



# School Matters

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Welcome to *School Matters* from Davie County Schools. *School Matters* is an electronic news source for parents, community members, and staff. Please feel free to share *School Matters* with others!

## Administrative Changes

We are pleased to announce the following administrative changes effective July 1, 2012:

Alicia Holman, Assistant Principal at Ellis Middle School, has been named Principal of Ellis Middle School, upon the retirement of Larry Bridgewater, who served 33 years in education. Ms. Holman has served as an Assistant Principal at Davie County High School and Ellis Middle School since 2003. Alicia has extensive teaching experience, including 17 years as a Middle School Mathematics Teacher. Ms. Holman completed a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics at North Carolina A&T University, and earned a Master of Arts Degree in School Administration at Gardner-Webb University.

Amy Holcomb will be serving as Assistant Principal at Ellis Middle School. Amy has been with Davie County Schools since 2007 in the role of Assistant Principal at North Davie Middle School and Davie County High School.

Karen Stephens, Assistant Principal at Pinebrook Elementary School, has been named Principal of Cooleemee Elementary School, upon retirement of Carol Cozart, who served 29 years in education. Karen has served Davie County Schools as an Assistant Principal at Pinebrook Elementary School since 2007, and as a Teacher, Coach, and Athletic Director at Davie County High School from 2002-2006. Before moving to Davie County, Karen had a successful 17-year career as a teacher in the Mitchell County School District.

Shawn Keim will be serving as Assistant Principal at Cooleemee Elementary School. Shawn has served as Assistant Principal at Davie County High School since 2008.

Tim Taylor has served as the Assistant Principal at Cooleemee Elementary School since 2009, and will now be serving as an Assistant Principal at Davie High School.

We have a talented group of administrators in Davie County! I am excited about the future of our school district as these administrators take on new roles within our organization. Please join me in congratulating Larry Bridgewater and Carol Cozart in their retirement and dedicated service to

public education. Both of these fine folks have made a positive impact on the lives of thousands of children and they will be missed. Please also join me in congratulating our other administrators who will be serving in new roles in 2012-13! I hope everyone is enjoying summer time, August 27th is just around the corner!

We hope you find *School Matters* to be an informative and useful resource. Thank you for your continued support of Davie County Schools!

Sincerely,



Darrin L. Hartness, Ed. D.  
Superintendent

