Cumberland County Schools

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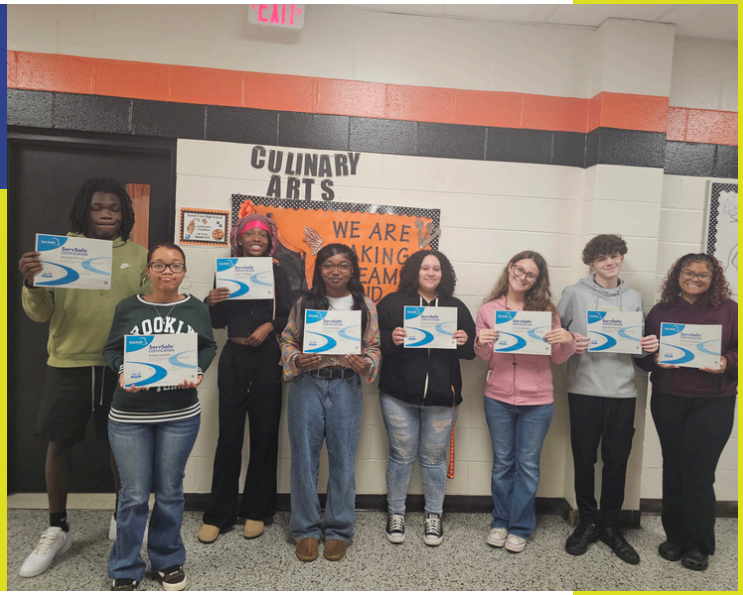
Byte-Sized Brilliance: Gray's Creek Edition



Gray's Creek Middle School participated in Girls Day of Cyber at Fayetteville Technical Community College on October 17, 2025. Fifteen 8th-grade girls took part in three workshop sessions where they learned to code in Python, create safe passwords, and recognize fake emails and messages. They were able to network with other students from the invited schools and enjoy a wonderful lunch from Publix.

Serving Up Excellence

A big congratulations to our South View High School Culinary Arts II students for passing the ServSafe Manager exam! Your dedication, effort, and commitment to excellence have truly paid off. We are so proud of your accomplishment and look forward to seeing your continued growth in the culinary world. Way to go, Tigers!

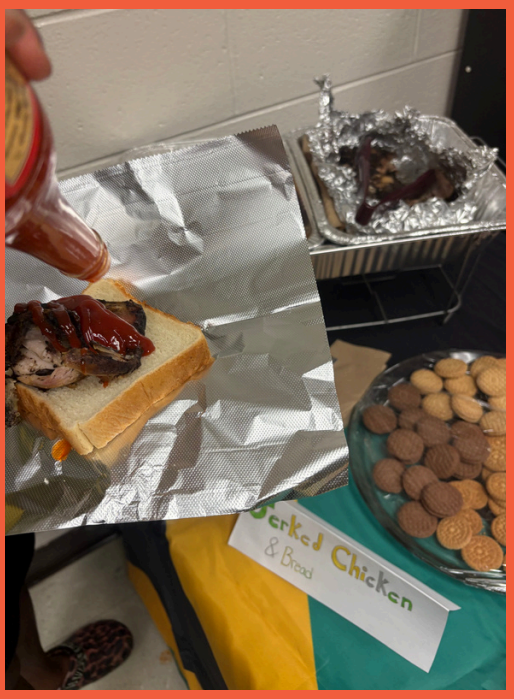


Discover Jamaica: A Cultural Experience at South View High School

The Culinary Arts Teacher at South View, Ms. Stacy Frazer, shared a vibrant part of her culture with students and attendees under the theme “Discover Jamaica – What to Do in Jamaica.” The session highlighted exciting activities visitors can enjoy on the beautiful island, presented through an engaging slide presentation, videos, and informative charts.

Attendees learned about traditional Jamaican games and were immersed in the culture, making the experience both educational and fun. Many students expressed their desire to visit Jamaica to experience activities such as hiking in the mountains, cliff jumping at Rick’s Cafe, rafting, and more!

Of course, the event wouldn’t have been complete without the flavors of Jamaica! Attendees enjoyed classic dishes such as Ackee and Saltfish with Breadfruit, some tasting it for the very first time, and the ever-popular Jerk Chicken and Bread, served in true island fashion. The combination of culture, fun, and cuisine made the experience unforgettable for all.









Cereal-ously Creative!: Celebrating Class Champions



At Jack Britt High School, students from all marketing classes completed a remake of well-known cereal box designs. This semester, three groups won the best recreated cereal boxes out of their classes.







Staying DECA-Cated: Where Leadership Begins

Cape Fear High School Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) members held their New Member & Officer Induction Ceremony and awarded certificates and DECA pins. Presently, they have 119 members in their chapter this school year.



FUN FACT:

DECA has been shaping future leaders for nearly 80 years!

Founded in 1946 to support early marketing and business programs, DECA has grown into a global organization that develops the next generation of innovators, entrepreneurs, and industry-ready professionals.





Pumpkin Palooza!

On Oct. 21st, Early Childhood Education students from Seventy-First High School participated in a festive pumpkin decorating lesson designed to connect creativity with instructional planning. Students painted pumpkins using a variety of themes, colors, and techniques, encouraging self-expression and hands-on engagement. This lesson allowed students to explore developmentally appropriate activities while strengthening their ability to plan meaningful classroom experiences for young children. The creativity was impressive, and we cannot wait to see how they incorporate these ideas during their internships!



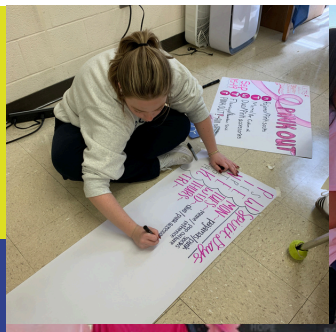








Pink with a Purpose





At Cape Fear High School, Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) held their 3rd annual Pink Out Cancer Awareness Campaign from September 15th- September 19th with Spirit days, a Pie in the Face competition, and custom T-shirts!

They raised around $1,600 for the Cape Fear Valley Health Foundation Friends of Cancer!





DID YOU KNOW?

Cancer Awareness Month is one of the largest global education movements in the world, bringing together millions of people, organizations, and communities to support survivors, honor fighters, and promote research and hope.







Learning Through Play: SFHS Visits Marbles Museum

Seventy-First High School Early Childhood Education (ECE) students recently took an engaging field trip to the Marbles Kids Museum in Raleigh, NC. During their visit, students explored hands-on, play-based learning environments that support children's cognitive, social, and emotional development.

This unique learning experience helps prepare students for their on-site internships by strengthening their understanding of child behavior, classroom management, and the importance of play in early education.



Cape Fear FFA: Service in Action

Forty members of the Cape Fear High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) went to the NC State Fair on October 23rd, which was Smithfield Foods Hunger Relief Day. Overall they donated 270+ canned goods that go directly to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. Students enjoyed viewing the agriculture exhibits, indulging in classic fair foods, and playing carnival games.









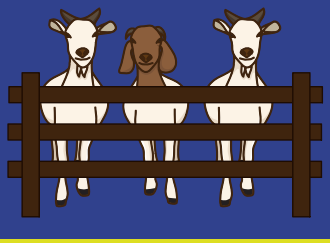


E.E. Smith earns the VoCATS Cup!

E.E. Smith High School earned the VoCATS cup for being in the top five of high schools in Cumberland County for Highest Percentage of Earned Credentials in the 2024 - 2025 school year. Go Golden Bulls!



Herding Success: 2nd Place at the State Fair



Gray's Creek High School FFA members competed in the North Carolina State Fair Livestock Judging Contest on Saturday, November 1, 2025, held at the Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center. During the contest, students judged 10 classes of livestock including swine, sheep, goats, and cattle. In addition, they answered three sets of questions and delivered four sets of oral reasons, a challenging and impressive task. Their team performed exceptionally well, earning 2nd Place Overall Team!

Team Members:

- **Lily Robinson – 6th High Individual Overall**
- **Cayden Boyd – 7th High Individual Overall**
- **Peyton Starling – 10th High Individual Overall**
- **Damien Nichols**
- **Lily Rumppe**
- **Abigail Freeman**











Hands-On Learning During Manufacturing Week

Cumberland County Schools Career and Technical Education, in partnership with the Fayetteville Cumberland Economic Development Corporation and the Home Builders Association of Fayetteville, celebrated Manufacturing Week from September 29th to October 9th. Students from Westover High School, South View High School, Douglas Byrd High School, Douglas Byrd Middle School, Terry Sanford High School, Seventy-First High School, Cape Fear High School, and Jack Britt High School participated in business and industry tours highlighting local manufacturing career opportunities. Participating businesses included MANN+HUMMEL, Parks Building Solutions, Myron Corporation, Eaton Corporation, and Goodyear. Manufacturing Week provided students with meaningful, hands-on exposure to real-world career pathways while strengthening connections between education, business, and industry across Cumberland County.









Creative Kicks & Career Tips







At the end of October, 8th grade students from Anne Chesnutt Middle School attended an exclusive workshop run by a former Anne Chesnutt student and Jack Britt graduate, Chris Dixon a former graphic designer for Timberland. Students learned the process of design, art, as well as various careers in the industry. Students also toured Dick's House of Sport for a lunch and learn ending with a surprise pair of Nike Dunks, compliments of Mr. Dixon!

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