

# MONDAY MUSINGS

## A Bright Beginning

Congratulations on a great first day! Dr. Worrell would like to thank you all for your hard work today - it was a bright beginning to the year. Let's use this first week to set the stage for a successful year.



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## 1) Meet our Beginning Teachers

During the first few weeks of the 2015-2016 school year, we will introduce you to some of our beginning teachers. Please join us in welcoming them to the ACS family!



**Meredith Smith**  
Art/ Balfour

Meredith is a 2002 AHS graduate and received her BA from Elon University. She enjoys singing, acting and reading. She says her biggest influence is her mom because "she always pushes me to be my best and supports me in everything I do!"



**Kelly Toponce**  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade/ Lindley Park

Kelly is from Sacramento, California and received her BS and MS degrees from Pensacola Christian College and a MAT degree from Liberty University. She enjoys reading, choir, traveling and cake decorating. If she wasn't in education she says she would "love to have a bakery and make/decorate cakes!"



**Brittany Ulam**  
Biotechnology / SAMS

Brittany is from Coral Springs, Florida and received a degree from Florida Atlantic University. Her favorite food is Mexican and her dream vacation spot is England because she has family that lives there.



**Crandel Coltrane**  
PE/ Teachey

Crandel is from Asheboro and graduated from UNC - Chapel Hill with a degree in Physical Education. He enjoys playing ultimate Frisbee and hunting. He likes to eat sushi and would like to meet Hugh Jackman to learn "how he gets those blades to come out of his hands." If he wasn't in education he says he would be "a hair care model!"

## 2) ACS Family News

- Condolences to Tommy Price (NAMS) on the loss of his mother.

## 3) Message from Gov. Pat McCrory

Click on the following link to view a message from Governor Pat McCrory to North Carolina teachers:

[https://youtu.be/LtfrNjff\\_Tw](https://youtu.be/LtfrNjff_Tw)

*Note: You may need to view the video in Internet Explorer instead of Google Chrome.*

## 4) Friends of the Library Bookshop Reception

The Friends of the Randolph Library Bookshop is hosting a special reception exclusively for Asheboro City Schools Employees on **Wednesday, September 30 from 3-5 p.m.** At this event, the bookshop will offer a 50% discount to ACS employees on any purchases. Regular prices are as follows:

Hardback books - \$2

Paperback books - \$1

All children's books - \$1

The Friends of the Library bookshop is located at 226 Sunset Ave. in downtown Asheboro. This is a great resource for personal books and books for your classroom!

## 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](http://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](mailto:Lauren.Ingold@RandolphEMC.com).

## 6) Scholar Athletes

The NCHSAA has released the Spring Scholar Athletes for 2015 and 7 out of 8 varsity teams at AHS had a team GPA of 3.1 or greater (unweighted). These teams are:

Baseball

Men's Golf

Men's Lacrosse

Women's Track

Women's Soccer

Softball

Men's Tennis

A total of 116 student athletes were recognized. Congratulations to these students and their coaches and teachers for a job well done.

## 7) AHS Athletics This Week

### Monday, August 24

4:00 p.m. Girls Varsity Golf vs. Central Davidson HS (**Away - at Lexington Golf Club**)

4:30 p.m. Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Central Davidson HS (**Away**)

6:00 p.m. Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Western Alamance HS (Home)

### Tuesday, August 25

5:00 p.m. Girls JV Volleyball at Central Davidson HS (**Away**)

6:00 p.m. Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Central Davidson HS (**Away**)

### Wednesday, August 26

4:30 p.m. Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Southern Guilford HS (Home)

4:30 p.m. Varsity Cross Country vs. High Point Central HS (**Away**)

5:00 p.m. Girls JV Volleyball vs. Providence Grove HS (Home)

5:30 p.m. Boys JV Soccer vs. Southeast Guilford HS (Home)

6:00 p.m. Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Providence Grove HS (Home)

7:00 p.m. Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Southeast Guilford HS (Home)

### Thursday, August 27

5:00 p.m. Girls JV Volleyball vs. Southern Guilford HS (Home)

6:00 p.m. Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Southern Guilford HS (Home)

7:00 p.m. Boys JV Football vs. Wheatmore HS (Home)

### Friday, August 28

7:30 p.m. Boys Varsity Football vs. Wheatmore HS (**Away**)

## 8) SAT/ACT Words

Fortuitous: (adj.) accidental, occurring by a happy chance

Asylum: A place of retreat or security

Expectation: when you expect something to happen

### READING COMPREHENSION:

Annotate: To explain or discuss through a note

### Word of the Week:

Jog Trot: a horse's slow measured trot **OR** a routine habit or course of action