

# Monday Musings!

Book drive & canned food drive  
at the AHS football game!

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## Three ACS Teachers Receive Bright Ideas Grants from REMC

Randolph Electric Membership Corporation (REMC) awarded grants to Mrs. King from McCrary Elementary, Mrs. Knight from AHS, and Mrs. Cabiness from Loflin Elementary. Bright Ideas grants provide educators with funding of up to \$2,000 per grant for innovative classroom projects that benefit students that would not otherwise be covered by the school budget. This year, the REMC team reviewed over 60 projects and awarded \$10,000 in grant money. They not only serve Asheboro City and Randolph County, they also serve Montgomery and Chatham Counties and several private schools. Congrats to Mrs. King, Mrs. Knight, and Mrs. Cabiness!

## Superintendent's Reading Challenge!

The Superintendent's Reading Challenge will officially kick off at the Asheboro High School football game on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Spectators are encouraged to donate gently used or new books to the game. During the halftime show, Dr. Worrell will be 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.

## ACS Teaching Grant Committee Awards Five Grants

Congratulations to Ms. Olson from NAMS, Ms. Scott and Ms. Dillion from Lindley Park, Ms. Davis from AHS, and the Balfour Team from Balfour Elementary on being the recipients of grants through ACS Teaching Grants. Each project that was submitted aligned with one or more ACS Strategic Planning objectives and one or more NC Essentials Standards. Two evaluations will be conducted during the year to determine the impact of these projects. For more info on these grants, please contact Jennifer Smith. Keep up the great work teachers!



## Globe-Trotters Parent Night at McCrary Elementary

At the first Globe-Trotters Parent Night, Dr. Julie Mendez from UNC-G presented tips for teaching vocabulary words at home. Parents worked together in teams to sort pirate-themed words with their definitions. For another activity, Dr. Mendez and her students acted out a positive interaction for learning new information for a parent and child. At the end of the night, Globe-Trotter students presented their pirate research in digital form. It was a great first meeting for the 2015-2016 school year!



## Balfour Beautification Day

The Balfour PTO sponsored Balfour Beautification Day. On Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, families came together to clear the nature trail of debris and fallen trees. The trail is now safe to walk and be enjoyed by classes and families. Plans are being made to continue Balfour Beautification days with a day to brighten the paint on our nature trail and clear the playground area of rocks and sticks.



## Chevrolet Donates \$500 to Balfour Elementary

On Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Saunders organized a Chevrolet Test Drive Event. The event took place during the Soccer Club time since Chevrolet is sponsoring the Soccer Club. Wayne Thomas Chevrolet in Asheboro brought cars Balfour for participants to drive down the block and back with a salesman from the dealership. The school received \$20 for every parent or teacher that participated in the test drive. Balfour had 25 people test drive, so the school received an additional \$500 from Chevrolet.

## AHS Homecoming Recap

Asheboro High School's Student Council hosted Homecoming Week October 12-16<sup>th</sup>. Spirit week included Character Day on Monday, Blast from the Past on Tuesday, We Wear Pink on Wednesday, Class Code Day on Thursday, and Blue & White Day on Friday. Tons of spirit was seen throughout AHS and three students were picked as the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners for Most Spirited. On Tuesday, the Junior girls defeated the Senior girls in a very well-attended flag football game. The Council was able to raise \$4,700 from this event. Thursday, there was a cookout and bonfire for the student body. Friday held a pep rally and a halftime show at the Homecoming game, where Claire Davidson was crowned the Homecoming Queen. The students capped off the week with a Homecoming Dance in the well-decorated Old Gym.



## SAMS & AHS Coach Berrier Inducted into Southern Alamance Hall of Fame

Athletic director and teacher at South Asheboro Middle School (SAMS), Wes Berrier, has been inducted into the Southern Alamance Hall of Fame based on his accomplishments as a superior student athlete in football and wrestling at Southern Alamance High School. Berrier graduated from Southern Alamance High School in 1986. During his high school career, Berrier earned All-Conference honors five times in football and wrestling. He was named the 1985 Mid-State Defensive Player of the Year in football, and later that same year, he earned a Mid-State Conference championship in wrestling.



## NAMS Students Hear from Speakers Bill Applewhite and Ben Grandon

Students at NAMS heard from two guest speakers on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. The morning speaker was Mr. Bill Applewhite, resident of Asheboro and gardening enthusiast, and the afternoon speaker was North Carolina Cooperative Extension representative, Ben Grandon. Mr. Applewhite and Mr. Grandon spoke to a group seventh graders from Mrs. Holden's class about the importance of agriculture to the state of North Carolina and about the many career opportunities available in the agricultural field.



## Five ACS Students to Sing at NC Music Educator's Conference

Five students from ACS will be singing with the NC Elementary Honors Chorus at NC Music Educator's Conference in November in Winston-Salem. The students are Evie Surratt, Calvin Smith, Josue Escalante and Patrick Piansay from Lindley Park Elementary School and Piper Westhoff from Teachey Elementary School.



## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## AHS Athletics This Week

### Monday, October 26

5:30PM Boys JV Soccer v. Ledford Senior High School **Home**  
6:30 PM Coed RSC Unsung Athlete Award at Snyder Farms  
7:00PM Boys Varsity Soccer v. Ledford Senior High School **Home**

### Tuesday, October 27

TBA Girls Varsity Volleyball OPEN DATE Second Round NCHSAA Playoffs **Home**

### Thursday, October 29

TBA Girls Varsity Volleyball OPEN DATE Third Round NCHSAA Playoffs **Home**  
7:00PM Boys JV Football v. Western Guilford High School **Away**

### Friday, October 30

TBA Girls Varsity Tennis OPEN DATE Individual States **Away**  
7:30 PM Boys Varsity Football v. Western Guilford High School **Senior Night Home**  
*On Friday night as the Blue Comets host Western Guilford, Asheboro High School's Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be holding a canned food drive to benefit the CUOC. In exchange for a donation of non-perishable canned food drive, fans will receive a free box of popcorn. The Blue Comets greatly appreciate any donations that can be made.*

### Saturday, October 31

TBA Girls Varsity Tennis OPEN DATE Individual States **Away**  
TBA Girls Varsity Volleyball OPEN DATE Fourth Round NCHSAA Playoffs **Home**  
10:00 AM Coed Varsity Cross Country OPEN DATE NCHSAA Regionals at McAlpine Park in Charlotte

## And in other news...

- Congratulations to Mr. Kilby at NAMS. He's is a grandfather! Emery Kate Earnhardt-Kilby, was born on Monday, October 19. She weighed 8lb, 2oz and was 22 in. long. Mom and little Emery are doing well. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. "Welcome to the NAMily, Emery!"
- Mr. Nathan Craver, Director of Technology and Innovation recently accepted a position with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, serving as the Digital Teaching and Learning Consultant for Region 5. We are pleased for Mr. Craver and his new opportunity. Our wonderful, technology department will continue to support your technology needs. Mr. Andrew Hurley is the point person in our technology department. Dr. Julie Pack will assist us with instructional technology.
- Effective October 24, 2015, to complete local calls, callers will need to dial the **area code + telephone number**. The change in procedure has to do with the addition of the new 743 area code. All calls – regardless if they are 336 or 743 – will need to include the area code before the number when dialing out.

## SAT/ACT Words

### SAT/ACT WORDS:

**Victual:** food usable by people; supplies of food.  
**Impeccable:** free from fault or blame; flawless  
**Replete:** fully or abundantly fed

### READING COMPREHENSION:

**Illustrate:** Demonstrate; clarify; or explain

### Word of the Week:

**Flimflam:** subject to deception or fraud

## Other Events this Week

### Monday, October 26

United Way Campaign kicks off TODAY!

### Thursday, October 29

Student Led Conferences at Balfour Elementary School (all day)

### Friday, October 30

Superintendent's Reading Challenge kick-off (football game halftime)  
Canned food drive at the AHS Football game