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## GOOD MORNING,

Tyrone James  
of Windsor

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## Dental Health Month

### Protect teeth of children

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
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Prevention starts young.

February is National Children's Dental Health Month.

It is a chance for kids to brush up on good oral hygiene.

It is never too early to start the habits of taking care of oral hygiene.

The American Academy of Pediatrics reports tooth decay is the most common chronic children's disease in the country. As a result, it is important that parents work with their pediatrician to establish good oral healthcare from the first few weeks of a baby's life.

While most adults think of dental care in relation to their dentist, parents will be working closely with their pediatrician even earlier than a dentist.

Pediatricians see young infants and children frequently for preventative health care visits. They are in an

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# Peele is region's best

## Bertie Middle School leader is Principal of the Year

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
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**WINDSOR** - A well deserved accomplishment.

Principal William Peele III of Bertie Middle School was named 2016 Wells Fargo Principal of the Year at a surprise announcement on Thursday, Jan. 28 at the school.

Family, friends, colleagues and staff gathered for this special celebration in his honor. Peele's brother, Dr. Dexter Peele said, "Like father like son. He makes sure education comes first."

The 2014-2015 Regional Principal of the Year, Steve Lassiter

from Pitt County's Pactolus School, was there to turn the title over to Peele. "It is an honor to be here to present Mr. Peele with this award," said Lassiter.

Peele is among eight regional finalists who will be interviewed and have their portfolios reviewed. The Wells Fargo Teacher of The Year will be announced at the spring state luncheon in Raleigh.

"He truly has a heart of gold for Bertie Middle School and his community. This is a well deserved honor," stated Sonia Rivenbark, representing the

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Bertie Middle School Principal William Peele III (right) receives congratulations from last year's Regional Principal of the Year, Steve Lassiter.

## HEALTH FAIR



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A member of the Vidant Bertie Hospital staff checks the blood pressure of one of the many who attended the Bertie Middle School Health Fair last week.

## BMS hosts health fair

By LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
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**WINDSOR** - Bringing healthy living information to the community.

Bertie County Schools hosted a community health fair from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday Jan. 27, at the Bertie Middle School.

Several local businesses displayed information and providing demonstrations to the community.

Vidant Bertie Hospital performed free blood pressure and blood sugar checks for those in attendance.

Vidant Bertie Hospital's Childhood Asthma Program was present with tips on controlling asthma symptoms.

The Bertie County Recreation Department provided information to the community regarding youth sports programs including soccer, football and baseball.

Positive Parenting was available with tips for parents and families.

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## Golden Peanut employees receive help from county

By THADD WHITE  
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**AULANDER** - Giving it all we have.

In the months between the distressing announcement and the actual closing of Golden Peanut, the town, county and state have worked to help those who are slated to lose

their jobs.

And they are working diligently on reopening the facility as well.

During a recent meeting of the Bertie County Commissioners, Economic Development Director Steve Biggs said a lot has been done for the workers, and the

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Golden Peanut employees were part of a job fair put together by Bertie Co. Economic Development.

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