



CAPE HATTERAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Welcome to Cape Hatteras Elementary School!

Home of the Tropical Storms, CHES fosters a culture of caring and academic achievement. I am proud of the overwhelming academic growth that our staff and students have achieved. For the fourth consecutive year, Cape Hatteras Elementary School has been honored by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction as a Title I Reward School for sustained student achievement. This is also the third year that we have been recognized by the state as a Green Ribbon school for our continued implementation of Positive Behavior Intervention and Support. As we learn from and build on our successes, CHES continues to use school improvement goals to challenge our students. Our goals also address the changes Hatteras Island is experiencing in our population, our economy, and our landscape.

Our staff is committed to encouraging and equipping our students to become lifelong learners and responsible citizens. With this vision, we can reflect on the accomplishments of previous years and light the course for students for years to come.

Thank you for taking time to read about our 2015-16 achievements. Our motto is "We are the hope and the future, and hand-in-hand, we will learn today." We owe our success to the support of our families and extend an open invitation to the Hatteras Island community.

Come join the Tropical Storms. Be a part of the future!

School Improvement Goals

- Every student excels in rigorous, relevant core curriculum – increase proficiency and close the achievement gap between economically and non-economically disadvantaged students.
- Increase communication and active participation among staff, parents, students and community.
- Maintain a school-wide focus on student achievement by operating a Professional Learning Community (PLC).

2015-2016 Accomplishments Highlights:

- Cape Hatteras Elementary School has been recognized by North Carolina Department of Instruction for sustaining high student performance for three consecutive years.
- Cape Hatteras Elementary School has been recognized as a 2015-2016 Title I Reward School for sustained achievement.
- Cape Hatteras Elementary has been recognized by NCDPI as a 2015 “Green Ribbon” school for effective implementation of the state’s Positive Behavior and Intervention Support (PBIS).
- Two teachers attended sessions sponsored by the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) in Ocracoke during the fall of 2015.
- All exceptional children’s staff, all administrators, the guidance counselor and select regular education teachers have been trained in nonviolent crisis intervention provided by the Crisis Prevention Institute, Inc.
- CHES hosted parents for interactive activities with their children for Science Fest, Poetry Night, and partnered with the local Food Lion for Math Night in an effort to increase parent involvement to support student achievement.
- CHES partners with Cape Hatteras Secondary School of Coastal Studies and the Department of Public Health to offer Peer Power as a component of the Healthy Active Child initiative.
- CHES supports the community by collecting for Toys for Tots, Coins for Cancer, the March of Dimes, Jump Rope for Heart, St. Jude’s, St. Baldrick’s, and local food pantries.