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## Happenings In The Edenton-Chowan School System

There are some very exciting happenings in the Edenton - Chowan School System this year. There are two achievements you should know about: (1) Test scores have been improving for the past seven years and jast year our students scored at or above the national average in every grade level. (2) Drop out rates are one of the lowest in the state with only four of the 143 school systems having a lower rate and those beat us by only one half of a percentage point.

This year we are emphasizing courtesy and respect. We will be stressing the theme "Courtesy is Contagious - Spread It" through out the school year in each school in Chowan county. Just like most businesses have a slogan which represents their business, our slogan for Edenton - Chowan Schools is: Courtesy is Contagious -Spread It. Our aim is to enable each child to develop

and demonstrate respect for self, respect for school and respect for community, the nation and the world.

- Part of our courtesy theme is showing courtesy toward flag and country. Everywhere in the world people have ways of showing respect for their country's flag. A country's flag stands for all the people of a country. It stands for all the people whoever fought for the country. It stands for the great leaders, the lawmakers, the scientist and the artist who brought fame to the country. It stands for all the good citizens whoever lived in the country. When people show respect for their country's flag they are showing respect for their fellow citizens. To reinforce the fact that our country is the greatest country in the world we show respect for our country and our fellow citizens by respecting our flag. This school year we are stressing courtesy and

respect in all we do. Respect for the flag and country is a strong emphasis. Parents and students are encouraged to discuss this emphasis at home.

. School personnel are pleased to hear any ideas from students, parents, and citizens concerning ways



and means to place special emphasis on courtesy and respect in our schools. A suggestion request has been sent home with each student and a copy was also mailed with each copy of our local newspaper. A major goal of the Edenton - Chowan Board

of Education is to achieve the distinction of becoming North Carolina's most courteous school system. To achieve this distinction, every school is involved in the Courtesy is Contagious Campaign.

In our schools this year all of our students and staff members are expected to communicate with one another in a courteous and respectful manner. They are encouraged to use such terms as "Thank you", "You are welcome", and "Please".

We want to encourage students to look sharp, be neat, act responsibly. It is important to dress appropriately and to use good manners. When we do this we set a good example for others. It is our aim to show parents and other visitors that our school system is the best. This emphasis on dress encourages everyone to develop a concern for neatness and cleanliness. The way we dress should reflect acceptable behavior as well as good manners.