

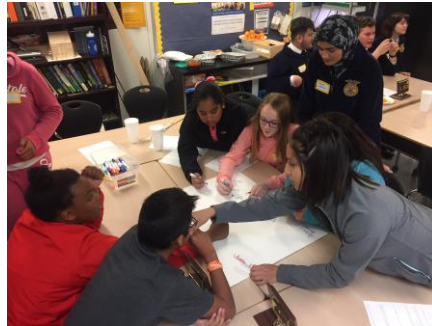
# Monday Musings

December 11, 2017

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## Asheboro Zoo FFA Hosts Middle School Officer Training

On November 30, the Asheboro Zoo FFA officers held the second annual *Middle School Officer Training* for the SAMS and NAMS FFA chapters. During the training, the high school officers mentored the middle school officers, helping them practice public speaking skills and learn their parts in the FFA opening ceremony. They also led a workshop about the importance of setting goals and helped the middle school officers work together as officer teams to set goals for their chapters this year.



Congrats Teachey Tigers; ACS Signature School!



## SAMS Students Teach about Dia de Los Muertos

The SAMS eighth-grade Spanish and Art classes recently collaborated to teach about the Mexican holiday, Día de los Muertos. The meaning of this holiday is wildly mistaken as being the Halloween of Mexico. The eighth grade students were taught the different aspects of the holiday ranging from the Aztec origins to the traditional costumes and festivities that are associated with the holiday. Dia de Los Muertos is actually a time for celebrating the lives of past loved ones in one's family. Students had the opportunity to work together to create 3-D art that represented the holiday.



## NAMS Woof Gang Continues Partnership with RCSPCA

A \$500 grant from the Presnell Foundation has been awarded to the Randolph County SPCA to purchase books for the North Asheboro Woof Gang club. The purpose of the grant is to develop a lending library for the Woof Gang club so they can check out books to read to their younger siblings. RCSPCA believes this a great way to support student-learning in our community. Oral reading has been shown to help with the development of vocabulary and syntax, and to help students develop an appreciation for literature and story. Additionally, middle school students have the opportunity to enhance their reading fluency by reading aloud. RCSPCA selected books that are popular with students, who seemed interested and moved by stories about animal welfare.

## Asheboro DECA Participates in District Competition

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the DECA District IV Competition!

### Top Test Scores

Leah Reid  
Sahar Elahi  
Allyson Russell

### In Sports and Entertainment Marketing:

#### Top Test Scores:

Jonah Hydzik  
Miriam Rico Murguia

### Top Role Play

Andrew Cox  
Leah Reid

#### Top Test Scores:

Will Britt  
Attiyya Muhammad

### Overall Finalists

Leah Reid  
Andrew Cox  
Deisy Sabino

#### Top Role Play:

Emily Jones  
Attiyya Muhammad

### In Principles of Marketing:

#### Top Test Score

Wesley Britt

Second place and Overall Finalist in Quick Service Restaurant Management:  
Attiyya Muhammad

## AHS Student-Athletes Recognized at Fall Sports Banquet

The Fall Sports Awards ceremony was held last week at Asheboro High School. Over 200 students were recognized and honored for their participation in interscholastic athletics during the fall season.

- The Volleyball team was awarded the Mid-Piedmont Conference (MPC) Championship trophy and Megan Banker was named MPC Player of the Year.
- Coaches Karen Blanchard (Volleyball) and Jay Moore (Girls Tennis) were named MPC Coaches of the Year.
- Sixteen student-athletes were named All-Conference in their sports.
- Team awards were presented to 20 student-athletes who distinguished themselves during the season.

## ACS Finishes Strong in Mayor's Fitness Challenge

Congratulations to all sites who participated in the 2017 Mayor's Fitness Challenge! The McCrary Mustangs took home the Mayor's Cup again this year and the Early Childhood Development Center placed first in the competition for preschools! This was the first year all five elementary schools in ACS competed in the challenge! Way to go ACS!



## ACS Holiday Concerts

Ring in the holidays with Asheboro City Schools at our annual holiday performances!

Dec. 11 –SAMS Band Concert, 7:30 pm, AHS PAC

Dec. 12 – NAMS Winter Band Concert, 7:30pm, AHS PAC

Dec. 13 – AHS Band Concert, 7:30pm, AHS PAC

Dec. 19 – NAMS Winter Choral Concert, 6 p.m. NAMS Theatre

Dec. 19 – AHS Jazz and Percussion Concert, 7:30pm, AHS PAC

## AHS Athletics

### Tuesday, December 12

5 PM Girls Junior Varsity Basketball Southern Alamance HS **Away**

6 PM Girls Varsity Basketball Southern Alamance HS **Home**

6:30 PM Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Southern Alamance HS **Away**

7:30 PM Boys Varsity Basketball Southern Alamance HS **Home**

### Wednesday, December 13

7 PM Boys Varsity Wrestling Southern Alamance HS **Home**

### Thursday, December 14

5 PM Girls Junior Varsity Basketball SE Guilford High School **Home**

6 PM Girls Varsity Basketball SE Guilford High School **Away**

6:30 PM Boys Junior Varsity Basketball SE Guilford High School **Home**

7:30 PM Boys Varsity Basketball Southeast Guilford High School **Away**

### Friday, December 15

5 PM Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Eastern Guilford High School **Away**

6 PM Girls Varsity Basketball Eastern Guilford High School **Away**

7:30 PM Boys Varsity Basketball Eastern Guilford High School **Away**

### Saturday, December 16

9 AM Boys Varsity Wrestling Southwestern Randolph High *Cougar Duals at Southwestern Randolph* **Away**

## CenturyLink Grant Opportunities

Funded by CenturyLink's Clarke M. Williams, the Teacher's and Technology program provides classroom grants to help fund projects that advance student success through innovative use of technology.

### A few items to note about the program:

- Applications will be accepted Oct. 1, 2017 – Jan. 12, 2018 (midnight) via the online registration portal:  
<http://www.centurylink.com/teachersandtechnology>
- Grant winners will be announced between April 1 - May 15, 2018
- Grant awards range from \$500-\$5000

## Mental Health First Aid Training

Anyone anywhere can be the one to make a difference in the life of someone with a mental health or substance abuse situation. Youth Mental Health First Aid is an eight-hour course that will help you recognize the signs and symptoms of a mental health crisis. ACS will offer Mental Health First Aid training which is designed to inform and train educators of the methods and practices for assisting students who may find themselves in a mental health crisis or in the early stages of developing a mental health problem. Participants will receive CEU's and a certificate of completion. Spaces are limited. Trainings will be offered January 22 and 23, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Professional Development Center. Email Leslie Smith-Moore to reserve your spot, [lsmithmoore@asheboro.k12.nc.us](mailto:lsmithmoore@asheboro.k12.nc.us).

## Staff Condolences

Please keep the family of Katie Bunch in your thoughts and prayers. Ms. Bunch graduated from Asheboro High School and served as a social studies teacher at AHS. She touched so many lives and will remain in the Asheboro City Schools family forever.