

# Head of the Class

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## What's Inside.

- Want to Donate now? Go to our Donate Now page and give to the 360 Campaign.
- The Buncombe County Schools Foundation awarded grants to individual teachers and classrooms. Go to our website to see the list of our most recent BCS Foundation classroom grants.
- Message from the Superintendent.

## WELCOME!

to the first newsletter for the Buncombe County Schools Foundation! Many of you have asked us to share our stories, our pictures and our news. Therefore, our goal is to send out an email newsletter on a quarterly basis. Future issues will tell you what we are doing here at the Foundation while also spotlighting specific schools, employees and students of Buncombe County Schools.



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COUNTY  
SCHOOLS  
FOUNDATION**

LINKING SCHOOLS AND THE COMMUNITY

Regardless of the funding cuts our district is experiencing, we have many stories of ways in which the Buncombe County Schools Foundation is helping teachers and principals make a difference for our students.

We hope you like what you see in this newsletter and will take a moment to share ideas, stories and topics for future issues.

THANK YOU.....for being a part of the Buncombe County Schools Foundation!

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Enka High School hosted our 2nd Annual Amazing Race on October 15th. We had perfect weather and wonderful participants. Thanks to our sponsors and participants the race raised almost \$13,000! For more pictures of the race, go to [www.bcsf.net](http://www.bcsf.net).



## Support our Schools!

The Buncombe County Schools Foundation kicked off its Annual Campaign in August for parents, donors, and residents of Buncombe County. The Buncombe County Schools Foundation is playing a greater role in our school funding than at any time in our 26 year history. Buncombe County Schools is coping with severe budget reductions for the 2011-2012 school year from federal and state funds. With your donations, we can continue to meet the needs of our children for the years to come. Through our annual campaign, events and fund-raising programs, the



funds we raise benefit Buncombe County students every day of the week.

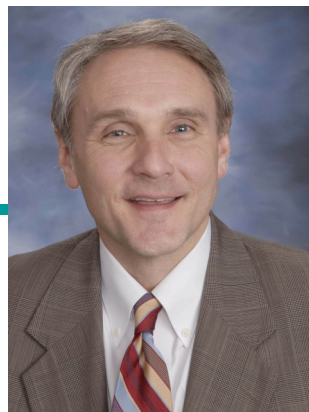
One way to show your support is by joining the 360 Club. For \$2 a day for every 180 days our students are in school -- **or \$360** -- you will receive a free static cling sticker for your car, home or business with the 360 Club logo.

Educators, another way to show your support is through payroll deduction.

Funds raised will go towards the arts, science, math, humanities, school libraries and classroom technology. Please consider giving today. Call 232-4190 or e-mail

[lisa.adkins@bcsemail.org](mailto:lisa.adkins@bcsemail.org) for more information.

## Message from the Superintendent.....



As Superintendent, my goal this year and moving forward is to find that balance, even in the worst of budget times, to protect and maintain the classroom essentials while discovering opportunities to keep our system moving forward. Our STEM initiatives are a part of that movement. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and math.

While STEM integration will be promoted as a primary theme of our initiatives moving forward, the importance of connecting with our business community as well as our local colleges and universities should not be underestimated. In the near future, The Career Education Center.....  
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## What does the Foundation Do?

The Buncombe County Schools Foundation was created in 1984 for the purpose of assisting Buncombe County Schools with needs that cannot be met through regular funding methods.

Since that time, the BCS Foundation has increased the amount of student scholarships given in a single year to over \$250,000. Over \$75,000 have been given for teacher and employee scholarships. The Buncombe County Schools Foundation has supported the Buncombe County Schools Teacher of the Year with prizes and funding. Well over \$75,000 have been distributed in our individual classroom grants.

Without the support of our Board of Directors, the School Board, our donors, teachers, school



administrators, parents and YOU.....none of this would be possible. Thank you for all you do for Buncombe County Schools!

*The mission of the Buncombe County Schools Foundation is to establish partnerships with local businesses, individuals, corporations and other foundations for the purpose of supporting education in Buncombe County Schools.*



## Buncombe County Schools Foundation Awards grants!



The Buncombe County Schools Foundation Classroom Grants program is a cornerstone of the Foundation's mission and work.

Because of the support of donors such as Wells Fargo, HomeTrust Bank, Progress Energy, Land of Sky Foundation and the Murray Foundation, the

Buncombe County Schools Foundation is able to administer over \$30,000 in classroom grants each year. Your support goes directly to our program of putting funds in the classroom.

To see the list of grant recipients this year, go to our website, [www.bcsf.net](http://www.bcsf.net).

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## Become a Sponsor of the Buncombe County Schools Foundation!

As a sponsor of the Buncombe County Schools Foundation, you are showing your support of Buncombe County Schools. Your donation helps us meet the needs of our children for the years to come. Plus, you get to join these wonderful companies in their support of Buncombe County Schools!



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!!**

### Message from the Superintendent.....Continued...

will offer courses of study and curriculum that reflect 21st Century careers and essential skills. Another aspect of preparing our students for the 21st Century is with the addition of Mandarin Chinese as a foreign language elective in our high schools. Buncombe County was chosen as a Global Initiative School District in a joint partnership with UNC Chapel Hill and the U.S. State Department. For this program, teachers and administrators will be sent to China for training while two Mandarin Chinese teachers were sent to teach at the Buncombe County high schools.

The Buncombe County Schools Foundation helps make these programs possible. Your support of the Buncombe County Schools

Foundation allows funds to be spent on Buncombe County Schools and the curriculum that will ensure their future. Does your support matter? It does. With the current funding cuts and the expected cuts next year, the Foundation will play an even larger role in helping us meet the needs of Buncombe County students for years to come.

Dr. Tony Baldwin