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Outgoing President Shannon Glover

GLOVER'S BUSY YEAR RENEWS FOCUS ON SCHOOLS

WHILE PRESIDENT SHANNON GLOVER's year in office saw the addition of new members, the launch of a new web site, the renewal of the Lefcoe Alumni Association, and the addition of a new Executive Director, his commitment to the Portsmouth School System and its kids found new opportunities for partnership. With the addition to the board of Portsmouth Schools Foundation's Executive Director Alisa Smith, Glover found the means and the opportunity to highlight the many creative programs and valuable partnerships that serve Portsmouth Public Schools' kids.

GLOVER FOUND broad agreement within the Partnership that more people need to know more about our school system, including its unique relationship with TCC through the First College program, its Innovator Grants program, its STEM Pathway (including the supercharged Summer Camp program) and more. What's currently on our schools' radar screen? Here you go:



WATERS MIDDLE SCHOOLERS: YEAR 5 AT WHEELABRATOR ENVIRONMENTAL SYMPOSIUM

PARTNERSHIP MEMBER Wheelabrator Technologies has, for the fifth year, committed to sending a delegation of Waters Middle School students to its annual Environmental Symposium in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Since 1994 Wheelabrator has sponsored the competitive event, challenging seventh- and eighth- graders in each of its 17 host cities to identify, research and present solutions for an environmental problem of their choosing. The Waters students have elected to grow oysters, in special floats of their own design and construction, in four separate Portsmouth locations. Did you know that a healthy 3" oyster can filter about 50 gallons of water per day? To assess the health of their 100 or so oysters, the students periodically measure the salinity and temperature of the water as well as the mortality rate and measurements of the individual oysters themselves. Results and determinations will be presented before the assembled group at the Fort Lauderdale symposium in May.



Simonsdale Elementary Kids Dance for Life

Partnerships work for kids, too! Funding from the Portsmouth General Hospital Foundation, the Business Consortium for Arts Support, the Portsmouth Museum and Fine Arts Commission and the Virginia Commission for the Arts brought the Young Audiences of Virginia's 8-week Dance for Life residency to Simonsdale Elementary School. There's no better time for kids to learn about good diet, health, and wellness through ballroom dance and Zumba.



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Schools Foundation Hosts Fund-raiser at Women’s Club April 28

Sample tastings from over 20 Portsmouth restaurants as you support the Portsmouth Schools Foundation at the beautifully refurbished Women’s Club in Glenshellah. \$30 donation includes food, entertainment, cash bar, raffle prizes and more from 6 – 8pm. For tickets please contact:

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Career and Technical Education Fair Draws Over 900

How does one go about informing school kids and their parents about the many career opportunities that can await them after graduation – IF they prepare by taking the right courses? The Schools Foundation’s Career and Technical Education Fair has, in its 8 years of operation, proven to be an effective tool. This year’s fair at TCC’s Portsmouth Campus drew **773 students and family** members, plus **86 exhibitors** representing **54 businesses**. **63 volunteers** also pitched in to take the message to Portsmouth’s youth.



Lions Club Steps Up for Olive Branch Preschool Center

Olive Branch Preschool Center recently hosted the Portsmouth Children First Lions Club to provide vision screenings to the students. Since vision screenings are important tools toward assessing a child’s readiness skills, the tests provided instant photographs so that any eye disorders which were discovered could be addressed immediately.



CONGRATULATIONS !!!

Amy Strickland (left), from I.C. Norcom High School, is Teacher of the Year for 2013 – 2014.

PPS Superintendent Dr. David Stuckwisch (right) received the Urban League of Hampton Roads’ 2014 Legacies Award. Dr. Stuckwisch is the recipient of the Silver Star Award for Education.



The **I.C. Norcom High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team** captured the Virginia 4A State Championship – their third in five years – in a come-from-behind 4th quarter victory over Handley in Richmond, VA, on March 13.



JOB, INTERNSHIP AND MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES . . .

Is your company looking for seasonal or summer help? The Portsmouth Public School System has responsible students eager to work in the areas of nursing, culinary arts, child care, the hospitality industry, industrial welding, and more. To find out how you, your company and our kids can benefit, please contact:

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