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October 2018 is National Principals Month and Surry County Schools is proud to join the National Association of Secondary Principals (NASSP) and the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) in celebrating and recognizing the hard work and effort principals apply to the overall success of schools and student achievement. Arne Duncan, former United States Secretary of Education and former CEO of the Chicago Public Schools shared, “We have no good schools without good principals.”

Dr. Shirley B. Prince, the Executive Director of the North Carolina Principals and Assistant Principals Association (NCPAPA) stated, “Principals are among the hardest working, yet often least recognized individuals in education. Principals set the academic tone for their schools, and it is their vision, dedication, and determination that provide the mobilizing force for achieving student success. Each October, NASSP and NAESP seek to honor these unsung heroes for their tireless efforts in pursuit of excellence in education.”

Superintendent of Surry County Schools, Dr. Travis L. Reeves, shared, “We are very fortunate to have such a solid and hard working group of principals leading the helms of all 19 of our schools. The academic success students experience does not happen by chance but because of thoughtful and deliberate leadership by caring professionals on a daily basis. All 19 principals do a great job leading in our schools to support teachers in their work with students. Our principals demonstrate servant leadership on a daily basis as they strive to reinforce a positive school environment for students, teachers and community members. We are very fortunate to have principals with such a high level of expertise, professionalism, and dedication to teaching and learning as we have in Surry County Schools.”

National Principals Month is a great opportunity to thank principals for what they do to make our schools safe, healthy, and happy places for students to grow, thrive, and learn. Help us

celebrate! E-cards are available that you can send, as well as ideas for planning a celebration over at www.principalsmonth.org. NASSP, NAESP, and ASFA is also hosting a student video contest, which invites students to make one-minute videos that talk about why they love their principal. Spread the word about the contest—winning schools receive a \$200 gift card! See the contest rules at www.principalsmonth.org. **The deadline for entries is October 5, 11:59 p.m. (ET).**

Surry County Schools is grateful to have some of the best principals in the nation right here in Surry County. Thank you, principals, for all you do each and every day and we are participating in National Principals Month to show it. We celebrate you! #ThankAPrincipal

Principal Donna Bledsoe	Cedar Ridge Elementary
Principal Bill Goins	Central Middle
Principal Margaret Spicer	Copeland Elementary
Principal Sharia Templeton	Dobson Elementary
Principal Jared Jones	East Surry High
Principal Dana Draughn	Flat Rock Elementary
Principal Molly Anderson	Franklin Elementary
Principal Brandon Whitaker	Gentry Middle
Principal Shelley Goins	Meadowview Magnet Middle
Principal Janet Sutphin	Mountain Park Elementary
Principal Paige Badgett	North Surry High
Principal Alison York	Pilot Mountain Elementary
Principal Amy Harris	Pilot Mountain Middle
Principal Jodi Southern	Rockford Elementary
Principal Kristin Blake	Shoals Elementary
Principal Celia Hodges	Surry Central High
Principal Amber Flippen	Surry Early College
Principal Laura Whitaker	Westfield Elementary
Principal Nicole Hazelwood	White Plains Elementary

Happy National Principals Month 2018!!!



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Elementary Principals Left to Right on the Top Row: Mrs. Donna Bledsoe, Mrs. Margaret Spicer, Mrs. Sharia Templeton, Ms. Dana Draughn, Mrs. Molly Anderson, Mrs. Janet Sutphin

Elementary Principals Left to Right on the Second Row: Mrs. Alison York, Mrs. Jodi Southern, Ms. Kristin Blake, Mrs. Laura Whitaker, Mrs. Nicole Hazelwood

Middle School Principals Left to Right on the Third Row: Mr. Bill Goins, Mr. Brandon Whitaker, Dr. Shelley Goins, Mrs. Amy Harris

High School Principals Left to Right on the Bottom Row: Mr. Jared Jones, Mrs. Paige Badgett, Mrs. Celia Hodges, Mrs. Amber Flippen