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School in session Saturday

Superintendent Ken Wells announced that Saturday, Jan. 31 will serve as the make-up day for school missed on Monday, Jan. 26 due to inclement weather. School will begin at 8 a.m. and dismiss at 11:30 a.m.

For more information, contact Public Information Officer Brenda Lassiter at 426-5741 ext. 239.

Newspaper delivery delay possible

Weather and road conditions between our print facility in Greenville and Perquimans County may cause a delay in delivering this week's newspaper.

Some news features were left out this week so that we could meet early deadlines. We will publish them next week.

LET IT SNOW!



PHOTO BY BRENDA LASSITER, PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCHOOLS

Sunday afternoon brought snow showers to Perquimans County, dumping about two inches of snow in some places before turning to rain and freezing rain after dark. Roads were slick Sunday, but by Monday morning most main roads had been sanded and salted, although back roads remained slushy. Warming temperatures kept roads clear Monday evening, and school was back in session Tuesday after a two-hour delay.

Dentist, staff will Give Kids Smiles

A local dentist and his staff will volunteer their time to provide dental care to children in Perquimans County next month.

Dr. Jack Boone and staff will participate in Give Kids A Smile Day again this year.

Give Kids A Smile Day is a National Children's Dental Access Day designed as an awareness and education day, with free oral health care to as many low-income children as possible. Dr. Boone's office will celebrate the day and offer free services to pre-approved patients from Perquimans County on Thursday, Feb. 12.

Just as last year, Boone's entire staff will donate their services for a full day so that children who may not otherwise receive proper dental care may be treated. Last year, the first in which the practice participated in Give Kids A Smile Day, children rotated in the office all day for check-ups, cleanings and other dental services.

Because of the demand for the services, Andrea Boone, the wife of Dr. Boone and office manager at the practice, worked other children into the schedule on other days.

Mrs. Boone said participation in Give Kids A Smile was a very rewarding experience for the entire staff.

For more information or to see if your child qualifies for these services, contact Latonia Saunders at Hertford Grammar School at 426-7166. Initial consultation must be made with the school before an appointment can be made at Dr. Boone's office.

WITN meteorologist appears on Central School's Turtle TV

Turtle TV at Central School recently had a guest celebrity join its broadcasting staff during the weather segment.

Marvin Daugherty, chief meteorologist at WITN-TV, recently visited Perquimans Central School to share his knowledge and expertise with second grade students.

Many demonstrations were shared as students looked on with great inter-

est. There was a question and answer period for students and teachers to gain more insight concerning weather.

Cynthia Stallings, WPCS Turtle TV producer and director, invited the special guest as a collaborative effort to integrate digital video with the second grade weather thematic unit. Daugherty appeared on WPCS-TV with weather anchor Jakia Shannon to

talk about the effects of Isabel in Perquimans County.

Daughtery has witnessed and reported on major weather events in eastern North Carolina for the past two decades. His experience and knowledge of weather have made him a household name.

Students and staff produce Turtle TV using technology made available through grants.



PCS student Jakia Shannon and WITN meteorologist Marvin Daugherty prepare to appear on Turtle TV at Perquimans Central School.

Locals attend keel-laying for periauger at Beaufort museum

Construction began recently on the long-awaited periauger, a colonial era logboat that will be home-ported in Hertford.

A large contingent of Perquimans County residents attended the keel-laying ceremony for the periauger on Jan. 16 at the N.C. Maritime Museum's Watercraft Center in Beaufort.

A keel laying traditionally involves the placement of the first timber of a new vessel to be constructed. The boat is expected to be completed by mid-April.

The construction of the periauger is a joint project with the Perquimans County Restoration Association, which operates the Newbold-White House Historic Site, and East Carolina University's Program in Maritime Studies. Other partners include Perquimans County, the Town of Hertford and North Carolina's Northeast Partnership.

The periauger will be located in Historic Hertford harbor following completion and eventually at the Newbold-White House Historic Site as part of its hands-on educational programming.

In colonial America, settlers traveled the waterways in common ships called periaugers — the pick-up trucks of those days. Historical references indicate that for many colonial settlers, the periauger was the vessel of choice, especially on the sounds and rivers of North Carolina.

No surviving examples for these characteristic workboats used by colonists in North Carolina in the 17th and 18th century are known to exist; therefore the design for this 30-foot vessel was researched for over a decade using descriptions and illustrations of that period.

Among the documentary evidence discovered about the ship was a reference to



Abraham Saunders, the builder of the Newbold-White House portrayed by Ken Ries of Hertford, was on hand for the keel-laying ceremony for the periauger that will be home-ported in Perquimans County.

a periauger in the 1751 estate of Abraham Sanders, the builder of the 1730 Newbold-White House.

Through this history-making project, the periauger will be built and rein-

troduced to the waterways.

Periauger is a generic term for a two-masted ship made of a dugout and split cypress log with split keel and propelled by both oars and sails. Some periaugers

could carry large cargos and travel up small streams and rivers where deeper draft vessels could not.

The PCRA raised \$37,000 in private donations and the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Enhancement Program committed \$55,623 for the project.

Michael B. Alford, former curator of maritime research for the N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort, designed the periauger. Assisting in the research was Dr. Larry Babits, maritime archaeologist with East Carolina University's Program in Maritime Studies. The project boatbuilder is Craig Wright, formerly of Goshen, Conn., who built the 28-foot gaff cutter on which he lives.

Local volunteers spent hours last winter hand-crafting many of the ancillary pieces of the periauger project, including the masts, sweeps, rudder

and jib.

The public may watch the construction of the periauger in the N.C. Maritime Museum's Watercraft Center Monday — Friday, 9 a.m. — 5 p.m. There is no admission charge to visit the museum.

HOLIDAY WEATHER

THURSDAY
HIGH: 50
LOW: 32
MOSTLY SUNNY

FRIDAY
HIGH: 56
LOW: 28
FEW SHOWERS

SATURDAY
HIGH: 45
LOW: 26
SUNNY