



Radford Reflections

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

Fall Edition

2011-2012 School Year

Radford High School Gets a Facelift!



Radford High School begins the 2011-2012 school year with a new look. Keeping in line with the rock base on the signs recently built by the City of Radford, the new look is a rock facing over the crumbling concrete on the front steps and front entrance pillars. Doors at the front entrances of Radford High and Dalton Intermediate have also been replaced for energy efficiency. If you haven't seen the facelift, stop by and check it out!



Superintendent's Message

The 2011-2012 school year started on a very positive note as all 10-month faculty and staff returned on August 15 to attend convocation and staff development for all employees. Our special guest for the keynote address was nationally renowned motivational speaker, Brett Leake. In his presentation, Mr. Leake, who has made appearances on The Tonight Show and starred in his own comedy special, described himself as a "sit-down/stand-up comedian" who uses humor as a problem-solving device. He challenged us to find humor every day and use it to enjoy life.

On August 22, students returned to classes. At Radford High School, many students were probably surprised to see a new rock-faced front entrance and new entrance doors. Dalton Intermediate School students may have been surprised to see that the faded red on the front of their building was now the school color...old gold. Students at both schools may have been surprised to see new black and gold furniture in the "Bobcat Bistro".

As we progress into the fall, the excitement for learning grows with several new programs that are in place for this year. Thanks to expanding partnerships with Radford University, our McHarg second graders now have the opportunity to take swimming lessons at the Dedmon Center. Many of the Belle Heth Elementary School students have the opportunity to participate in a pilot project to study a foreign language through Rosetta Stone. As mathematics is an area where we are focusing special attention, all students at Dalton Intermediate School will participate in the Apangea Math Project.

Excellence in the Radford City Schools is a reflection of your investment for our students and the high value that you place on quality education. We appreciate the outstanding support of our parents, community organizations, business partners, and City Council.

You are most cordially invited to attend the Homecoming Football Game on October 14th, to read with students during the week of October 17th for "Read Aloud Week", or to enjoy lunch in one of our school cafeterias. Best wishes for a glorious and fun-filled autumn season!

Sincerely,

Becky H. Greer

Becky H. Greer, Ed. D.
Division Superintendent



Congratulations on an Outstanding Season

Boys and Girls Soccer Region C Champions
Girls Tennis Region C Champions
Boys Track Region C Champions and second in the State
Girls Track Region C Runner up





Emily Crawford



Off to a Good Start!

By Jonnie Collins

The first day of school is an exciting one for the citizens of McHarg, especially for our youngest students. Each year brings forth discovery and offers each child a variety of learning experiences and memories that will last a lifetime. Our little ones become terrific kids instantly and do a fabulous job of adapting to their new environment and this year has been no different. The preschoolers are learning to take turns, share and paint masterpieces! Our kindergarteners are already walking hips and lips, sitting crisscross applesauce and lining up, one in front of the other. Our "upper" class students are co-anchoring the morning talk show and patrolling the halls, helping everyone find their way. We have adjusted well and are confident that another great year is in store at McHarg!

Battle of the Bridge Radford (13) vs Pulaski (12)



Picture provide by Diane Nape



Mrs. Stacy Page's 5th Grade Class

The Belle Heth Garden

By Abby Conner and Keeleigh Cormany

Last spring Ms. Stacy Page's 5th grade class started to grow a beautiful garden. Some of the things the class planted last year were strawberries, roma, stripey, and cherry tomatoes, red peppers, basil, lemon balm, and banana peppers. We put lots of hard work into this garden to make it look beautiful. We not only planted this garden but also made sure it was healthy every day. The class had lots of fun planting the garden with our wonderful teacher.

This summer the garden grew tremendously well. Ms. Page's current class harvested the garden. On Wednesday August thirty-first, we had our first salad bar. The salad bar was provided for the whole school, featuring items from our garden. The salad bar was very successful and everyone just couldn't get enough. Ms. Page and her two classes enjoyed planting and harvesting this plentiful garden.

We would like to also give a special recognition to Nurse Tammy Weston who helped to inspire and motivate this awesome project.



Brooklyn Davis, Trinity Massey, Kaitlin Cromer



Pictured are Devon Dillon, Abby Young, and Brooklyn Wyatt

Future Scientists

By Ellen Denny

SOL 2.4 requires that second grade students investigate and understand that animals undergo a series of changes in their life cycle. Mrs. Stephanie Gillespie, second grade teacher at McHarg, has gotten down to business and provided her students an up close view of this very standard. Her class recently found a caterpillar on a milkweed, observed it create its chrysalis and are now waiting anxiously for a Monarch Butterfly to emerge. To further their knowledge, the students are observing, drawing conclusions based on the observations and documenting changes on a daily basis (SOL 2.1). The students' enthusiasm and interest in this learning experience is inspirational! It is clear that McHarg has a number of future scientists in its midst!

Seventh Grade Orientation at DIS

Upcoming seventh graders at Dalton Intermediate School have traditionally been most worried about having lockers for the first time in their educational careers. This year wasn't an exception. At the DIS seventh grade orientation, students worked through their fear of lockers by practicing, practicing, practicing. With a few hints from the veteran eighth grade students and Dalton teachers, the seventh graders soon conquered the locker situation and anxiously anticipated the first day of school.



Pictured Lexi Agnes, Kirstyn Chatham, Stephen Fields, and Madison Lambert



Accreditation

All schools in the Radford City Public Schools are accredited by the State of Virginia and by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

Dates to Remember:

October 3, 2011	End of the 1 st six weeks
October 14, 2011	Homecoming
October 27, 2011	Schools Closed for parent conference
October 28, 2011	Schools Closed for staff development
November 16, 2011	End of the 2 nd six weeks
November 23 – 25, 2011 ...	Schools closed for Fall Break
December 16, 2011	2 hour early dismissal
December 19 – 30, 2011 ..	Schools Closed for Winter Holiday
January 2, 2012	School Re-open
January 13, 2012	End of 3 rd six weeks
January 16, 2012	Schools Closed for Martin Luther King Day
January 17, 2012	Schools Closed for staff development



Mr. Kevin Conner instructing Emily Lucas on Apangea Math Dalton Intermediate

Katharine McGuire uses Rosetta Stone at Belle Heth



Special Recognitions



At the September 13, 2011 School Board meeting, there were four special recognitions by the Superintendent. VFW VA Post 776 Radford made a presentation to the Superintendent and the School Board. We sincerely appreciate the donation of the American Flag, the flag pole, and the flag pole stand for use at our School Administration Office. We also appreciate their generosity and patriotism for the donations and maintenance of flags at the front of Radford High School and Dalton Intermediate School. Delegate Dave Nutter's Office was recognized for a donation of the State Flag. The Radford Noon Rotary was recognized for their generosity in donating a scholarship to each school. The Superintendent also thanked Choir Director, Lois Castonquay and 30 members of the Radford High School Choir for the outstanding performance of the National Anthem to a very appreciative audience.



Bobcat Bistro

During last school year Radford High School Principal Greg Payne, Assistant Principal, Mike Brown, Dalton Intermediate School Principal, Jeff Smith, Cafeteria Manager, Donna Bryant and Director of School Nutrition, Lenora Williams engaged in conversation with the Superintendent regarding opportunities to improve our School Nutrition Program. Last year we experimented with a "Sub Sandwich Station" which proved to be very well-received by the students and staff so it has been continued for this year. We have also added a station with a "buffet type" arrangement. Wednesday is

always "serve yourself" salad bar. The main entrée line has expanded the variety of offerings.

In addition to improvements in food choices, the cafeteria has a new name and a new look. Students are enjoying the "Bob Cat Bistro" with new furniture inside and patio furniture outside. Thanks to Art Teachers Kimberly Reese and Kristy Bryant, the "Bob Cat Bistro" will soon feature an art gallery!



Pictured is Savannah Haynes, Evan McManus, Drew Cox

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