

Southside-Ashpole Elementary*Public Relations Team*

SHOUTOUT

In October, teachers voted who had the most "welcoming classrooms" in the school. Organization, cleanliness, and positive environment were all aspects considered for the voting poll. Shoutout to Ms. Walker and Ms. McCallum for winning!

MONTH RECAP

Students celebrated no bullying week, red ribbon week, and Halloween this past October! Parents and students visited the school for open house as well. They enjoyed learning about the positive changes throughout the school and meeting new employees!

EVENTS

Nov 2-10: NC check in Reading, Math, and Science
 Nov 11: School closed for Veteran's Day
 Nov 20: Progress Reports
 Nov 25: Remote Learning Day
 Nov 26-27: No school for Thanksgiving
 Native American Heritage Month

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Written By Ms Taylor Tilford

Ni'Veair Thompson is excellent in the second grade! This student is definitely a leader for his peers. As stated by Ms. Tilford, "Ni'Veair is friendly with everyone. He is well known throughout the entire school. He is successful in both his social life and the classroom." This second grader demonstrates exceptional participation in each one of his classes. He does all of his work in reading, mathematics, art and music while also encouraging his peers. Great work ethic, Ni'Veair!





SPECIAL THANKS TO ALLIE GRAYBEAL

Written by Ms. Ziena Walker

Out Teach used to be called REAL School Gardens, and before that, we were the REAL Schools Initiative. When Texas-based philanthropist Richard Rainwater started brainstorming with his high-school friend Suzy Peacock on ways to help children in urban communities live a better life, they were determined to find a way to make a lasting difference. Together, they worked for more than a decade on a wide-range of projects involving children, education and the environment. With the help of Suzy's friend Stacey Hodge, from 1995-2003, they built a series of learning gardens, including the ones at Alice Carlson Applied Learning Center and Morningside Elementary in Fort Worth, Texas. Then in 2003, Suzy began working with teachers, principals, volunteers and a small staff to build learning gardens and develop teacher training and a support program to ensure their long-term success. During that time period, the organization worked with 34 partner schools, almost all of which are still a part of our growing network. In 2007, after seeing impressive results, Richard and Suzy decided to create a nonprofit designed to capitalize on the power of hands-on lessons and outdoor classrooms.

Our Vision — Out Teach is a national teacher-development nonprofit working to ensure that all students, no matter their resources, have access to an engaging, hands-on education that transforms their lives.

Our Mission — We equip teachers with the power of experiential learning outdoors to unlock student performance.

A team of Out Teach coaches have been very busy accomplishing what they set out to do - motivate and teach educators how to add hands-on, outside lessons into their weekly schedules. The Instructional Coach assigned to collaborate with the teachers at Southside Ashpole Elementary is Mrs. Allie Graybeal. Our school would like to honor her over and above efforts to coach our team, and impact our students in a positive way.

A little about Mrs. Graybeal - Before joining Out Teach, Allie worked as a 5th grade teacher in Title 1 schools for eight years where she created engaging science lessons, coordinated school-wide science events, and coached VEX Robotics.

As a county curriculum writer, Allie has created and revised science curriculum documents and resources supplied to all elementary teachers that were adapted to state essential standards. Allie led district professional development and served as a model classroom for educators. She has been honored as a "Highly Effective" Math and Science educator in North Carolina's teacher evaluation program.

In 2011, Allie earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with a concentration in psychology from Appalachian State University. Since graduation, she has sought out and been selected for highly competitive local, national, and international professional development opportunities such as Discovery Place STEM Fellows, UNC Institute for the Environment EGRET Fellow, Mickelson Exxon Mobil Academy, and Honeywell Educators Space Academy. Additional information about this program is available at out-teach.org.

Thank you again to Mrs. Graybeal for making such a wonderful impact on our school.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Written By Ms. Mary Graham

Our spotlight for this month is Mrs. Cassandra Parsons. Mrs. Parsons was born and raised in Clovis, New Mexico where she remained until the retirement of her father of twenty-six years of serving in the Air Force. Mrs. Parsons is a loving wife, devoted mother and grandmother. Mrs. Parsons graduated from Eastern New Mexico University with a BA in Special Education and a minor in Art. She received her MA Degree in Leadership and Administration from Gardner Webb University. Mrs. Parsons has been teaching Special Education for over thirty years in New Mexico, Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina and has enjoyed the journey. Mrs. Parsons loves molding the minds of all students, collaborating with other teachers and growing professionally. Mrs. Parsons is currently serving as our Special Education teacher here at Southside-Ashpole Elementary School. She brings an abundance of experience to help promote growth at our school. We are fortunate to have her on our staff.



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