



Monday Musings

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“You will never win if you never begin.”

- Helen Rowland

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Dear Colleagues,

It is mid-August and we find ourselves again at the beginning of another school year. This is my 34th start to a new school year as an educator and I can honestly say that I am just as full of excitement as I was my very first year. I dare say I am more excited! I am so energized by all of the fantastic activities that have occurred this summer. Our employees and students have been involved in numerous creative and exciting learning opportunities. From our 8-day summer program that kicked off the summer to the fabulous STEAM Camp we hosted at the Zoo School for middle and high school students. From our summer reading camp and activities hosted out in the community to the multiple training and professional development opportunities that our employees took advantage of this summer....and so many more!

While we are officially starting the 2015-2016 school year, it feels as if we are already well on our way to a successful year of continuous engagement and growth. This week as we focus on preparing for our students, let us keep in mind that they are the reason we are all here. Let’s begin with purpose and remain focused to give our best to our students, every day.

I am so proud of each of you and am so thankful that you have chosen to be a part of the Asheboro City Schools family.

My best,

Dr. Terry W. Worrell
Superintendent

1) Open House Schedule

Wednesday, August 19

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. AHS Zoo School

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. AHS (10th-12th)

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. NAMS & SAMS (7th & 8th)

Thursday, August 20

9:00 – 11:30 a.m. AHS (9th only)

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. All Elementary Schools (K-5)

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. NAMS & SAMS (6th only)

Monday, August 24

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. ECDC

2) Convocation

Convocation will be held **Friday, August 21** beginning with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. This will be an exciting time to kick off the school year together!

We are excited to welcome our special guest speaker, Mr. Horacio Sanchez, who will be sharing with us on Friday. Mr. Sanchez has merged brain research, science, and practice to create a revolutionary framework for understanding childhood development, disorders, and treatment. He is the author of *A Mentor's Guide to Promoting Resiliency* and *A Brain-Based Approach to Closing the Achievement Gap* and is considered one of the foremost authorities on child and adolescent behavioral disorders and resiliency practice. He has been a teacher, school administrator, clinician, and mental health director and is now the president and CEO of Resiliency, Inc.

During convocation, we will also hear from our 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year, Claudia Rodriguez (NAMS) and our 2014-2015 Apple of Excellence, Jessica Hoffmire (LP).

3) Summer STEAM Camp

In July we hosted a summer S.T.E.A.M. Camp at the Zoo School for middle and high school students. Students had the opportunity to participate in interactive learning activities in the areas of computer programming, technical writing, robotics, outdoor learning, horticulture, product design and development, and more! This camp was a huge success thanks to the hard work of all of the ACS employees and volunteers!



4) Rising Kindergarten Parent Night/Dinner at Balfour

Rising Kindergarten parents and students were invited to a pot luck dinner at Balfour on Thursday, August 13. During this event, parents and students received a tour of the school, learned information about Kindergarten such as staggered days, etc., and had the opportunity to complete transportation requests and free/reduced lunch applications. They were also able to share with each other and get to know other students and families attending Balfour. The purpose was to ease the entry to Kindergarten and help them feel more comfortable with the first day of school for their children. Parents were very appreciative and thankful for the opportunity to learn more about school and facilitate the transition to kindergarten.



5) Bright Ideas Grants

Randolph Electric is currently accepting applications from area educators and principals serving grades K-12 in local schools. Bright Ideas grants provide educators with funding of up to \$2,000 per grant for innovative classroom projects that benefit students and would not otherwise be covered by the school budget. Applications will be accepted through Sept. 18.

The application, grant-writing tips and examples of past winning proposals can be found at www.ncbrightideas.com. If you have specific questions, please have contact Lauren Ingold, Public Relations Coordinator at 336.625.5177, ext. 2338 or via email at Lauren.Ingold@RandolphEMC.com.

6) AHS Athletics This Week (away games denoted in red)

Tuesday, August 18

5:00 PM Girls JV Volleyball Wheatmore High School (Away)

6:00PM Girls Varsity Volleyball Wheatmore High School (Away)

Wednesday, August 19

4:30PM Girls JV Tennis High Point Central High School (Away)

5:00PM Girls JV Volleyball SE Guilford High School (Away)

5:30PM Boys JV Soccer Wheatmore High School (Home)

6:00 PM Girls Varsity Volleyball SE Guilford High School (Away)

7:00 PM Boys Varsity Soccer Wheatmore High School (Home)

Thursday, August 20

5:00PM Girls JV Volleyball North Davidson HS (Away)

6:00PM Girls Varsity Volleyball North Davidson HS (Away)

7:00PM Boys JV Football Randleman High School (Home)

Friday, August 21

7:30PM Boys Varsity Football Randleman High School (Away)

7) Meet Our New Administrators



Mrs. Ann Evans
Assistant Principal
Charles W. McCrary Elementary School

Mrs. Evans previously worked as a high school math teacher at Southeast Guilford High School and Asheboro High School. She was a NC Principal Fellow and completed her internship at Foust Elementary. She is married to Brian and has two sons, Mitchell (2) and Winston (7 mos.). Her favorite snack food is apples.

Who was your favorite teacher/professor and why?

"Dr. Cramer-Benjamin (Niagara University) because he taught me to be a better problem solver by forcing me to "struggle" my way through a math problem. He instilled in me that the "struggle" is good, and that's how we grow and become better. It gave me the confidence to believe that I could solve problems that I originally thought I could not. And it's a lesson that applies to a lot more than math problems!"



Mr. Jordi Roman
Principal
Donna Lee Loflin Elementary School

Mr. Roman previously served as Lead ESL Teacher for Asheboro City Schools, Assistant Principal at NAMS and last year served as Principal at Liberty Elementary. He was born in Caracas, Venezuela and enjoys spending time with his wife, Josie, and children Sammy (13) and Sophia (8). He enjoys cooking and grilling.

What are you most excited about for this year?

"The strong sense of community and the supportive environment we have at Asheboro City Schools."

7) Meet Our New Administrators (Cont.)



Mr. Christopher Tuft
Assistant Principal
Balfour Elementary School

Mr. Tuft previously worked as a third and fourth grade teacher in Guilford and Randolph Counties. He is married to Jennifer and has three children, Christian, Tyler and Haley. His favorite snack food is zebra cakes.

Who was your favorite teacher and why?

"My ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade English teacher Mrs. Leonardo. She had high expectations for us and made us learn what we needed to learn. The way she interacted with you made you want to be the very best that you could be.

What are you most excited about for this year?

"I am most excited about meeting and getting to know all of the students at Balfour."



Ms. Herschelle Watkins
Assistant Principal
Lindley Park / Donna Lee Loflin Elementary Schools

Ms. Watkins previously worked in Guilford County as an Administrative Intern, Teacher Leader and Curriculum Facilitator. She most recently worked for the NC Department of Instruction. Her favorite snack food is "cheese, cheese and more cheese"! She is the proud pet parent of two dogs and a cat (William Shakespeare, Zsa Zsa Gabor and Mona Lisa).

Who is your favorite administrator and why?

"Edwina Monroe because she taught and instilled in me the importance of balance with the job and family/living."

What are you most excited about for this year?

"Growing as a person, leader and educator."