cross for our Japanese neighbors in crisis after the earthquake and tsunami. Pictured is Mrs. Palma Clark's home room.



Arbor Day at McHarg

By: David Horton

First graders at McHarg learned of the "power of trees" during Arbor day 2011 on Friday, April 29. Lynn Cunningham, Pat Fluke and David Horton from the Radford Beautification and Municipal Forestry Commission shared a message highlighting all the ways that trees benefit the world from cleaner air to beautiful vistas to more than 1000 products that enrich our lives. Students participated in a play, learning the value of and the need for more trees where possible. After the assembly, all first grade classes helped plant a class tree on the school grounds which they plan to water and help cultivate during their time at McHarg. The flowering crabapple that the children planted should help beautify the area with petite white flowers by next April.

Arbor Day, founded in 1872 by naturalist J. Sterling Morton, is traditionally celebrated in Radford and across America on the last Friday in April with the planting and care of trees.

Students speak up at MGA

By Haley Beatty

Once again the time has come for students from all districts in the state to come together at the Model General Assembly (MGA) which is held in Richmond. It began April 14 and lasted until April 16. MGA offers the chance for students to debate bills, argue their way to get their bills passed and make new friends along the way.

But before the students embarked on the three-day journey, each school had to choose, revise and submit bills on the issues it finds most concerning. This year, RHS had to submit a total of 10 bills to meet the demand of the 42 students going. On March 8, a pre-meeting was held to inform the students on what was expected to come, and the director went over the rules and procedures of MGA.

At MGA, different schools are separated into two houses, Commonwealth and Old Dominion; while RHS had to be split between the two, it does not mean that anything is different when the students are in session. Both houses still debate bills, go to the same inaugural dinner, have elections and go to the dance.

The dance is held after elections and after dinner, and it gives the 400 plus attendees a chance to mingle and get to know one another. Michael Mann and Walker Mogen, sophomores and first-time MGA attendees, both said: "We're going out of school mode and into rock-n-roll mode at the dance."

While the students are free to let out all of the tension from debating all day long, the chaperones for the trip have some time for themselves, as well. Mrs. Elaine Argabrite, U.S. history teacher and first-time MGA chaperone, is pretty excited for the trip, as well. "I'm looking forward to participating in MGA because all three of my children did it," said Argabrite.

If one actively participates enough, one can be selected to



attend the Conference on National Affairs (CONA), which is like a nationwide MGA. So if one is interested in politics, or even just interested in meeting

new people and sharing one's ideas, MGA is definitely an option to consider for next year.

54th Annual Student Government Day

The Radford City Public Schools would like to thank the Kiwanis Club of Radford, the City Council, and all City Departments for the outstanding educational opportunity provided to our RHS Seniors on the 54th Annual Student Government Day. We also thank RHS teachers, Wayne Pridgen and Elaine Argabrite for their continued support and dedication to this program.



Keelan Wray – 8th grader

Adventure Day for Dalton Intermediate

On Friday, April 15th, the Dalton Intermediate School eighth grade participated in an exciting field trip that supports the *Virginia Health Education Standards of Learning*. Students spent the day in “Adventure Education” at Radford University with facilitators from the *RU ABLE* Program. Students practiced and strengthened their skills necessary for a healthy and well-balanced lifestyle.

The day began across the bridge on the beautiful RU West Campus. Eighth graders, along with their teachers, played hard, played safe, played fair, and had fun while participating in outdoor and indoor activities that required teamwork, problem solving, decision-making, and pushing themselves to complete personal challenges. The climbing wall and the zip line were the favorites for many children. A big thanks to the RHS Foundation and parents who financially supported this wonderful learning experience.



Belle Heth Harmonies Choir

The Belle Heth Harmonies choir performed for the community in the school cafeteria on April 28th. The following day they performed for the entire school during an assembly. Thank you to Sandy Findley and the choir for a job well done!

Science Day

The second grade classes of McHarg went on a fieldtrip to Radford University for Science Day. The children had a fun-filled day experiencing many aspects of science. In the planetarium, they viewed the stars and a presentation of “Earth’s Wild Ride.” They watched a “magic show” in the Chemistry Dept, seeing how magical Chemistry can be. In the Physics show, they experienced how forces work in our world. A visit to the greenhouse included a walk through exotic plants. They visited Stan, the T-Rex, in the Museum of the Earth Sciences and also saw glow-in-the-dark rocks. Their day ended with a picnic on the University’s lawn.



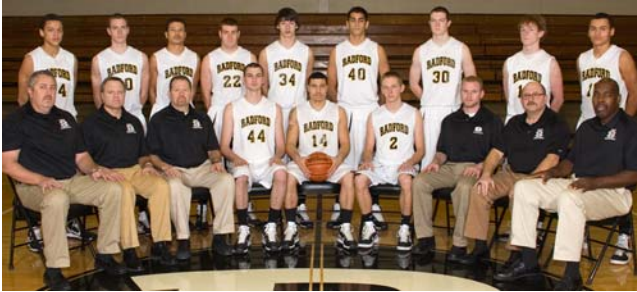
Congratulations on an Outstanding Season

2nd in Academics for the Wachovia Cup

- RHS Wrestling – Three Rivers District Champions
- Girls and Boys Track Teams - District Champions
- Girls and Boys Soccer – District Champions
- Girls Tennis – District Champions
- VHSL Scholastic Bowl - Region “C” Champions
- MACC Social Studies - Super MACC Tournament Champions
- English MACC – Super MACC Runner-up

Dates to Remember:

June 3, 2011	Last Day of school for students 2 hr early dismissal for students
August 15, 2011	Teachers return to work
August 18, 2011	Open House for students and parents 4:00 – 7:00 pm
August 18, 2011	7 th Grade Orientation for students 9:00 – 11:00 am at Dalton Intermediate
August 22, 2011	First Day of School for Students



Congratulations!

Boys and Girls State Basketball Champions

Photos by Jim Wheeler



Dontae Carter – Boys MVP

Maryah Sydnor – Girls MVP

“Design the Cafeteria” Contest

One of our goals for the 2011-12 school year will be to improve the inviting atmosphere in our high school/middle school cafeteria. We will strive to improve the quality and presentation of the food and to increase student and adult participation in the school breakfast and lunch program. In an effort to involve students to improve the School Food Services Program, the Superintendent, Dr. Becky Greer, sponsored a contest among high school and middle school students to “design the cafeteria”.



Kaitlin Mooney won \$100 for her “Bobcat Bistro” design. Some of the components of her design will be implemented next year. Special thanks

go to Kim Reese, Art Teacher, for her work in assisting the students.



Celebration of Service

On May 10, 2011, the Radford City School Board held a reception to celebrate the service of some of Radford’s master teachers.

Superintendent, Dr. Becky Greer, welcomed the honorees and their

guests. As Dr. Greer introduced the teachers, School Board Chair Karen Gerlach presented them with a symbolic clock to celebrate their time and service in the Radford City Schools. Assistant Superintendent, Rob Graham and Radford Education Association President, Jenny Zenius were also on hand to celebrate the service of the master teachers.

Pictured are: top row Roxie Reed (RHS), Palma Clark (DIS), Alice Collier (RHS), Janet Whitt (BH), Patty Tilley (RHS), Carol Asbury (BH), Cheryl Shull (BH)

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