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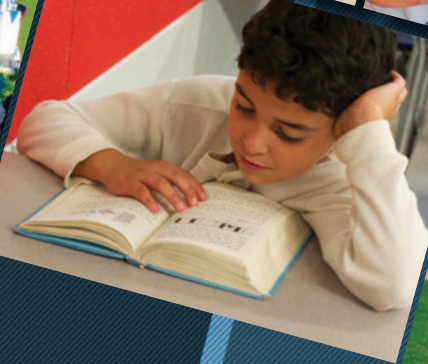


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2014



Sitting from left: Linda Cranford, Gustavo Agudelo, Jane Redding (chairman), Joyce Harrington, Gidget Kidd
 Standing from left: Archie Priest (vice chairman), Chris Yow, Phillip Cheek, Kelly Harris, Kyle Lamb, Stephen Jones

January is School Board Recognition Month for the state of North Carolina. Each year, we celebrate our Board of Education by hosting a luncheon in their honor at one of our schools. Current members of Asheboro City's Board of Education include:

- Mr. Gustavo Agudelo, member since 2011
- Mr. Phillip Cheek, member since 2006
- Mrs. Linda Cranford, member since 1983
- Mrs. Joyce Harrington, member since 1985
- Dr. Kelly Harris, member since 2006
- Mr. Stephen Jones, member since 1995
- Mrs. Gidget Kidd, member since 2005
- Mr. Kyle Lamb, member since 2005
- Mr. Archie Priest, member since 2003
- Mrs. Jane Redding, member since 2005
- Mr. Chris Yow, member since 1997

Members of the Asheboro City Board of Education are elected by registered voters residing in the school district. Members serve six-year terms on a staggered basis so that no more than four positions will expire every two years. Elections are nonpartisan and are held at the time of the November general election in odd-numbered years.

The role of the Board can be summarized in the following areas:

- To provide vision and direction for the school system
- To create policies in accordance with state law to establish standards, accountability and evaluation of essential operations of the school district
- To prepare the budget for presentation to the county commissioners
- To hire, support and evaluate the superintendent
- To advocate for the school district, staff and especially students in all interactions with other governmental entities and the public

The Board meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Professional Development Center located at the corner of Church and Walker Streets on the Asheboro High School campus. Periodically, the Board will meet in a specially called meeting, work session or planning session. All public meeting notices are posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

January 2014

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

			1 New Year's Day School Holiday	2	3	4
5	6	7 District Science Fair at SAMS	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Day School Holiday	21 Teacher Workday No school for students	22 Staff Professional Development No school for students	23	24 Board Appreciation Luncheon	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



February 2014

Sunday

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2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 High school transition meeting for 8th-grade parents	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 Presidents' Day No school for students	18 District Spelling Bee	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	



In 2012, then-Governor Bev Perdue named Asheboro High School one of 10 recipients of the first North Carolina Innovator in Digital Learning Award. This award recognizes state public schools that demonstrate outstanding progress in the use of classroom technology and learning.

Each classroom in the district is equipped with SMART Board interactive whiteboards and all students in grades 4-12 have access to their own laptop. ACS recognizes that technology is changing on a daily basis and we are in the process of finalizing technology initiatives for 2014-2016 that will better prepare our students for college and careers after high school. We have an experienced and dedicated team of technology facilitators that works with each school to integrate technology in the classroom. Some of Asheboro City Schools' key technology initiatives will include:

- Maintaining and updating the 1:1 laptop initiative for grades 4-12
- Exploring next generation devices for students, for example tablets, iPads and Google Chromebooks
- Exploring next generation digital teaching solutions, such as television solutions and/or interactive projectors
- Increasing and improving digital security for students and staff
- Upgrading our helpdesk process to improve technology support for teachers and students
- Implementing a technology integration framework for classroom instruction
- Researching and investigating possible community partnerships for low-cost internet options for students

In April, 2014, ACS will host its 3rd Annual Digital Learning Expo. The expo gives students the opportunity to showcase how technology enhances learning in their classroom(s). The community is invited to join us for this event.

Front row from left:
 Krystyna Strickland, technician assistant; Marc Keeter, technician;
 Lee Clark, network systems analyst
 Back row from left:
 Ralph Davis, technician; Taylor Moore, technician;
 Nathan Craver, director of technology and innovation

March 2014

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

						1
2	3 Read Across America Day	4	5	6	7 Staff Professional Development No school for students	8
9 Daylight Saving Time Starts	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Middle school transition meeting for 5th-grade parents	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



With the help and support of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, we were able to complete construction on the Early Childhood Development Center in the summer of 2013. The Early Childhood Development Center is home to a five-star pre-kindergarten program that serves approximately 150 three and 4-year-old students.

In the spring of 2013, the Early Childhood Development Center achieved a new, five-year term of accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Work was also completed on Phase I of the center's Outdoor Learning Environment. The Outdoor Learning Environment is being funded in part by a grant awarded by N.C. State University.



Photo by Paul Church, The Courier-Tribune

April 2014

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

		1	2 Asheboro City Schools' 3rd Annual Digital Learning Expo	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 No school for students	15 No school for students	16 No school for students	17 No school for students	18 School Holiday	19
20 Easter	21 No school for students	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



Guy B. Teachey's Brian Saunders was named Asheboro City Schools' 2012-2013 Principal of the Year.



Asheboro City Schools welcomed more than 40 beginning teachers to the district for the 2013-2014 school year.



Teachers participate in professional development workshops and activities throughout the year and during the summer.

Asheboro City Schools boasts a highly qualified staff that includes 42 percent of staff with advanced degrees and 14 percent who have earned National Board Certification.



A group of middle school teachers traveled to Texas during the summer of 2013 for a technology conference where they learned more about integrating technology tools into their classrooms and lesson plans.



In October 2013, Candace Call principal for North Asheboro Middle School was named the Asheboro City Schools 2013-2014 Principal of the Year.



Kathy Saunders, who teaches English at Asheboro High School, was named the 2013-2014 Asheboro City Schools' Teacher of the Year.

- Photo by Larry Penkava, The Randolph Guide

Sadie Daniels, who teaches math at North Asheboro Middle School, was awarded Asheboro City Schools' Apple of Excellence - Outstanding First Year Teacher award.



Asheboro City Schools' third cohort of 24 teachers completed the district's Teacher Leadership Academy Program in 2013.

May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-10	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mothers' Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day School Holiday	27	28	29	30	31



Asheboro City Schools' four-year cohort graduation rate reached 86.3 percent in 2013 – up from 85 percent in 2012. This increase marks several years of steady increase for Asheboro High School.

Contributing factors to the improved graduation rate include added opportunities for college-level courses while in high school, personalized approaches to high school through small learning communities, strong cultural arts programs at all grade levels, commitment to pre-kindergarten and the AVID and NOVA Academy programs.

Eighteen members of the class of 2013 made up the first group of Advancement Via Individual Determination, AVID, students to complete the program since its start in 2007-2008. The AVID program is designed to help middle and high school students reach their full potential. Through the program, students learn different strategies for success in their academic classes and explore post-secondary education avenues. Each of the 18 students who participated in the AVID program was accepted to either a 4-year college or university or a 2-year community college program.

The NOVA Academy, launched in January 2009, continues to provide an alternative pathway toward graduation for students who have demonstrated hardship. It provides students the opportunity to earn their high school diploma while providing the flexibility needed to achieve this goal. Operating on a 12 hour daily schedule, the NOVA Academy removes barriers students may encounter during a traditional school day. The program includes flexible hours, online courses, community service and family involvement.

Ten members of the Class of 2013 were awarded the annual CenturyLink Superintendent's award. These students each had an un-weighted grade point average of 4.0 throughout all four years of high school.

June 2014

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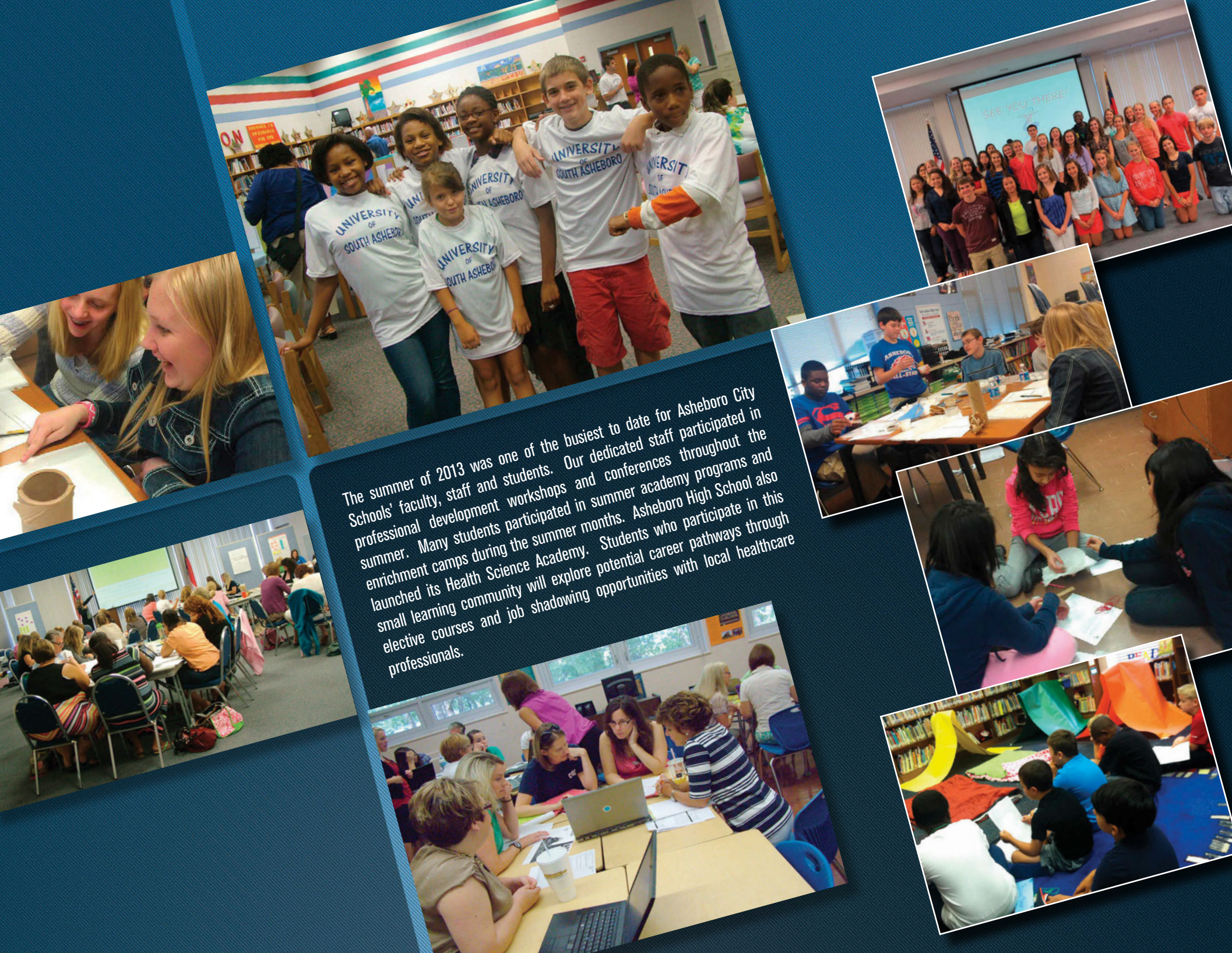
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 AHS Graduation 7:00pm Students' Last Day of School	11 Required Teacher Workday	12 Staff Professional Development	13 Teacher Workday	14
15 Fathers' Day	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



The summer of 2013 was one of the busiest to date for Asheboro City Schools' faculty, staff and students. Our dedicated staff participated in professional development workshops and conferences throughout the summer. Many students participated in summer academy programs and enrichment camps during the summer months. Asheboro High School also launched its Health Science Academy. Students who participate in this small learning community will explore potential career pathways through elective courses and job shadowing opportunities with local healthcare professionals.

July 2014

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		1	2	3	4 Independence Day School Holiday	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



August 2014

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					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Teacher Workday	19 Staff Professional Development	20 Teacher Workday	21 Teacher Workday	22 Teacher Workday	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Students' First Day of School					



September 2014

Sunday

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	1 Labor Day No school for students	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Proud to be a
BLUE COMET

Bryan Gallimore
Science, NAMS
AHS Class of 2005

Ashley Hutton
1st grade, McCrary
AHS Class of 2009

Sarah Trollinger
Math, SAMS
AHS Class of 2007

Kristen Faircloth
PE, Loflin
AHS Class of 2009

Kateland Bunch
Social Studies, AHS
AHS Class of 2006

Graham Groseclose
Science, NAMS
AHS Class of 2008

Laura Andrews
5th grade, McCrary
AHS Class of 2008

Amber Coble
I.A., AHS
AHS Class of 2006

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DAP
Donna Allen
PHOTOGRAPHY

October 2014

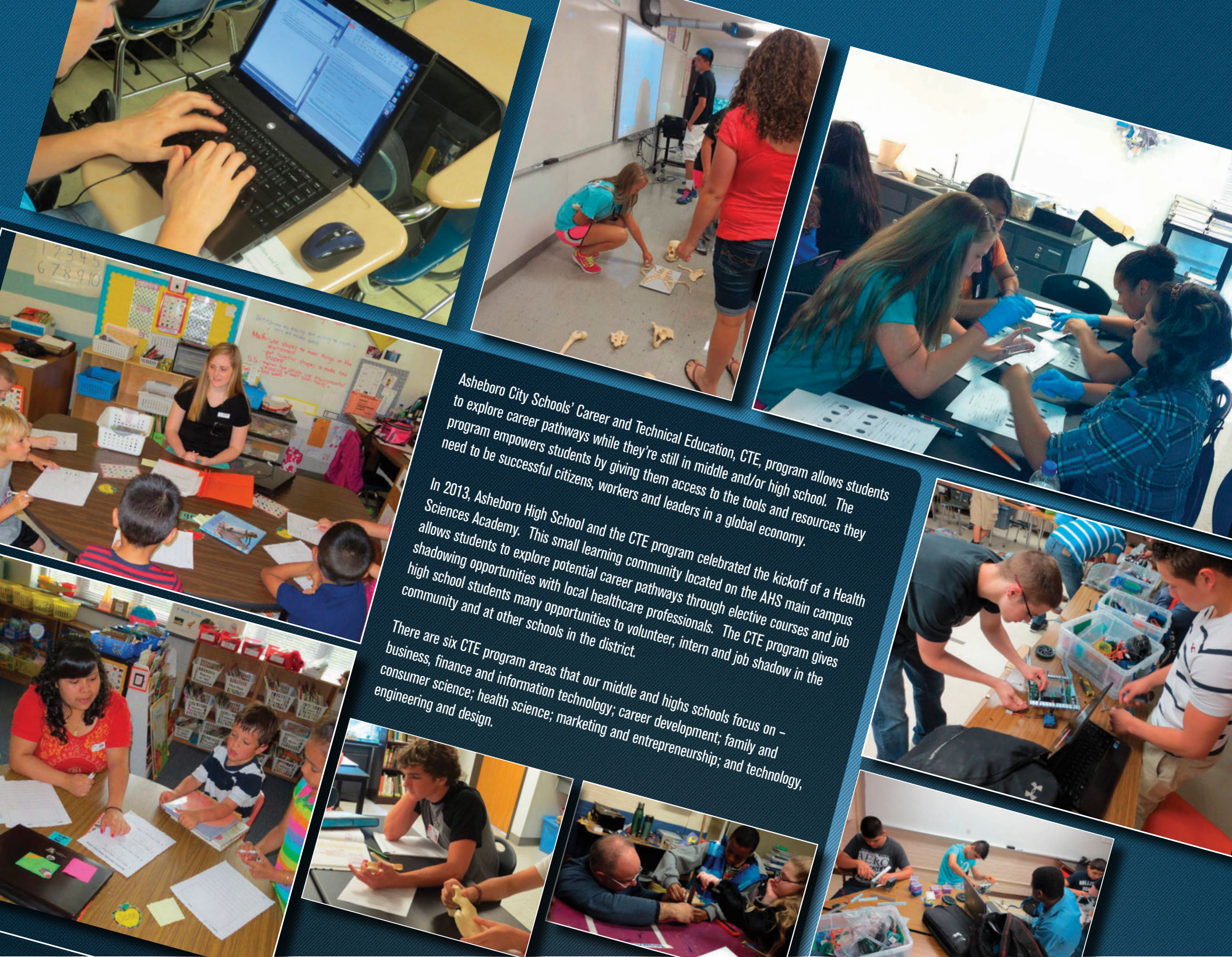
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Teacher Workday No school for students	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	



Our district is proud of its rich cultural arts tradition. Asheboro High School students put on two high-quality drama productions each year – one in the fall and one in the spring. Asheboro City Schools reached an important cultural arts goal this year by extending its staff to include one art, physical education and music teacher per elementary school. Donna Lee Loflin Elementary reinvigorated its A+ School status through the North Carolina Arts Council in 2013. This program gives students and teachers the necessary tools and training to integrate the arts in all classrooms and subjects.

November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Daylight Saving Time Ends	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans Day School Holiday	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Teacher Workday No school for students	27 Thanksgiving Day School Holiday	28 School Holiday	29
30						



Asheboro City Schools' Career and Technical Education, CTE, program allows students to explore career pathways while they're still in middle and/or high school. The program empowers students by giving them access to the tools and resources they need to be successful citizens, workers and leaders in a global economy.

In 2013, Asheboro High School and the CTE program celebrated the kickoff of a Health Sciences Academy. This small learning community located on the AHS main campus allows students to explore potential career pathways through elective courses and job shadowing opportunities with local healthcare professionals. The CTE program gives high school students many opportunities to volunteer, intern and job shadow in the community and at other schools in the district.

There are six CTE program areas that our middle and high schools focus on – business, finance and information technology; career development; family and consumer science; health science; marketing and entrepreneurship; and technology, engineering and design.

December 2014

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 No school for students	23 No school for students	24 Christmas Eve School Holiday	25 Christmas Day School Holiday	26 School Holiday	27
28	29 No school for students	30 No school for students	31 New Year's Eve No school for students			



STRATEGIC PLAN

Planning for Excellence 2013-2016

OUR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1 ENGAGE EACH STUDENT – All teachers will engage each student in meaningful, authentic and rigorous work through the use of innovative instructional practices and supportive technologies that will motivate students to be self-directed and inquisitive learners.

- 21st century skills (4 Cs – communication, collaboration, critical thinking and problem solving, creativity)
- Problem-based learning
- Global awareness
- Safe and nurturing schools

4 CREATE OPPORTUNITIES – ACS will create opportunities for parents, community and business leaders to fulfill their essential roles as actively engaged partners in supporting student achievement and outcomes for student success.

- Parent Academy
- Business, community and higher education partnerships



2 ASSESS FOR LEARNING ACS will develop and implement a comprehensive assessment system that accurately reflects student demonstration and mastery of ACS outcomes for student success.

- Academic proficiency in core curriculum
- Consistent use of performance rubrics

5 BUILD CAPACITY – ACS will develop essential leader, teacher and staff competencies and optimize all resources to achieve the school district's strategic goal and outcomes for student success.

- Professional and leadership development
- Performance evaluation
- Improved staff recruitment and retention processes

3 IMPROVE ACHIEVEMENT – Each school will improve achievement for all students while closing achievement gaps of identified student groups.

- Implement a consistent plan for literacy instruction and assessment across the curriculum (reading, writing, speaking, listening, presenting)
- Implement response to instruction
- Expand learning opportunities before and after school and summer while removing barriers for student participation
- Increase opportunities for acceleration, especially at middle school



January 2015

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

				1 New Year's Day School Holiday	2 Teacher Workday No school for students	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Day School Holiday	20 Teacher Workday No school for students	21 Teacher Workday No school for students	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31