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Important Dates to Remember

- February 20, 2017 - Presidents' Holiday
- February 23, 2017 - School Board Budget Meeting
- February 27, 2017 - Official School Board Meeting - WHHS
- April 10 - 14, 2017 - Spring Break

Solar Farm

Hampton School District One Board of Trustees,

administrators, students, and special guests participated in a ribbon cutting for the new Solar Farm on the campus of North District Middle School on December 6, 2016. Former Board Chairman, Eugene Jenkins, Jr., welcomed everyone to the event with the following words. "The vision of the school board and our former superintendent, Dr. Douglas McTeer, became a reality under the leadership and hard work of our current superintendent, Dr. Ronald Wilcox. Thank you to my fellow school board members, Dr. Wilcox, and Dr. McTeer for helping make this project happen. Ultimately we believe this project will allow the district to be good stewards of our environment. While the solar panels will create green, clean electricity which will help operate North District Middle School, this project will also provide a hands-on opportunity for our students to learn about renewable energy."

Guest speaker, Mr. George Mori, Executive Vice President from Sol America Energy had the following to say:

**Size:** The solar farm will produce 461 kilowatts (DC) from 1,440 (320-watt) solar panels). This is one of the largest solar projects installed on a school campus in the Southeast, and the largest in South Carolina. **Estimated Production:** It is estimated that over

700,000 kilowatt hours annually will be supplied to SCE&G's distribution grid. This is equivalent to approximately 95% of North District Middle School's annual electricity load, and provides enough electricity to power approximately 70 homes in the area. **Return on Investment:** We estimate the County will reach full payback on its investment in Year 7 of the project and earn over \$100,000 per year over the life of the project (30 years).



Brunson Belles Chorus

The Brunson Belles Girls Chorus from Brunson Elementary and Ben Hazel Primary provided entertainment for the South Carolina Consortium for Gifted Educators' Luncheon for the South Carolina General Assembly on February 1, 2017. The chorus is under the direction of Ben Hazel Primary School's 2nd grade teacher, Leah Stanley. Several of the songs included in the performance were "One Call Away", "Don't Stop Believing", and "You can Count on Me". The students' performance was well received and the young ladies were treated to a barbeque luncheon after their performance.



Hampton County Rotary Club has been a great friend to the students and schools in Hampton County. Please consider participating in the HCRC's upcoming fundraiser.

Join Hampton County Rotary Club for

Oysters, BBQ & Music

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 SATURDAY 5 pm  
 2.18.2017 FROM to 9 pm  
 RICHFIELD PLANTATION  
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 Eat Oysters & BBQ Enjoy Live Entertainment

\$35 BEVERAGES INCLUDED

SILENT AUCTION

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All Event Proceeds to Benefit  
 the Rotary Club's Community Projects.  
 For tickets see any local Rotarian

