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## Monster Readers Family Night at Teachey

On Monday, October 12, Teachey Elementary hosted a "Monster Readers" Family Reading Night and Book Fair. Students and parents enjoyed a fun-filled night of activities including story sessions, monster "munchies", a monster photo booth, and book fair shopping. Over 300 people were in attendance for this event. Teachey is committed to building a community of readers!

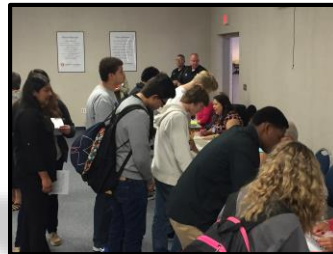


## Superintendent's Reading Challenge!

The Superintendent's Reading Challenge officially kicked off at the Asheboro High School football game on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. During the halftime show, Dr. Worrell was on the field, kicking off the Superintendent's Reading Challenge. The goal for the challenge is to read 100,000 books. "Reading is one of the foundational building blocks for developing sharp cognitive skills," said Dr. Worrell. "We know that by partnering with our students and their families, we can achieve the goal of reading 100,000 books throughout this school year and over the summer. With this challenge, we hope to increase and enhance the love of reading in our students," she added.

## AHS Hosts the Reality Store

AHS held its annual Reality Store in which freshmen are given a taste of reality. Communities In Schools did a wonderful job of gathering people of the community to make this work. People such as Joy Haithcock, Paula Owens, Beth Allen, and Terry Sexton - just to name a few - made this wonderful event happen.

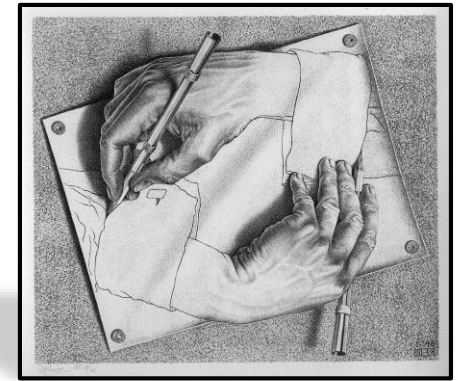


## Congrats Tom Quinn!

Tom Quinn has been recognized for his efforts in building the Second Chance Breakfast program at Asheboro High School. The program began last year and has since grown in leaps and bounds. As of last week, there were an all-time high of 548 Second Chance Breakfasts purchased. For his efforts, Tom has been awarded a USDA Child Nutrition Special recognition for the Second Chance breakfast program in Asheboro. Way to go Tom!

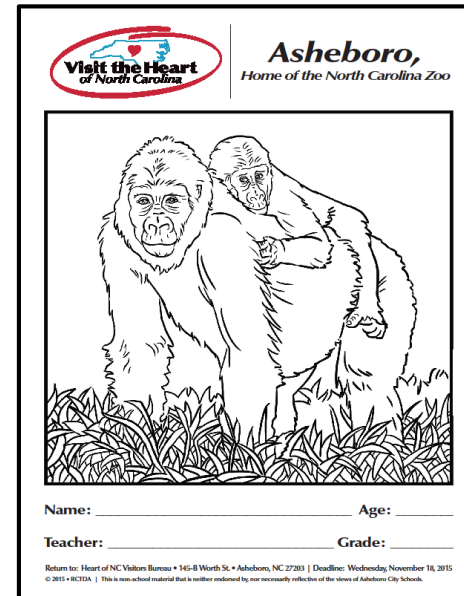
## SAMS Students Visit the NC Museum of Art

179 SAMS students and 26 adults attended a trip to Raleigh to see the works of M.C. Escher at the North Carolina Museum of Art. During the field trip, students were able to connect art with STEM and making it STEAM. They also learned about tessellations, concave and convex shapes, reflections, lithography, printmaking, and MC Escher. Ms. Cope from SAMS wishes to extend a huge thank you to all student sponsors, chaperones, and to her students. She stated they were well-behaved and showed a genuine interest in the art work they saw. "It was truly an 'Art of Collaboration' by everyone involved," said Cope.



## Randolph County Tourism & Development Authority Hosts Contest for 5<sup>th</sup> graders

The Heart of North Carolina is searching out the best coloring artist in your school! Check out the flyer on Peachjar: [Heart of NC Christmas Card Coloring Contest \(Flyer ID: 95794\)](#) The winner of this contest will receive a one-year family pass to the North Carolina Zoo, recognition at the Randolph County Tourism December Board of Directors Meeting, and will have their artwork featured as the Heart of NC Visitors Bureau's 2015 Christmas Card design. All entries are due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Best of luck to ALL students – color on!



## Wonder-filled Wednesdays at Loflin

"Wonder-filled Wednesdays" are happening at Donna Lee Loflin. These after school clubs provide enrichment activities for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. Clubs are sponsored by Loflin staff members. Students have the opportunity to participate in the following clubs: Running, Guitar, Cooking, Yearbook, Legos, Drumming, Reading, Math, and Homework. Currently, 98 students are enjoying the weekly clubs and the yearbook staff photographers are documenting all the fun for the 2015-16 Loflin yearbook!



Seen around...

SAMS Cooking Club



AHS Homecoming Queen



Pink Ribbon Day at Balfour



Gingham the Service Dog at Teachey



NAMS Hosts Police Appreciation Day



Special Olympics Bowling Competition (AHS Students)



## Flu Season and Flu Prevention

Symptoms of the flu will vary from person to person. Below is a list of flu symptoms to be aware of as the season approaches: fever\* or feeling feverish/chills; cough; sore throat; runny or stuffy nose; muscle or body aches; headaches; fatigue (very tired); and some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

To keep you and your family healthy this flu season follow these simple steps.

- Get your flu shot.
- Wash your hands often.
- Stay home if you don't feel well.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.



All those interested in getting the Flu Shot, please mark your calendar for November 5th. Clinics will be held at the Central Office and NAMS from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

## Classes Offered at UNC-Wilmington

[Click here](#) to learn about upcoming professional development classes at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

## PRISM Award Nominations

Teachers and administrators – are you looking for an opportunity to promote innovation in science and math, but you need a little extra cash? Then you should look into submitting a proposal for a PRISM Award. The deadline is December 7. The PRISM Award supports teachers in their efforts to promote excitement for science and mathematics in the classroom. It is open to all public K-12 North Carolina teachers and provides up to \$3,000 to cover the cost of equipment, materials, and supplies to implement hands-on science and mathematics curriculum in the classroom. The award also provides up to an additional \$1,500 for training and professional development related to the implementation of the new materials.

## NC Teacher Working Conditions Survey

For the past 12 years, the North Carolina Teacher Working Conditions Survey has been the microphone used to amplify teachers' voices concerning their schools and districts. NCDPI invites teachers to participate in a contest to create a fresh, new brand that represents how important the teacher's voice is in shaping educational policies and improving working conditions across the state. If you are interested in submitting your idea, please go to <http://ncteachingconditions.org/> for detailed instructions. The winner becomes a featured part of the marketing campaign promoting the survey. **The contest begins Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and ends Monday, November 2, 2015.**

## Apply today for the Fishman Prize

In 2012, the [Fishman Prize for Superlative Classroom Practice](#) was created to celebrate phenomenal teachers of low-income students in a way that hadn't been done before: with a \$25,000 prize and an intensive residency experience with TNTP. In the years since, the prize has gone to 12 outstanding winners. Although the winners and finalists represent diverse backgrounds, teach different subjects and grade levels, and work in urban, suburban, and rural district and charter schools across the country, there is one thing that remains constant about them year after year: Each is driven to improve their instruction and holds a steadfast belief in the potential of their students to achieve anything. These teachers are everything but ordinary—and they know their students are, too.

Today, [applications open for the fifth year of our prize.](#)

## Healthcare Benefits Reminder!

The State Health Plan will conduct Annual Enrollment Oct. 15 – Nov. 18, 2015. To preview the enrollment options, click on this link:

<https://shp.nctreasurer.com/ActiveEmployees/Pages/Annual-Enrollment---Active-Members-and-COBRA-Participants.aspx>.

Information on how to enroll will be sent in the next two weeks.

## AHS Athletics This Week

### Tuesday, November 3

TBA Girls Varsity Volleyball; 5<sup>th</sup> Round of NCHSAA Playoffs

### Wednesday, November 4

TBA Boys Varsity Soccer; 1<sup>st</sup> Round of NCHSAA Playoffs

### Thursday, November 5

7:00PM Boys JV Football AHS v. Central Davidson High School, **Home**

### Friday, November 6

7:30 PM Boys Varsity Football v. Central Davidson High School, **Away**

### Saturday, November 7

TBA Girls Varsity Volleyball; State Championships of NCHSAA Playoffs (in Raleigh)

TBA Boys Varsity Soccer; 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of NCHSAA Playoffs

## SAT/ACT Words

### SAT/ACT WORDS:

Ruddy: having a healthy, reddish color  
Ebullient: boiling; aggravated; showing enthusiasm  
Underwhelm: to fail to impress or stimulate

### READING COMPREHENSION:

Theme: Central idea or message within a body of text.

### Word of the Week:

Pellucid: easy to understand

## Other Events this Week

### Tuesday, November 3

Election Day! It's your civic duty to VOTE!

### Thursday, November 5

Flu shot clinic – ALL DAY and Second Strategic Planning Meeting

## And in other news...

**Mayor's Fitness Challenge Update** – Elementary school standings for the Mayor's Fitness Challenge: McCrary Mustangs: 55,410 steps per student; Balfour Bulldogs: 43,273 steps per student; Teachey Tigers: 42,616 steps per student. Keep up the great work!

**Congratulations** to Jill Hancock at NAMS on the birth of her granddaughter, born Sunday, October 25. Her name is Emma Jo.



Lisa Cheek, Dr. June Atkinson, Jennifer Page and Judy Eubanks attended the NC School Social Worker Association fall conference.



A Spook-tacular BT-1 Gathering!

The NAMS Mustache Fraternity traveled to the Wake Forest football game. They played the University of Louisville.

