



## Superintendent's E-Mail Newsletter

*"Staying in touch..."*



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*"Building a foundation of excellence.....  
.... one student at a time."*

*"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children."*

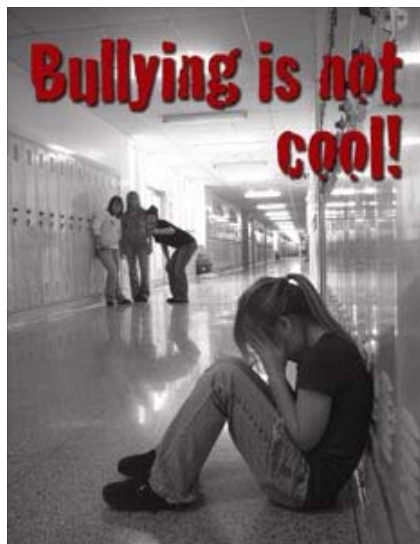
*~Nelson Mandela*



### Can You Hear Me Now?



The Spring Cove School District recently switched their wireless phone account to Verizon Wireless. As an added benefit, our employees are now eligible for up to an 18% discount on their monthly Verizon Wireless plan of \$34.99 or higher and a 25% discount on accessories. An informational flyer will be available in the school office on Friday about how to register for your discount. If you are not already a Verizon Wireless customer but would like to be, our representative is Jeff Kuhns, and his contact information is on the same flyer.



### Congratulations!

Spring Cove Middle School student, Jason Mobley, designed the winning poster for the Highmark Healthy High 5 "Bullying Isn't Cool Poster Contest."

Jason will receive an i-Pod, and the Spring Cove School District will receive a \$2,500 grant to use for bullying prevention activities.

Information will be forthcoming to all staff about the formation of a Masters Of Education cohort. Spring Cove has offered the use of "The Center" as a meeting site for the university to offer classes and advisement to Masters candidates.

### St. Francis University Masters Cohort Being Planned!



“Liberty without learning is always in peril...learning without liberty is always in vain.”

- John F. Kennedy



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## Capital Projects Approved...



At the February 18<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting, approval was given to capital projects that we believe will enhance the teaching and learning opportunities for our students. The projects include the Relighting of the CHS & SCMS Gyms and the CHS/MES Fiber Network. These projects are very doable because they offer a significant “return on investment.” For example, the relighting project replaces metal halide lighting with energy efficient fluorescent lights. The projects will reduce energy consumption by 36%, with a net savings of \$4,633 yearly. In other words, the projects will pay for themselves in less than three years.

The proposed CHS/MES Fiber Network also has a payback – both financially and in enhanced services. Most people do not realize that we currently have a fiber or “local area network” that is leased from Atlantic Broadband. Our annual bill for that network and internet services is almost \$70,000. By creating our own network, we are confident that we can cut those annual costs in half. The CHS/MES project is actually Phase One (estimated cost of \$95,000) of a two-phase project to create our own fiber network to date and replace our district-wide internet and phone services. By stringing 9,000 feet of fiber optic cable between CHS and MES, we can create a single voice and data network. Likewise, we can do the same in Phase Two (for \$68,000) by connecting the new elementary school, the middle school, and the administration building. By doing so, we will, in effect, be creating two campuses: a three building Roaring Spring campus and a two building Martinsburg campus.

Finally, the two campuses will be connected with a circuit from Atlantic Broadband. Each campus will have over 100 digital phone lines to provide direct dial lines and voice mail to all teachers and classrooms. The project also adds a significant reduction in long distance charges and a more robust and reliable data network for our future needs. The Phase One project is planned to be complete by April 2008. Phase Two completion will be coordinated with the completion of the new elementary school. The bottom line will be better communications for our families and better resources to build on our *Foundation of Excellence*. The projects mentioned above can be financed from our designated reserve funds for capital projects, with sufficient funds remaining to take care of many long-term maintenance needs.

## **We Still Need Your Venture Grants...March 31 Deadline!**

We have received only a few grant applications for the 2008-09 Venture Grant cycle as of this date. We want to remind everyone that we will not be taking applications in the Fall of 2008, so this is really your only window of time to submit ideas for the 2008-09 grant year. We are planning to disburse up to \$20,000 in funding, and the goal is to get your applications approved before the end of this school year so that you will have your grant in place for the 2008-09 school year. Please put on your “thinking caps” and take the time to submit that idea that will capture the hearts and minds of your students. As always...thanks to all for supporting your Foundation!