



HORIZONS[®]
Pitt County

HORIZONS WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

DATE: 06/28/2024

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Number of Scholars Applied: 78
Number of Scholars Admitted: 41
Number of Scholars Attended: 37

Meet The Staff

Executive Director	Dr. Patti Sanders-Smith
K-2 Reading Specialist/Testing Coordinator	Erma Burstion
Social Emotional Specialist/ Enhancement	Marschia Swinson
3-5 Cluster Leaders/STEM Coordinator	Latoya Harvey
6-8 Cluster Leader/Math Specialist	Michael Joyner
Level Up Specialist/Operational Support	Robert Harvey
Bus Driver/Teacher Support	Trina Watson

WEEKS OF JUNE 17-21 AND JUNE 24-28, 2024

Expectations and Commitment

Our scholars and staff developed a social contract that all agreed to honor during the program. The contract is revisited every morning during our morning meetings and our scholars are reminded of the expectation of the program daily.

Visits to the Horizons of Pitt County

Gabriel Ellis, Director of Affiliate Services and Dara Rose, Senior Vice President of Horizons National visited with our students and teachers on June 17. They participated in the morning meeting and visited classes.

Geri Lassiter, Administrator and Wendy Krieg, Grant Administrator from the Smith Family Foundation – Grady White Boats, visited and engaged with our scholars on June 17 and met with the representatives from Horizons National. Horizons is very grateful to the Smith Foundation for being a financial supporter of Horizons since its inception.

Dr. Virginia Hardy, chair of the Horizons Board of Directors, visited with our scholars on June 24. She was excited watching the younger scholars write sentences, read and work through math problems; and listening to the high school students share what they learned about Juneteenth.

Student Activities

Breakfast and lunch are provided by Pitt County Schools on Monday – Thursday. *Donations are needed for Friday meals.*

The K-2 scholars will visit the Winterville Library each Friday for Story Time which also includes storytelling and playing games.

During the Kona Ice visits each Friday, scholars get cool treats. Thanks to Kona Ice for providing free treats to scholars who have the special cup. Scholars pay \$3 for any refills.

The scholars wanted a mascot for Horizons of Pitt County. Using a creative voting system, they decided on a non-traditional mascot. Presenting to you, the new mascot: **The Kings and Queens of Horizons of Pitt County.**



Swimming, a vital component of Horizons, is required for all scholars. Swimming takes place at ECU Health Wellness Center. *Due to the number of scholars, we need an additional swimming instructor and/or lifeguard.*

On June 27, scholars went to the movies to see *Inside Out 2*. Some of the scholars embraced the movie by dressing as the characters. Additionally, teachers led the scholars to make connections between the movie and the social emotional concepts taught in the classroom.

ACADEMIC ACTION

Morning Meetings are a critical part of our program. Led by our Social Emotional Specialist, scholars are given opportunities to share issues that are important to them; they discuss with our trained specialists and their peers.

Star Testing was administered Monday and Tuesday (June 24-25). This will determine our baseline for the summer. More info will be shared once we have the results.

Partnership with Pitt Community College: Faculty and staff from PCC will provide the following enrichment experiences for our scholars:

- "True Colors" - Middle School cohort - July 10
- Drone Demonstration - All scholars - July 11
- Biotechnology Activity - K-2 cohort - July 16
- Biotechnology Activity - 3-5 cohort - July 18
- Biotechnology Activity - 6-8 cohort - July 23

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

July 18	Publix Grocery Store (K-5)
July 19	Publix Grocery Store (6-8)
July 25	NC Center for Poultry Education
July 26	End of the Year Celebration

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- **HORIZONS OF PITT COUNTY WILL BE CLOSED JULY 1-5, 2024**
- Attendance is important, please make sure your scholars attend every day.
- Horizons of Pitt County dismisses at 2:30 p.m. Please make every effort to pick up your scholar on time.
- Breakfast and lunch are provided by Pitt County School Child Nutrition Program. A lunch menu has been sent home. Your scholar may pack a lunch if they choose too.
- **Please direct any concerns, comments, or issues to Dr. Smith at (252) 460-1286.**