



Cheeseman's Chronicles

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Thank You

As we celebrate the 2016-2017 school year, I believe it is appropriate that this column offer some heartfelt gratitude for the gifts that so many parents, interested citizens, school employees, church leaders and elected and appointed officials have brought to the Perquimans County Schools, and to me personally during the past 10 months. The parents, citizens, school personnel, elected and appointed officials and civic groups have provided both myself and Perquimans County Schools with so many thoughtful gifts. As we celebrate this school year, it is only appropriate that I say thank you.

Each of these groups, and individuals within each, has worked diligently together to make a positive difference in the lives of the children and youth for Perquimans County. Parents, for your desire to learn more about how you can assist your child in learning, you are

giving them the significant gift of modeling the importance of a high-quality education. Your visits to schools, phone calls, and holding your child accountable for his or her learning are both a gift to them and to the entire school system. Thank you.

The interest by citizens without children has been remarkable. It says to me what I intuitively have known, that Perquimans County citizens want to be informed about matters that impact them. Your phone calls, emails and questions at community events have been an inspiration to me. You have displayed a sincere, heartfelt interest in educational and governmental matters. Thank you.

To all school employees, your dedication to duty and the children and youth enrolled in the school system is so critical to the future of this county. The voracious energy and daily modeling of the importance of a high-quality education, sound core values and consistent work ethic is embedded in classroom lessons as you provide all students lessons over and beyond book learning. Thank you.

To church leaders, regardless of your role and responsibility, who have gone the extra mile to reach out to students and families of our county, you are teaching them the importance of a strong faith and the importance of moral leadership in all that they undertake in life. Thank you.

To elected and appointed leaders of Perquimans County, you have patiently listened to the needs of the school system and have conscientiously and fairly worked with us in a very critical juncture in the history of the school system to do what is right and just for the students of this county. Thank you.

It has been said many times that “It takes a village to raise a child.” In fact, it does. But it also takes a resolve and a desire to truly place, as the Rotary motto states, “Service Above Self.” I am proud to say that I am blessed to work in a county that shares daily its various gifts so that all children and youth can learn, through deeds, not words, what it means to be a conscientious, concerned, and caring individual. Thank you for the daily gifts to our youth. I am most grateful.

As we continue the 2016-2017 school year, please know how appreciative I am of your numerous gifts to the children and youth enrolled in the Perquimans County Schools. I am confident that these past contributions, and your continuing gifts this school year, will reap significant positive gains for our county. Thank you!