

Chapel Hill - Carrboro School Lunch Menus

FEBRUARY 13-19

ELEMENTARY

FRIDAY — Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce & Garlic Bread; Corn Dog; California Mixed Vegetables; Sweet Yellow Corn; Banana Pudding
MONDAY — Hamburger on a Bun; Fish Nuggets w/Wheat Roll; Tater Tots; Lettuce & Tomato Salad; Peas & Carrots; Fresh Apple Halves
TUESDAY —Three Cheese Baked Rotini w/Garlic Bread; Chicken Fajitas w/Salsa & Sour Cream; Fun on the Run; Vegetable Rice; Steamed Broccoli; Chilled Peaches
WEDNESDAY — Chicken Patty Sandwich; Baked Potato w/Meat, Cheese & Wheat Roll; Traditional Mixed Vegetables; Pineapple Tidbits; Chocolate Pudding
THURSDAY — Oven Baked BBQ Chicken w/Wheat Roll; Grilled Cheese Sandwich; Fun on the Run; Baked Beans; Collard Greens; Fresh Grapes

MIDDLE + HIGH

FRIDAY —Pork Rib-B-Q on a Bun; Macaroni & Cheese w/Wheat Roll; Traditional Mixed Vegetables; Chilled Pineapple; Fresh Banana
MONDAY —Beef & Cheese Nachos w/Salsa; Chicken Nuggets w/BBQ Sauce & Wheat Roll; Baja Black Beans; Chilled Apricots; Fresh Orange
TUESDAY — Pork BBQ on a Roll; Chicken Tetrizzini; Cole-slaw; Green Beans; Chilled Pears
WEDNESDAY — Meatball Sub; Sweet & Sour Chicken; Brown Rice Pilaf; Asian Mixed Vegetables; Fruited Gelatin
THURSDAY — Fried Chicken w/Wheat Roll; Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/Marinara Dipping Sauce; Carrot & Celery Sticks; Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce; Fresh Banana

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“There are some things that al-most make the high school princi-palship humanly impossible.” Chapel Hill High has had six principals over the last 10 years, including two interim princi-pals. Ellis replaced Karla Eanes, who served for just a year and a half. Mary Ann Hardebeck served as principal for six years, the longest-serving principal since 1999. “Speaking in general terms, I believe that high school princi-palships are very challenging jobs and turnover in those positions is not unusual,” Superintendent Neil Pedersen said, adding that the job

often demands 16-hour days. Dave Thaden, principal at East Chapel Hill High School, has been there since 1996, when the school opened. Regarding Thaden’s tenure as principal, Pedersen said: “Frank-ly, I don’t know how that’s pos-sible.” Mark Morton, a parent of a Chapel Hill High freshman and also a graduate of the school and a former teacher there, said he suspected that the high expecta-tions of parents and community members take a toll on Chapel Hill High principals. Morton added: “My experi-ence with teaching high school kids is that, contrary to con-ventional wisdom about their independence, they need quite

a bit of structure. A consistent principal presence can add to the structure and normalcy of high school. Someone like R.D. Smith comes to mind from his time at CHHS, not as principal, but as vice principal. He was there for some time, and he was a steady-ing presence. Kids need that. The community needs that.” Jim Williams, parent co-chair of the Chapel Hill High School Improvement Team, said the Chapel Hill High community will miss Ellis. “From my point of view, it is very unfortunate for CHHS that Jackie is leaving,” he said. “She has had a terrific impact on the school, and the long hours she has put in are really bearing fruit now. However, there is a lot of

unfinished business at CHHS, so we wish she would stay longer.” Ellis said despite the demands of the job, she has enjoyed her work at Chapel Hill High. “This has been an incredible principalship for me.... [T]his is an outstanding staff, a staff that has embraced me, a staff that has been more than sup-portive and a staff that, togeth-er, we’ve been able to make sig-nificant changes, great strides to moving our school forward to one that is student centered yet still academically challeng-ing,” she said. District officials plan to ap-point an interim principal to finish the school year and serve until a replacement is found to begin the 2009-10 school year.

School Briefs

Dropout rate increases

The dropout rate in Chap-el Hill-Carrboro City Schools slightly increased in 2007-08, but the district maintained the lowest dropout rate in the state, accord-ing to a report released last week by the North Carolina Depart-ment of Public Instruction. Fifty-seven students dropped out of Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools, or 1.53 percent, in 2007-08. In 2006-07, 41 students dropped out, or 1.12 percent, a decrease from previous years. The 2007-08 rate is similar to that of 2004-05 and 2005-06. Among the 57 students who dropped out, 11 were from Car-rboro High School, 14 from East Chapel Hill High School, 31 from Chapel Hill High School and one was from an unspecified middle school. Students cited at-tendance problems and the de-sire to attend community college as reasons for dropping out.

Woods-Weeks named N.C. Assistant Principal of the Year

East Chapel Hill High School assistant principal Gloria Woods-Weeks has been named the North Carolina Assistant Principal of the Year by the North Carolina Principals and Assistant Principals Association. Woods-Weeks is eligible for consideration for the 2009 Na-tional Association of Secondary

School Principals/Virco National Assistant Principal of the Year. The national winner will be chosen at NASSP’s convention on Feb. 28 in San Diego.

SEPTA meeting

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Special Education Parent-Teacher Association will hold a meet-ing on Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lower-level conference room of the Chapel Hill Public Library. Participants will view the pro-gram *How Difficult Can It Be?*, which explores the frustration, anxiety and tension faced by children with learning difficul-ties and disabilities. A discussion will follow the film. The meeting is free and open to all with an interest in learn-ing-disability and special-needs issues. For more information, visit septa-chnc.org or email info@septa-chnc.org

Roots musicians to play Woods Charter benefit

Three popular roots-music groups will perform a benefit concert for the Woods Charter School Foundation at Cats Cradle on March 14 at 8 p.m. Eli “Paperboy” Reed and Great Big Gone will be joined by Lynn Blakely and Ecki Heins for the performance. The Woods Charter School in Northern Chatham County is a kindergarten-through-12th grade public school founded by parents.

Proceeds from the concert will fund new playground equipment. Tickets are \$10 and are available at www.catscradle.com

CHHS presents The House of Blue Leaves

Chapel Hill High School Drama will present the comedy *The House of Blue Leaves* in the Hanes Theater at Chapel Hill High, Feb. 19-21 at 7:30 p.m. each night. The play stars award-winning actor Zach Meicher-Buzzi as a washed-up piano player desper-ate for stardom, even at the cost of committing his wife to a men-tal institution. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and can be re-served by calling 969-2461.

CHS meeting

The second annual Carrboro High School Town Hall Meet-ing will be held on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Hargraves Center on North Roberson Street. For the event, Principal Kelly Batten will answer questions on a variety of topics regarding Car-rboro High. The interactive session is host-ed by the Carrboro High PTSA.

CHS student letter honored

Carrboro High School stu-dent Cynthia Enriquez was one of 10 high school students whose letters to President Barack

Obama were selected for publi-cation in the ePals’ Presidential Minute contest. Her letter is featured on the ePals’ website, www.epals.com, and was included on a DVD shared with the Obama tran-sition team and shown at the Huffington Post Inaugural Ball.



Carolina Ice Syncho’s intermediate team, a synchronized ice skating team, has qualified to compete at the 2009 U.S. Synchronized Skating National Championships in Portland, Maine. Team members attend several area schools, including Carrboro High School, Chapel Hill High School, Smith Middle School, Cedar Ridge High School, Durham Academy, Ravenscroft School, Fuquay-Varina High School, Western Alamance High School and Walter Williams High School. First row, from left: Paula McKinley (coach), Amanda McClure, Hanna Hoke, Nicole Cates, Mariah Benfield, Ashleigh Faucette, Samuela Fernandes, Jamye Gaster (coach). Top row, from left: Haleigh Faucette, Hadley Reid, Brittany Clark, Ariane Cook, Chrissy Barr, Renee Kramer, Sally Warren. The team is seeking donations to fund its trip to Portland for the competition. To donate, contact Karen McClure at Karen.McClure@duke.edu or 667-2574.



NOTICE OF A COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS TO SR 1919 (SMITH LEVEL ROAD) FROM SOUTH OF ROCK HAVEN ROAD TO BRIDGE NO. 88 OVER MORGAN CREEK IN CARRBORO

TIP Project No. U-2803

Orange County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a Pre-Hearing Open House and Combined Public Hearing on March 9, 2009 at Carrboro Elementary School, located at 400 Shelton Street, Carrboro, 27510.

NCDOT representatives will be available at a pre-hearing open house in the auditorium lobby between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to answer questions and receive comments relative to the location and design of the proposed project. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above mentioned hours. Handouts and comment sheets will be distributed. The formal public hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The hearing will be open to those present for statements, questions and comments. The presentation and comments will be recorded and a written transcript will be prepared.

NCDOT proposes transportation improvements to SR 1919 (Smith Level Road) which include: widening Smith Level Road to three lanes (between Rock Haven Road and Culbreth Road), transition between three to four lanes (between Culbreth Road and BPW Club Road), and widen to a four-lane, median divided roadway between BPW Club Road and Morgan Creek. A roundabout intersection is proposed at the intersection of Smith Level Road and Rock Haven Road. Sidewalks and bicycle accommodations are proposed throughout the project.

A map displaying the location and design of the project and a copy of the environmental document – State Environmental Assessment / Finding of No Significant Impact - are available for public review at the Town of Carrboro, 301 W. Main Street, Carrboro, 27510. The map is also available online at: www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/highway/roadway/hearingmaps_by_county.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Ed Lewis, Human Environment Unit, at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, by phone (919) 431-6585, by fax (919) 431-2001 or by email at elewis@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this hearing. Anyone requiring special services should contact Mr. Lewis as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.



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