

School Calendar

Message from Mr Cormier, School Counselor

May 26 - Memorial Day
May 29 - EOG Block Party
June 9 - Math EOG Test
June 10 - Reading EOG Test
June 11 - Science EOG Test
 (8th grade *only*)
June 13 - End of Year &
 Report Cards
Every Tues - [BackPack Buddies](#) delivery (See Mr C)

Family Engagement

Family engagement in education is a collaborative effort where families and schools work together to support and improve a child's learning and development. It involves shared responsibility and partnerships between home and school to enhance student outcomes. Three decades of research have shown that, when schools work together with families to support learning, children are inclined to succeed not just in school but throughout life. The Wake County Public School System believes that learning can best take place when there is shared effort, interest, and commitment among students, parents, and staff. On April 17 – 18, 2025, six of our staff members attended the 2025 Innovations in Family Engagement Symposium Raleigh, NC. There were educators from across the country to attend the event and we received some excellent ideas for improving our future Family Engagement Events.

Writing Tip:

When you edit your work, check your sentences for fragments and run-ons. **Proofread** for errors in spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

Test-Taking Tip:

Don't switch answers unless you are sure.

Wellness Moment:

Have a "technology curfew;" limit screen time.

STEM Picks Up STEAM in the SPRING with Community Partners: Ms Love

Community Partnerships are vital to Connections because it reminds our students that there are people who care about sharing their space and their talents with them. The partners have been impressed by the behavior, the questions and the comments our students make on field trips or during presentations at the school.

Ms. Love volunteers at the [NC Museum of Art](#) monthly, and now the STEM class is piloting a digital learning game about ancient artifacts through NC Explore. 6th graders had a virtual Egyptian field trip and then the NCMA employees came out to the STEMASTIC class to provide training on the NC EXPLORE and students examined replicas of ancient artifacts! They had a blast and we will see them again before the end of the year!

Additional Photos linked here: [NCMA VISITS STEMASTIC](#)

Some of our eighth grade students went with Mr. Cormier and Ms. Love to the Camden Street Learning garden. Students picked 36 lbs of turnips and 7.5 pounds of collard greens. It was a beautiful way to celebrate Earth Day!

Additional Photos linked here: [CAMDEN STREET GARDEN](#)

We will also have a special event sponsored by [Artspace](#) soon! Students will create paper flower sculptures. We will gift those to people in May! The last field trip of the year was to [The Museum of Life and Science](#) in Durham on May 16th. The students explored an archeological dig, science innovations, the live animals, and the butterfly house.

Partnerships allow students unique opportunities in the classroom and to learn EVEN more beyond the schoolhouse!



NCMA Artifact Exploration



Camden Street Learning Garden Field Trip

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