

Lunch Menus

Jan. 11-17

Every meal is served with a choice of milk. Breakfast is served daily.

Elementary

Friday — BBQ Beef on a Bun; Turkey Noodles w/ Wheat Roll; Baked Sweet Potato; Green Beans; Chilled Peaches

Monday — Ham & Cheese Melt; Chicken Nuggets w/ BBQ Sauce & Wheat Roll; Steamed Carrots; Chilled Pears

Tuesday — Macaroni & Cheese; Hot Dog on a Bun; Garden Peas; Baked Beans; Fresh Apple

Wednesday — Oven Baked Chicken w/ Wheat Roll; Sloppy Joe on a Bun; Coleslaw; Broccoli Cuts; Fresh Banana

Thursday — Beef Lasagna w/ Garlic Bread; Grilled Cheese Sandwich; Green Beans; Chilled Fruit Cocktail; Peach Cobbler

Middle & High

Friday — BBQ Beef on a Bun; Turkey & Noodles w/ Wheat Roll; Baked Sweet Potato; Green Beans; Chilled Peaches

Monday — Ham & Cheese Melt; Chicken Nuggets w/ BBQ Sauce & Wheat Roll; Steamed Carrots; Chilled Pears

Tuesday — Macaroni & Cheese; Hot Dog on a Bun; Garden Peas; Baked Beans; Fresh Apple

Wednesday — Oven Baked Chicken w/ Wheat Roll; Sloppy Joe on a Bun; Coleslaw; Broccoli Cuts; Fresh Banana

Thursday — Beef Lasagna w/ Garlic Bread; Grilled Cheese Sandwich; Green Beans; Chilled Fruit Cocktail; Peace Cobbler

Info: 967-8211 ext. 270



New store provides free school supplies

By Susan Dickson
Staff Writer

This Saturday, the first Chapel Hill-Carrboro teacher supply store providing free classroom materials to district teachers will open its doors.

The store — a joint effort by the Public School Foundation and the East Chapel Hill Rotary Club — provides teachers with \$100 vouchers, which they can use for free supplies at the store.

According to Allison Worthy, vice president of the Public School Foundation, the foundation surveyed teachers and parents and found that teachers spend their own money on classroom supplies and often need supplies donated by parents.

The teacher supply store will be staffed entirely by volunteers and will be located in a donated space in Dawson Hall on Vilcom Circle.

“We really tried to keep our costs down so we could provide as much free stuff to teachers as possible,” Worthy said.

The store will be stocked with supplies provided at a discounted cost by Staples and Sea of Learning.

To determine what supplies should be available through the store, the Public School Foundation surveyed teachers of different grade levels.

“We were able to sort of zero in on items that were most needed,” Worthy said.

In the store’s first stage, it will provide classroom materials for kindergarten and first- and second-grade teachers. The store will add supplies for additional grade levels after the first stage is complete.

According to Worthy, the foundation and the rotary club have been planning the store since last summer.

“This was really an outgrowth of a strategic planning process that the Public School Foundation underwent last year,” Worthy said. “One of the components of the plan was to partner with other organizations in the community ... to best serve the community.”

After the East Chapel Hill Rotary Club expressed interest in partnering with the foundation, foundation officials presented the club with several ideas.

“They really loved the [supply store] idea and said they would love to participate in it,” Worthy said.

The East Chapel Hill Rotary Club provided \$10,000 to fund the project, which was modeled after a program in Durham Public Schools. Parents, foundation members and rotary club members have volunteered time to help with the store’s launch, Worthy said.

For the store’s first stage, 128 teachers have been invited to select free supplies.

“As is the case with all new ventures, we’re excited and a little nervous,” Worthy said.

To contribute to the store, contact the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Public School Foundation at 968-8819 or send a check to the East Chapel Hill Rotary Club at P.O. Box 2254, Chapel Hill, NC, 27515.

Back in action



PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

Crossing guard James Burnette, known for his on-duty high fives, said it doesn’t feel much like January. “It’s been hard to figure out how to dress for it,” he said of the warm weather during a recent pause between the end of the day for McDougle Elementary and McDougle Middle.

School Briefs

Youth council

The Town of Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation invites youth in grades 9-12 to join the Chapel Hill Youth Council.

The Youth Council provides an opportunity for young people to participate in local government and to learn skills in leadership and responsibility. Members will work with other groups to carry out programs that benefit youth as well as the community and to represent the youth of Chapel Hill in civic matters.

The Youth Council will facilitate communication between youth and local government officials and will sponsor two service projects each year. The council will hold hour-long biweekly meetings during the school year.

Council members must attend school in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro district, including public, private, home school or charter school. For more information, contact Liz Carter at 968-2784.

ECHHS tour

East Chapel Hill High School will conduct its annual tour and information session for private school students and their parents on January 11 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

The school holds a tour for private school students because a large number of students in the area who attend private schools until eighth grade enter East Chapel Hill High School for ninth grade.

The information session will be held in the East Chapel Hill High School Slant Room, located through the lower-level entrance near the bus parking lot. East Chapel Hill High is located at 500 Weaver Dairy Rd.

Eighth graders and parents interested in attending the tour must RSVP by contacting Kathy Nelson at 969-2483, ext. 397.

Helping Cubs

Carrboro Elementary School staff and families donated more than 90 gifts to Carrboro Elementary families in need through the school’s new Helping Cubs program.

Through the program, Carrboro Elementary staff and families can help Carrboro Elementary families in need by gathering food, furniture, clothing and more. In addition, staff, parents and students purchased gifts for 47 children, with at least two gifts for each child.

Teen health

The Parent-Teacher-Student Associations of Carrboro, Chapel Hill and East

Chapel Hill high schools will sponsor a Parenting Healthy Teenagers Forum on February 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Chapel Hill High School Hanes Auditorium.

The forum will feature a panel of experts who will present information and answer questions regarding alcohol, drugs, obesity, toxic foods, anorexia and health screening.

The forum is open to the public.

Counselor award

Ronnie Jackson, counselor at Estes Hills Elementary School, recently received a certification from the American School Counseling Association.

Jackson received the Recognized ASCA Model Program certification, which is given to school counseling programs that show evidence of delivering data-driven, comprehensive services.

Jackson is the first counselor in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools district to receive the designation.

Achievement gap

Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP and Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance leaders are calling for change and improved achievement for black students in Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools.

Group leaders, community members and school officials met Monday

at St. Joseph CME Church to discuss the achievement gap between black and white students.

Prior to the meeting, the groups distributed a report card to school officials outlining failures in 11 categories, including eliminating the minority achievement gap, decreasing the dropout rate of black students and more.

According to Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, about 44 percent of black elementary school students passed both reading and math End of Grade tests, compared with 93 percent of white elementary school students.

Bishop Gene Hatley, pastor of Barbee’s Chapel Baptist Church and host of the meeting, announced the launch of Barbee’s Chapel Harvest Word Community Resource and Enrichment Centers, a program geared toward bringing volunteer tutors, computers and other academic resources to children who need them. The program will start Feb. 1.

In a Monday newsletter to district educators, Superintendent Neil Pedersen wrote, “With the talent of our staff and the resources available to our students, we can and should do better.”

Pedersen said the district has slowly worked toward closing the achievement gap, but a recent revision and rescaling of the math test to a higher standard created a new gap.

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