

Cheeseman's Chronicles

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The Importance of Legacy

It is critical that each adult, whatever our role and responsibility in life, builds a legacy for the next generation so that they might build on ours.

Those of us who have the privilege of serving the citizens and youth of our wonderful county believe that the function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. If this is accomplished, then we will graduate students who are gifted with both reason and with morals.

It is important to remember that intelligence is not enough. We must remember that for our generation, intelligence plus character must be the goal of true education. In an era in which corruption permeates our world, we must work together to ensure that the children and youth in our community are not only taught to be innovative thinkers, but also nurtured in the importance of character and integrity as the true measure of a man or a woman.

Our shared legacy as parents, teachers and community members can be to leave an indelible mark working together to educate all children. We share each other's fate. We must remember that one child under-educated is **our** problem. One child who is ignored is **our** problem. One child left behind is **our** problem.

Together, we must remember that our schools are the foundation of freedom and that every child deserves a quality education. Freedom rings each time a school bell calls a class to order, and when each child receives the full promise of an education, and when schools, working hand in hand with the home and community, when a quality education becomes a reality for **every** child.

Our shared legacy for the students in the Perquimans County Schools is to work together to ensure that they will recognize that working to receive a quality education is their step toward personal freedom and economic security. Our shared legacy for them should also be that they will recognize that good character is built not only through words, but deeds.

Please join together with teachers, administrators, support staff and the school board in establishing a legacy for the next generation by:

- volunteering to work with a student that is struggling,
- attending an academic, athletic or other school event even though your children and grandchildren may have graduated from high school, and
- serving as a lunch buddy to a child who is starving for some adult attention and guidance.

Please consider joining Perquimans County Schools in a ***Partnership for Progress*** that will leave a “legacy of greatness” in each child ***every*** day.

Join our family, we welcome your active support and assistance in building a lasting legacy for all stakeholders. Please contact Ms. Lisa Lane, Director of Communications at 252-426-5741 to become a part of Perquimans County Schools volunteer program.