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a community of support,
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**Annual Report
July 2009 – June 2010**

**Communities
In Schools**

Carteret County

Most Effective Dropout Prevention Organization in America

On February 25, the national office of Communities In Schools released the results of a five year comprehensive longitudinal evaluation. It concluded that the CIS model resulted in the strongest reduction in dropout rates of any existing fully scaled dropout prevention program that has been evaluated; that CIS is unique in having an effect on both reducing dropout rates and increasing graduation rates; and that the CIS model is effective across states, school settings, grade levels and student ethnicities. Importantly, analyses indicate that the more fully and carefully the model is implemented, the stronger the effects. In other words, the results shown support what Communities In Schools has been doing for the past 30 years - empowering students to stay in school and achieve in life.



Photo by Dylan Ray





Board Gets Sweaty; Kids get Ready!

CIS partnered with Staples to hold the 4th Annual “Stuff the Bus” Campaign on August 2 at the Morehead City Marlins game and August 6-7 at Staples. 32 volunteers, including the Board of Directors, withstood the blazing summer heat to make sure that every child in Carteret County was able to begin the new school year with the right tools for success.

Over \$21,000 in school supplies were donated. The bus was so “stuffed” with papers, pencils, backpacks, binders, glue, notebooks and more that it was nearly too back heavy to put on the road. Supplies were handed out to local children on August 18 at the former News-Times building on Arendell Street.

Families waited hours in the heat for the free supplies and 672 students received backpacks “stuffed” with school supplies to start the year off on the right foot!

Thank you to:
Staples

Morehead City Marlins
Carteret County Association of
Realtors
BB&T Insurance
Lowe’s
CCBS Sign Shop
Front Street Village
Mac Willis, Nationwide Insurance
K-Mart
Ashley’s Furniture



Our Programs

Goin' Down East

Students from our 21st Century Community Learning Center programs at Smyrna, Atlantic and Harkers Island Elementaries continue to be enriched in their after-school programs! Last spring, students learned how to make artistic jewelry with local artist Janet Harriman. Thank you to Down East Business Association for providing the funds for such a unique experience!



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Walking Hand In Hand

Over 50 students from Morehead City, Broad Creek, and Newport Middle Schools were taking advantage of the homework assistance and remediation offered after school by CISOCC's Hand In Hand program.

Why Try?

Broad Creek Middle School had nearly 20 students participating in this program aimed to provide hope that they can overcome poverty, violence, and failure.

Soaring into Summer

Students in our summer program called "Navigating Our Future" enjoyed four weeks of educational enrichment, physical activities, career exploration, and exciting field trips. Their experiences incorporated core curriculum in a hands-on and memorable way. Students visited fish farms, learned about recycling, helped with an oil spill clean-up, wrote poetry, performed science experiments, played Ultimate Frisbee, and captured it all in a student-designed newspaper! Thank you to the Carteret News-Times for printing our incredible work!

"Reducing the dropout rate is our first priority in North Carolina, and we are so fortunate CISNC continues to provide thousands of students with much-needed tutoring and mentoring to help them learn and stay in school."

June Atkinson,
State Superintendent.

CISOCC Report Card

Total Staff: 19
Partners: 48
Volunteers: 38
Volunteer Hours: 875
Parent Involvement: 133
Board Members: 12

Highlights of 2009-2010 school year:

- 100% of students showed improved behaviors
- 78% of students demonstrated academic improvement
- 99% of students were promoted to the next grade
- 100% avoided suspension

CIS Site	# of Sites	# Students Served
Elementary	3	120
Middle/High	4	81
Total	7	201

Revenue Sources	Grants/Contracts	In-Kind Value	Total
Federal	\$354,061	0	\$354,061
State	\$6,833	0	\$6,833
City/County	0	0	0
School District	0	0	0
Corporate	\$2,420	0	\$2,420
Foundation	\$2,500	0	\$2,500
Individuals	\$26,122	0	\$26,122
Events/Fundraising	14,112	0	\$14,112
Other	\$3,521	\$3,500	\$7,021
Total	\$409,569	\$3,500	\$413,069

EVENTS

Share Your Heart

- 19 Students
 -\$4,750

Meet the Marlins
 - all 4th/5th graders
 in county

Stuff the Bus

- 672 Students
 - \$20,252

Spring Gala
 -\$14,000

Where We Are:

Atlantic Elementary School (21st CCLC After School)
 Smyrna Elementary School (21st CCLC After School)
 Harkers Island Elementary (21st CCLC After School)
 Beaufort Middle School (Hand in Hand)
 Morehead City Middle School (Hand in Hand)
 Newport Middle School (Hand in Hand)
 Broad Creek Middle School (Why Try)

2009 - 2010

Meet Our Board

VP Human Resources and
Public Relations,
Carteret General Hospital
6 year Board member
Beaufort, NC
32 years in Carteret County

Beth Beswick

Cathy Neagle

Chair, Carteret County
Board of Education
6 year Board member
Morehead City, NC
40 years in Carteret County

Communications Director,
Carteret County Public Schools
6 year Board member
Gloucester, NC
26 years in Carteret County

Tabbie Nance

Wendi Oliver

Owner
Front Street Village
2 year Board member
Beaufort, NC
9 years in Carteret County

Vice President
Sound Bank, Morehead City
4 year Board member
Morehead City, NC
Carteret County Native

Bill Weinhold

Life Safety Specialist,
Power Home Technologies
2 year Board member
Beaufort, NC
Carteret County Native

Raymond Hopkins

Business Developer
Narron Real Estate Development
2 year Board member
Morehead City, NC
Carteret County Native

Justin Narron

Community Member
2 year Board member
Beaufort, NC
Carteret County Native

Elizabeth Olsen

Jane Newbern

Owner
Radio Island Marina
2 year Board member
Morehead City, NC
22 years in Carteret County

Real Estate Broker,
Realty World First Coast
6 year Board member
Beaufort, NC
Carteret County Native

Jeanette Holland

Sandy Dunn

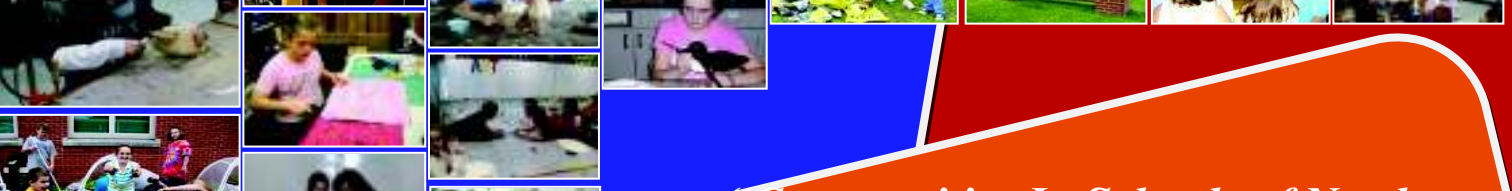
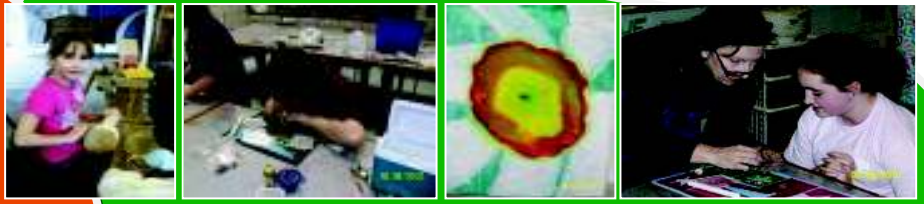
Catering Director
Front Street Village
4 year Board member
Morehead City, NC
30 years in Carteret County

Principal
Broad Creek Middle School
4 year Board member
Newport, NC

Dr. Cathy Tomon



OUR YEAR



“Communities In Schools of North Carolina provides young people the encouragement and motivation they need to succeed. You cannot assign a value to the impact these programs have on so many futures.”

Bill Harrison,
State Board of Education Chairman

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Donate Online!

\$250 helps one child for one year!
www.ciscarteretcounty.org

Be a Mentor!
For a kid like Mark...



"My name is Mark. I am now in the 7th grade at Atlantic Elementary School. I enrolled in the Down East After School program in February of 2007. When I entered the program I was living with my grandma because my mother had just recently passed away from a drug over dose. I didn't have much interest in school after that and my behavior, well it needed some improvement, at least according to my grandmother and all my teachers. By the end of school last year I had started showing a little progress, but then it was summer vacation. But by the time school started back up this year I knew I needed to turn myself around, but for some reason I have not been too interested in school and my grades show it too. I don't know what has happened to me, my grandmother really wants to get me back on the right path and so do I really. But, most of the time I just can't help myself. I have great community volunteers helping me, I'm in a safe place and the 4-H and art time is great. Maybe I'll get back to myself sometime soon; I really don't want to be a loser."

Communities In Schools of Carteret County is part of the national CIS group, the nation's leading dropout prevention organization, and the only one proven to both decrease dropout rates and increase on-time graduation. During the 2009-2010 school year, the CIS network in North Carolina worked with nearly 140,000 youth and their families across the state, empowering more than 98% of its high school students to remain in school.

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