

Monday Musings!

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Congratulations to the AHS Girls Volleyball Team!

Congratulations to Coach Blanchard, Assistant Coach Nicole Davis and the Blue Comet Volleyball team on winning the Eastern Regional Championship. They advanced to play in the 3A State Championship game Saturday, November 7 and played against South Iredell at the Raleigh Convention Center. This was the first time any team from AHS has made it to the state championship game since in 1995! Way to go ladies and congratulations on playing such a successful season.



Congrats Boys Soccer Team for Advancing to Playoffs

The Blue Comet Boys Soccer team finished out the season with a 14-5-2 record. The team succeeded in making it to the first round of the NCHSAA 3-A playoffs, but lost to Western Alamance. Asheboro High School was a 15th-seeded, and Western Alamance was No. 18. The team played a strong season and we are very proud of what they accomplished!



AHS Receives Recognition for Second Chance Breakfast

Several NC School Nutrition Programs were recognized with Best Practice Awards from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) at the NC School Nutrition Administrators Conference October 29 in Durham. The purpose of the Best Practice Awards program is to encourage and reward outstanding practices in School Nutrition programs. The following programs included:

USDA Best Practice Awards:

- Farm to School: Stonewall Jackson Youth Development Center
- **Increasing Participation in School Breakfast, School Lunch or Snacks:**
Asheboro High School, Asheboro City Schools
- Increasing Participation in School Breakfast, School Lunch or Snacks:
Edgecombe County Public Schools
- Promoting a Healthy School Environment: Troutman Elementary School, Iredell-Statesville Schools



McCrary Hosts Hispanic Culture Festival

On Thursday, October 22nd, McCrary Elementary hosted its first Hispanic Culture Festival. It was a wonderful evening, with over 400 people in attendance! In the weeks leading up to the festival, students learned about different Hispanic countries, created Hispanic artwork, and learned to sing songs in Spanish. During the festival, parents and students enjoyed many performances, including two traditional dances by the Globe-Trotters, songs by K-1st and 2nd-3rd graders, a storyteller, and a song from our chorus, the Musical Mustangs. There were also piñatas, student research and artwork displayed throughout the school, and a delicious potluck dinner featuring food donated by parents and local restaurants.



...and Red Ribbon Day

And just a week later, McCrary also hosted Red Ribbon Week... Between, October 26 & 30, McCrary celebrated Red Ribbon Week. During the week students participated in a variety of activities and finished the week, "Hand-in-Hand Against Drugs," at the McCrary Super Hero Challenge. Teachers participated in a variety of events as students cheered everyone on. The event finished with everyone dancing!



Balfour Math Fair Students Present at Math Conference

Two students from NAMS were invited to exhibit their project, Bat Moves, at the NCCTM Math Conference in Greensboro on Friday, November 6th. Jenna Graham and Kevin Laur won honorable mention at the state Math Fair last spring while attending Balfour. They shared their project with teachers attending the conference. They answered questions about how the projects are judged, how they became interested in their project idea, and to explain the mathematical concepts they used in their project. Their project showed how bats use math to find their prey. The students plan to create another math fair project this year.



DEADLINE Approaching!

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.

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.

NAMS Students Make Veteran's Day Cards

Through the VetCard Campaign, NAMS 6th & 7th grade students created Veteran's Day cards that will be sent to the residents of the Western North Carolina Veteran's Home in Black Mountain, NC.

Strategic Planning 2016-21 Underway!

Principals, parents, and community leaders have come together to begin outlining goals and objectives the Asheboro City Schools Strategic Plan for 2016-2021. The group has met twice and both times, there have been over 50 community (non-staff) members in attendance. The next and final meeting for the Strategic Plan 2016-2021, will take place on Friday, April 29th in the PDC!



AHS Athletics This Week

Friday, November 13

7:30PM OPEN DATE (1st Round of NCHSAA Playoffs) Home
Admission is \$7, and the only passes that will be allowed will be NCCA (coaches) passes and administrator passes. No reserved sections for this game.

Next week Winter 2015 athletics begin!

Apply Today for the REMC Youth Leadership Award

Randolph Electric Membership Corporation will send one student to Washington, D.C. next summer for **an-all-expense paid trip the week of June 11-17, 2016**. To be eligible, a student must be a current sophomore or junior in high school (does not have to be a member of Randolph EMC). While in Washington, D.C., the REMC delegate joins other electric cooperative representatives from throughout the United States for a week of fun and learning. . Completed applications are due by **December 8th, 2015 (see attached application for more details)**. For additional questions, please contact Lauren Ingold at 336-625-5177 ext. 2338 or at Lauren.Ingold@RandolphEMC.com.

Congrats Wendy Rich

Wendy Rich, Director of Elementary Education with Asheboro City Schools, received the prestigious W.W. Rankin Award for Excellence in Mathematics Education during the annual state conference of the North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCCTM) on November 5, 2015. The Rankin Award is designed to recognize and honor an individual for their outstanding contributions to NCCTM and to mathematics education in the state. The award, named in memory of W. W. Rankin, a Duke University Mathematics professor is the highest honor NCCTM can bestow upon an individual.

And in Other News...

Congratulations to Brittany Ulam, CTE Biotechnology teacher at SAMS, who recently married Robert Bramos!

Congratulations to Jessica Brown, teacher at Lindley Park, who welcomed Kolt Alexander on November 2, 2015. Mommy and baby are both doing well!

SAT/ACT Words

SAT/ACT WORDS:

Confidant: one to whom secrets are entrusted: an intimate friend
Trepid: fearful
Lucullan: lavish; luxury

READING COMPREHENSION:

Evaluate: to assess or gauge something or someone

Word of the Week:

Williwaw: a sudden, violent wind

Other Events this Week

Wednesday, November 11

Veteran's Day Holiday

The Asheboro High School band will be marching in the Veteran's Day Parade, which will take place in downtown Asheboro at 4 p.m.

Thursday, November 12

Asheboro City Schools Board of Education Meeting at 7 p.m. in the PDC

