

Kid Scoop News Superintendent's Corner: May 2019

Can you believe we are in the last month of school???? At times I'm sure it has seemed like the school year would never end. I hope that you are still going strong because this is the most important time of the school year. If you have ever seen a high school track meet and more specifically the mile run, you are aware that the race involves 4 laps around the track. While the first three laps are important and set the runner up to be in position to win the race, it is the final lap that ultimately determines the outcome. While I know you are tired and I am sure the stress level is high, I want to encourage you to dig down deep and finish strong. Summer break will be a great reward for you and is just around the corner!!

I know I have talked about college basketball a few times this year in my articles because basketball was a big part of my life when I was growing up. This year the University of Virginia's Men's Basketball team was crowned as the NCAA Division I National Champion. In so doing they made history by being the first team in the history of the university to win a national championship in men's basketball. Last March however, they made history in a negative manner by being the first number 1 seeded team to lose to a number 16 seeded team. If the coaches and the team had decided last year that they were going to give up and quit, they never would have gotten to experience the thrill of winning a national championship.

What does this have to do with you as a student? The end of the school year is exciting but it also is stressful because of the End of Grade tests that you guys take. Maybe in the past you haven't done so well on the test even though you have given your best effort. As you approach this testing season, you have the choice to do what Virginia did and decide to give it your best shot! It all starts with your mindset and having a positive attitude. I want to share this poem with you by Napoleon Hill that I memorized at a young age that I have gone back to when I am facing a challenge that seems too big to conquer.

The Man Who Thinks He Can

If you think you are beaten, you are;
If you think you dare not, you don't.
If you'd like to win, but think you can't,
It's almost a cinch that you won't.
If you think you'll lose, you've lost;
For out in the world we find,

Success begins with a fellow's will:
It's all in his state of the mind.
If you think you're outclassed, you are:
You've got to think high to rise,
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You'll ever win that prize.
Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man,
But sooner or later the one who wins is the one who thinks he can.

Students, you've got this!! Your teachers have prepared you and now it's your turn to let the rest of North Carolina see what you know!! You are Newton-Conover and the whole community is behind you!! Finish strong and show those EOG's who is the boss!!