

**Community-Based  
Instructional Outing  
A Success**

On Friday, February 6th, 2009, Newport Academy high school students and staff traveled to the Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk for a Community-Based Instruction outing. Twenty-nine students toured "50 Years Later: The Lessons of Massive Resistance," an exhibition about Virginia's resistance to public school integration during the 1950's, and "Countdown to Eternity: Photographs of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the 1960's" by Benedict J. Fernandez. Students also viewed selections of modern art, sculpture, and glass, as well as paintings by African-American artists. **The students' intelligent questions and their thoughtful comments during the tour were impressive; their response to the exhibitions were positive and enthusiastic. It was an outstanding trip for students and staff as it demonstrated the exceptional behavior the students can display in the community when given the opportunity.** The students and staff agreed that the outing was an enjoyable, memorable day for all.



**New Horizons' Students Compete in State HOSA**

New Horizons' Dental Assisting, LPN and Nursing Assisting students competed in the *Health Occupations Student Association'* (HOSA) Twenty-Ninth State Leadership Conference held in Williamsburg, February 27th - March 1st, 2009. Students placing in the top five of the events were:

Name	Event	Place	NH Program	Home School
Michaela Cheatham	Dental Spelling	1st	Dental Assisting	Kecoughtan
Sparkle Opie	Dental Spelling	1st	Dental Assisting	Post High
Kiara Jones	Personal Care	2nd	Nursing Assistant	Woodside
Ashley Harris	Personal Care	3rd	Nursing Assistant	Phoebus
Lauren Morris	Dental Terminology	5th	Dental Assisting	Menchville
Robin Taylor	Medical Spelling	5th	Nursing Assistant	Grafton

**Congratulations to all student participants and their teachers:  
Mrs. White, Mrs. Russo and Mrs. Fletcher!**



**Local Celebrity  
Visits Newport Academy**

In a continued effort to expose Newport Academy students to a variety of learning experiences, the elementary and middle school students enjoyed a visit from Jeremy Wheeler of WAVY TV 10. Mr. Wheeler, the swing man of the Super Doppler 10 Weather team, visited the Woodside Lane campus last Friday, February 27th, 2009. Students listened attentively as Mr. Wheeler shared information about weather forecasting, weather instruments and his experiences as a storm chaser. He also showed video footage of actual tornadoes! Students were mesmerized and eagerly awaited an opportunity to ask questions. The visit concluded with the students and staff presenting Mr. Wheeler with a token of appreciation; a gift bag filled with New Horizons' goodies as well as a crossword puzzle (a pastime of Mr. Wheeler's). Mr. Wheeler told the students to watch Saturday's broadcast as he promised to say hello. Mr. Wheeler held true to his word!

**Newport Academy  
Students Participate in  
Flag Football**

In an effort to motivate Newport Academy high school students, staff at Newport Academy are conducting different types of tournaments and activities as incentives for students. Participation criteria are set such as advancing a level in the Achieve Level System, being on Level 3 and above, earning their way off of Reflection, earning a specified amount of points, etc. Flag football was selected by many of the students (both boys and girls) as an incentive that they would work toward. This was a great activity because it emphasizes skills that the students work on in Recreational Therapy. To participate in the flag football tournament, students had to accumulate a total of 1,494 points over an 18 day period for an average of 83 points per day and had to be off of Reflection. On February 19th, 2009 eligible high school students packed up and headed to Newport News Park to participate in a flag football game with Mr. Myers, Behavior Specialist at Newport Academy, as well as Mr. Freeman, Instructional Assistant at Newport Academy. **The students exhibited some pretty good football skills on the field, but more importantly, they displayed incredible sportsmanship.** This outing was unique as several of the students who were eligible to participate were new to Newport Academy. This gave those students the opportunity to become familiar with their peers and their staff in a fun and safe environment.