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Police Athletic League (PAL) Basketball Scores Big with Schools

Six New Elementary Schools Join League This Season

Seventeen Durham elementary schools are participating in the 2016 Winter Basketball League of the Police Athletic League (PAL). A program of the Community Services Division of the Durham Police Department (DPD), this year's league consists of 23 teams of third, fourth and fifth graders including boys and girls. Games began Saturday, February 6, 2016, and will run consecutive Saturdays through March 19. Games are played concurrently from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lakeview School Gymnasium (3507 Dearborn Drive). See game schedule(s) below.

DPD's PAL program welcomes six new schools to the basketball league this year: Fayetteville Street, Lakewood, Hope Valley, R. N. Harris, E. K. Powe and Faith Assembly Christian Academy. Returning schools include: C.C. Spaulding, Club Boulevard, Y. E. Smith, Merrick Moore, Holt, Pearsontown, Eastway, Morehead, W.G. Pearson, Easley, and I.D.Y.L. Charter.

Durham schools are invited to participate at no cost to the students. The police department provides jerseys for the teams; officials to referee the games; the game facility; police staff to oversee the league; and volunteer support including coaches, score keepers and concessions.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for this age group to learn the game of basketball and teamwork, as elementary schools generally do not have organized sports teams," says Officer John Suitt Jr., co-coordinator of PAL. "Even more so, the PAL program offers many opportunities for youth, families and police officers to interact in positive social, recreational and educational settings. Our hope is that meaningful friendships will develop among youth, law enforcement and families that will extend far beyond this season to build stronger, safer communities in the long run."

"We started out in 2010 with eight schools and 16 teams consisting of approximately 240 youth," says Master Officer Erwin Baker, PAL co-coordinator. "This year we have 23 teams and approximately 345 youth in the program. The same youth tend to return to the program each year and as a result we have seen the level of play improve tremendously over the years."

History of DPD's Police Athletic League

The Durham Police Department implemented its PALs program in 2010 as a crime prevention initiative in North East Central Durham (NECD). PALs utilize athletics and other activities to foster and maintain mentoring relationships between police officers and youth (and their families) who reside in the city's

most challenging neighborhoods. PAL programs are held year round including basketball, baseball and soccer.

DURHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT 2016 PAL BASKETBALL 3rd - 5th Grade
Games are played concurrently at Lakeview School Gymnasium (3507 Dearborn Drive).

Boys/Co-Ed Game Schedule

DATE	TIME	VISITOR	VS	HOME
SAT. 2/6/16	9:00 AM	FACA PROS	VS	HOPE VALLEY
SAT. 2/6/16	9:00 AM	Y. E. SMITH	VS	PEARSONTOWN
SAT. 2/6/16	10:00 AM	CLUB BLVD	VS	FAYETTEVILLE ST
SAT. 2/6/16	10:00 AM	E. K. POWE	VS	I.D.Y.L.
SAT. 2/6/16	11:00 AM	EASLEY	VS	MERRICK MOORE
SAT. 2/6/16	11:00 AM	C. C. SPAULDING	VS	MOREHEAD
SAT. 2/6/16	12:00 PM	R. N. HARRIS	VS	HOLT
SAT. 2/13/16	9:00 AM	W. G. PEARSON	VS	EASTWAY
SAT. 2/13/16	9:00 AM	MERRICK MOORE	VS	R. N. HARRIS
SAT. 2/13/16	10:00 AM	PEARSONTOWN	VS	E. K. POWE
SAT. 2/13/16	10:00 AM	FAYETTEVILLE ST	VS	Y. E. SMITH
SAT. 2/13/16	11:00 AM	HOLT	VS	C. C. SPAULDING
SAT. 2/13/16	11:00AM	I.D.Y.L.	VS	EASLEY
SAT. 2/13/16	12:00 PM	MOREHEAD	VS	FACA PROS
SAT. 2/20/16	9:00 AM	EASLEY	VS	PEARSONTOWN
SAT. 2/20/16	9:00 AM	LAKWOOD	VS	W. G. PEARSON
SAT. 2/20/16	10:00 AM	FACA PROS	VS	HOLT
SAT. 2/20/16	10:00 AM	EASTWAY	VS	CLUB BLVD
SAT. 2/20/16	11:00 AM	R. N. HARRIS	VS	I.D.Y.L.
SAT. 2/20/16	11:00 AM	C. C. SPAULDING	VS	MERRICK MOORE
SAT. 2/20/16	12:00 PM	HOPE VALLEY	VS	MOREHEAD
SAT. 2/27/16	9:00 AM	CLUB BLVD	VS	LAKWOOD
SAT. 2/27/16	9:00 AM	E. K. POWE	VS	FAYETTEVILLE ST
SAT. 2/27/16	10:00 AM	Y. E. SMITH	VS	EASTWAY
SAT. 2/27/16	10:00 AM	MERRICK MOORE	VS	FACA PROS
SAT. 2/27/16	11:00 AM	PEARSONTOWN	VS	R. N. HARRIS
SAT. 2/27/16	11:00AM	HOLT	VS	HOPE VALLEY
SAT. 2/27/16	12:00 PM	I.D.Y.L.	VS	C. C. SPAULDING
	9:00 AM	FAYETTEVILLE ST	VS	EASLEY

SAT. 3/5/16				
SAT. 3/5/16	9:00 AM	LAKEWOOD	VS	Y. E. SMITH
SAT. 3/5/16	10:00 AM	HOPE VALLEY	VS	MERRICK MOORE
SAT. 3/5/16	10:00 AM	FACA PROS	VS	I.D.Y.L.
SAT. 3/5/16	11:00 AM	W. G. PEARSON	VS	CLUB BLVD
SAT. 3/5/16	11:00 AM	EASTWAY	VS	E. K. POWE
SAT. 3/5/16	12:00 PM	MOREHEAD	VS	HOLT
SAT. 3/12/16	9:00 AM	R. N. HARRIS	VS	FAYETTEVILLE ST
SAT. 3/12/16	9:00 AM	EASLEY	VS	EASTWAY
SAT. 3/12/16	10:00 AM	C. C. SPAULDING	VS	PEARSONTOWN
SAT. 3/12/16	10:00 AM	MERRICK MOORE	VS	MOREHEAD
SAT. 3/12/16	11:00 AM	E. K. POWE	VS	LAKEWOOD
SAT. 3/12/16	11:00AM	Y. E. SMITH	VS	W. G. PEARSON
SAT. 3/12/16	12:00 PM	I.D.Y.L.	VS	HOPE VALLEY
SAT. 3/19/16	9:00 AM	FAYETTEVILLE ST	VS	C.C. SPAULDING
SAT. 3/19/16	9:00 AM	EASLEY	VS	W. G. PEARSON
SAT. 3/19/16	10:00 AM	CLUB BLVD	VS	Y. E. SMITH
SAT. 3/19/16	10:00 AM	PEARSONTOWN	VS	FACA PROS
SAT. 3/19/16	11:00 AM	EASTWAY	VS	R. N. HARRIS
SAT. 3/19/16	11:00 AM	E. K. POWE	VS	MOREHEAD
SAT. 3/19/16	12:00 PM	LAKEWOOD	VS	HOLT

Girls Schedule

Sat 02/06/16	12:00 PM	PEARSONTOWN	VS	C.C.
SPAULDING				
SAT 02/06/16	1:00 PM	W. G. PEARSON	VS	HOPE
VALLEY				
SAT 02/06/16	1:01 PM	I.D.Y.L .	VS	HOLT
SAT 02/13/16	12:00 PM	HOPE VALLEY	VS	I.D.Y.L
SAT 02/13/16	1:00 PM	HOLT	VS	Y. E. SMITH
SAT 02/13/16	1:01 PM	C.C. SPAULDING	VS	W. G.
PEARSON				
SAT 02/20/16	12:00 PM	W. G.		
PEARSON	VS	PEARSONTOWN		
SAT 02/20/16	1:00 PM	I.D.Y.L .	VS	C.C.
SPAULDING				
SAT 02/20/16	1:01 PM	Y. E. SMITH	VS	HOPE VALLEY
SAT 02/27/16	12:00 PM	C.C. SPAULDING	VS	Y. E. SMITH
SAT 02/27/16	1:00 PM	PEARSONTOWN	VS	I.D.Y.L
SAT 02/27/16	1:01 PM	HOPE VALLEY	VS	HOLT

SAT 03/05/16 PEARSON	12:00 PM	I.D.Y.L	VS	W. G.
SAT 03/05/16 SPAULDING	1:00 PM	HOLT	VS	C.C.
SAT 03/05/16 SMITH	1:01 PM	Y. E. PEARSONTOWN	VS	
SAT 03/12/16	12:00 PM	PEARSONTOWN	VS	HOLT
SAT 03/12/16	1:00 PM	W. G. PEARSON	VS	Y. E. SMITH
SAT 03/12/16 VALLEY	1:01 PM	C.C. SPAULDING	VS	HOPE
SAT 03/19/16 PEARSON	12:00 PM	HOLT	VS	W. G.

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