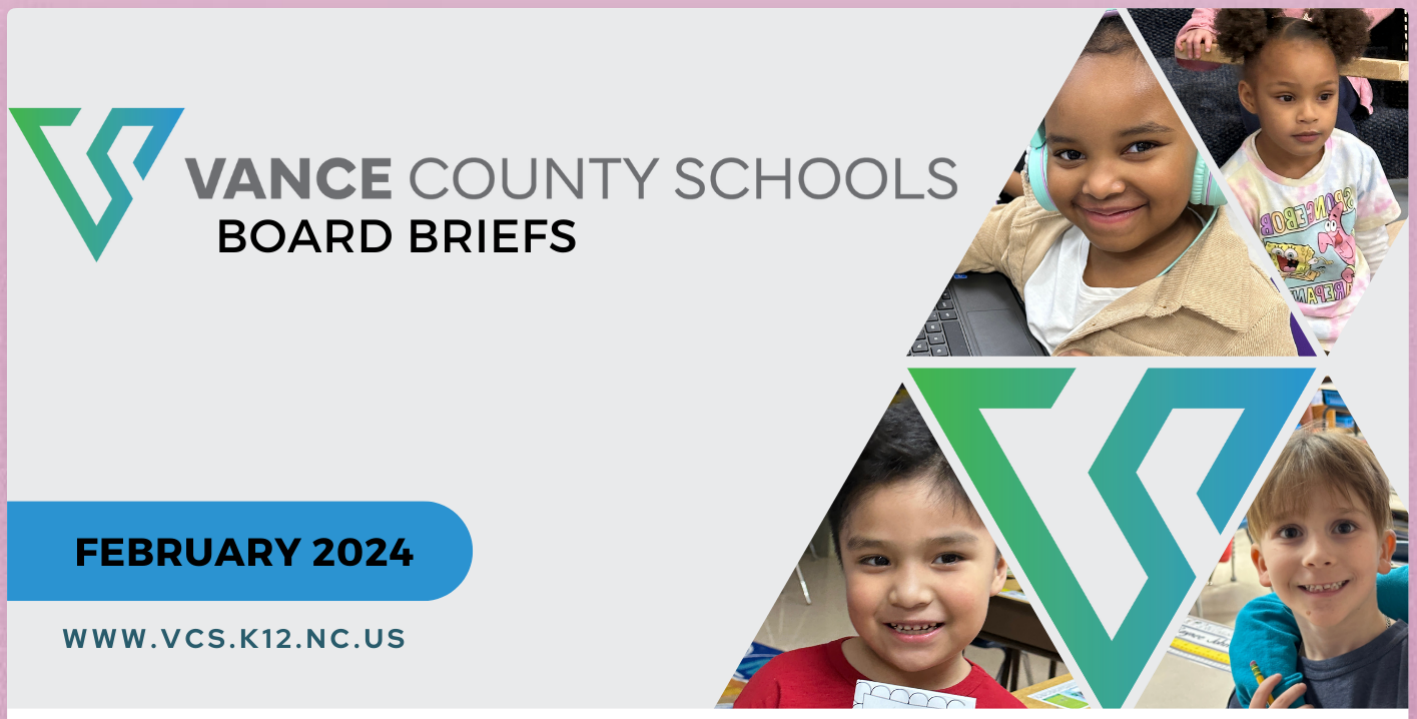


Ceremonial Oath of Office



Ayana Lewis Sworn In to District 4 Seat

The Vance County Board of Education appointed Ayana Lewis to serve in the District 4 Board seat, following the recent resignation of Edward Wilson. Lewis was sworn in at the February Board of

Education meeting by the Honorable Judge Henry Banks.

A Henderson native, she earned her Bachelor of Science from North Carolina Central University and a Master of Arts in Counseling - Clinical Mental Health at Wake Forest University. Co-founder of the Abria Chase Foundation, Inc., Lewis assists families who have experienced traumatic events while providing a support group for parents who have lost children. She has 10 years of banking experience and 19 years in education. She previously served in Vance County Schools as the Assistant Gear Up Coordinator, a bookkeeper, and a 1st-grade teacher.

Beyond her commitment to making a positive impact on students, Lewis has made a difference within the community as well. She was honored as the 2014 Professional Woman of the Year by the Women's Economic Equity Council. Alongside her husband, she received the Healing While Helping Others Award from Greater Works Outreach Ministries, as well as the Community Excellence Award from the Full Effect Church of North Carolina in 2023. Lewis was also presented the Community Service Award from Oxford- Henderson Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Lewis is married to June Lewis and they have five children - Devonte, Micah, Gabriel, along with Abria and Chase who have transitioned to be with the Lord.

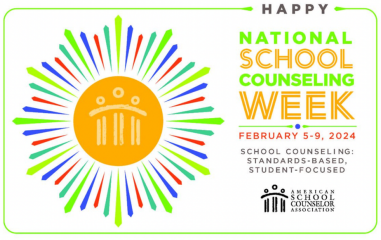






Board Recognitions





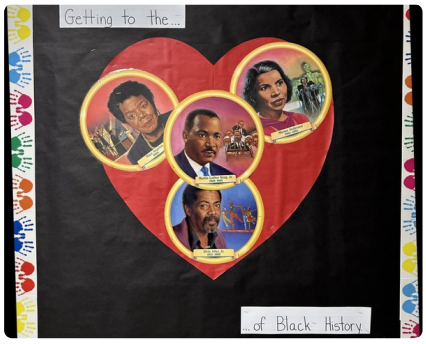
Board Recognizes School Counselors

The Board of Education recognized the work of counselors as part of National Counselor Appreciation week. School Counselor Appreciation Week is a time dedicated to honoring the invaluable contributions of school counselors in nurturing the well-being and success of students. From providing guidance on academic pursuits to offering emotional support and fostering a positive school environment, counselors play a pivotal role in shaping the lives of young learners. Rey Horner, Chief Officer of Student Services, presented VCS counselors with a certificate as a token of gratitude for their dedication, compassion, and commitment to helping students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.



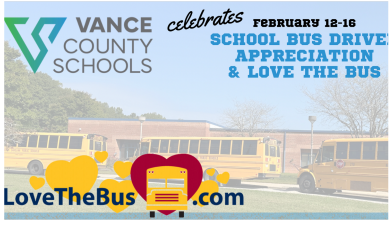
Black History Month Recognized by Board

The Vance County Board of Education honors Black History Month! This February, we honor the rich heritage, remarkable achievements, and enduring contributions of African Americans to our nation's history and culture. Through education, reflection, and celebration, we strive to uplift the voices and experiences of Black individuals who have shaped and continue to inspire our world. Embracing diversity, promoting inclusion, and honoring the legacy of Black leaders, innovators, and trailblazers throughout history is important every day. Our schools have taken part in a variety of events and activities to celebrate Black History Month, which Dr. Tim Hall shared. Together, we are committed to cultivating a community that values and respects the diversity of our past, present, and future.









Board of Education Recognizes Bus Drivers

The Board of Education recognized VCS bus drivers for their continued commitment to the safety of our students. Bus drivers are truly the unsung heroes of the road. From safely transporting our students to fostering a warm and welcoming environment on the journey to and from school, school bus drivers go above and beyond every day. Their dedication, patience, and commitment to student safety ensure that children arrive at school ready to learn

and return home safely. Kevin Perdue, Chief Officer of Operations, expressed gratitude or their tireless efforts and the vital role they play in our communities. Additionally, Perdue, along with Chief Officer of Finance John Suther shared that those bus drivers who had perfect attendance during the last year, as well as those running multiple routes would receive a token of gratitude.

Perfect Attendance Bus Drivers for 2022-2023

- Albert Bullock
- Michael Fowlkes
- Lisa Hargrove
- Fannie Kelly
- Clifton Lewis
- Lisa Mitchell
- Shelia Orr
- Keith Purnell
- Patricia Terry
- Sarah Williams

Perfect Attendance Bus Monitors for 2022-2023

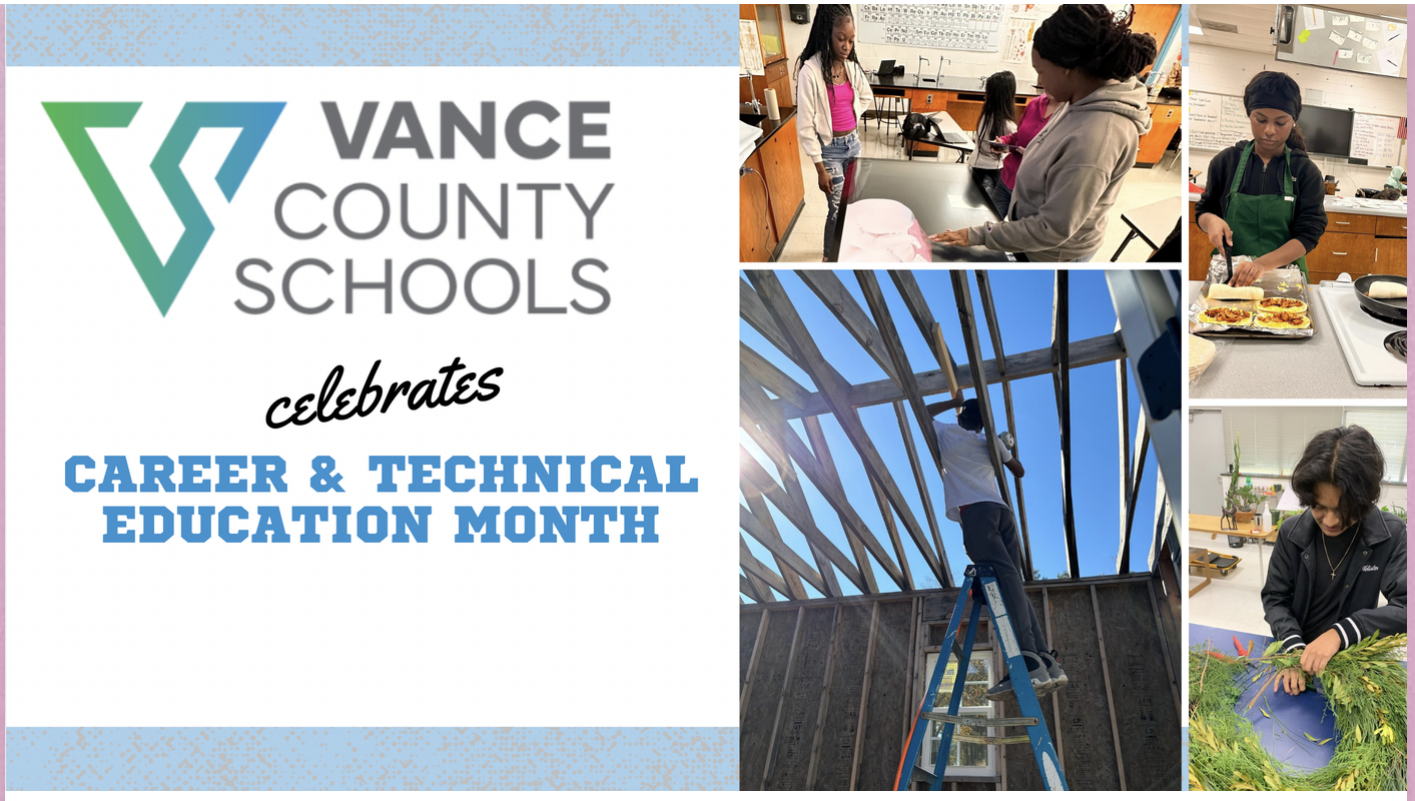
- Geraldine Bullock
- Dorothy Moss

Elementary Double & Triple Route Drivers

- Barbara Davis
- Lisa Hargrove
- Shirley Jones
- Cynthia Peace
- Ester Stutson
- Sarah Williams

Secondary Double & Triple Route Drivers

- Jacqueline Fields
- Carolyn Hargrove
- Jatavious Hunt
- Nakitha Johnson
- Joshua Lewis
- Sheldon "Keith" Purnell



Career & Technical Education Month

The Board of Education recognizes Career & Technical Education month. Throughout February, we celebrate the importance of CTE programs in preparing students for successful careers and lifelong learning. From hands-on experiences to real-world skills development, CTE empowers students to explore diverse career pathways and gain valuable expertise in high-demand industries. Join us in honoring the educators, students, and industry partners who contribute to the success of our CTE programs. Through CTE, VCS is shaping the future workforce and ensuring that every student has the opportunity to achieve their fullest potential. Dr. Destiney Ross-Putney, Chief Officer of Instruction and Innovation, along with Dr. Aretha Garr, Director of Secondary Education and CTE, expressed gratitude for VCS teachers, as well as the opportunities CTE brings to students.



Board of Education recognizes Outstanding Educators

We're thrilled to announce that the Vance County Board of Education has recognized outstanding educators for their remarkable achievements during the 2022-2023 school year! These dedicated professionals have been identified as belonging to the Top 25% of the district and the top 25% of the state for their exceptional performance in test scores. Their hard work, commitment, and dedication to student success have truly set them apart. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to these educators for their outstanding accomplishments and for their unwavering dedication to the students of Vance County. Dr. Jennifer Carraway, Chief Officer of Human Resources, presented a certificate to each of the honorees. Thank you for your continued excellence in shaping the future of our community!

Top 25% in Vance County Schools

- Jovellet Campbell-Scott
- Shanae Reid
- Tassandra Cockburn
- Lillian King
- Analiza Maghanoy

Top 25% in North Carolina

- Sophia McInnes
- Fe McCoy
- Loricia Martin
- Jhaneille Downer

- Tashalie Nelson-Sleugh
- Vanessa Lofters
- Jozette Broughton
- Raegan Ross

Top CTE scores

- Frank Brown
- Tony Lamm

Superintendent's Report



ESSERS Fitness Parks

Chief Officer of Operations, Kevin Perdue, shared that the fitness park installation for each of the elementary schools is underway. Through ESSERS funding, this project provides equitable spaces at each of the elementary schools to participate in outdoor experiences to learn, grow and play. Aarika Sandlin, Chief Officer of Communication and Innovative Support shared that signage will be placed at each of the fitness parks to encourage science, vocabulary and more through physical fitness!













Center for Inovation Updates

Dr. Destiney Ross-Putney, Chief Officer of Instruction and Innovation shared that the Center for Innovation is serving students throughout the district. AIG students visit for enrichment experiences at the elementary and middle school levels. Additionally, Vance Virtual Village Academy has monthly enrichment opportunities.

Monthly AIG Enrichment for elementary and middle school. There are also more specialized group offerings taking place such as Secondary AIG, EC/OCS, ECHS Science Department, and ELL. The staff are currently coordinating summer camp experiences. The audio lab is in full use with teacher and staff podcasting, as well as the student podcast grounds. The video lab is utilized for student broadcasting as well.

SparkNC, through The Innovation Project (TIP) had 26 students enrolled during the fall. They completed 21 different units during that time, with every students earning the District C Teamship credit.







Trusted Learning Environments

The TLE Seal signals that the school system has taken measurable steps to help protect the privacy of student data and demonstrates a strong commitment to measure and improve the organizations privacy practices,

strengthen their effectiveness, and build trust and transparency with parents and other community stakeholders. Marsha Abbott, Chief Officer of Technology shared information about the TLE process.

5 Core Areas of TLE:
Leadership Practice: involve all stakeholder in establishing data privacy procedures regarding the use and governance of student data to inform instruction
Classroom Practice: establish classroom procedures and processes that align with data privacy processes and curriculum goals
Data Security Practice: perform regular audits of data privacy and security practices and publicly detail these measures
Business Practice: establish procedures for software purchases and contracts that comply with data privacy laws and supports innovation
Professional Development Practice: requires school staff to conduct privacy and security training and offer the instruction to all stakeholders.

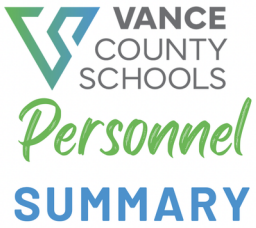
Updated Approval Process - CoSN (Consortium of School Networks) has established a new process with 5 mini seals. Each core practice allows for a mini seal.

Board Business



Action Items by the Board of Education

The Board of Education voted and approved the following:
- Personnel Recommendations
- Purchase of DroneBlocks curriculum and virtual drone simulator
- Acceptance of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023
- Reduction of the Vance County High School student parking fee from $25 to free with no charge for replacement tags
- Amended Budget Resolution #01 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
- Authorization of EM Rollins STEAM Academy Restart recertification application



Personnel

The Board of Education approved 12 employment recommendations. We would like to formally welcome the following: Brittany Campbell-Wilson (Aycock), Deborah Hawley (Pinkston), Jarrad Wilkinson (ASC), Allison Dluzneski (Clarke), Kayla Boyd (Carver/EOY), Bernitia Burwell (New Hope), Abril Bullock (VCHS), Alphonso Collins (VCHS), Ernestine Holden (VCHS), Pierre Perry (VCHS) and Quincy Talley (VCHS). One additional hire, Shawnita Harper (Edgecombe), as a literacy specialist (VCS serves as the fiscal agents for state funding).

The Board accepted resignations for 2, retirement for 1, 2 outside contracted services, 8 VCS contracted services, additional assignments for 18, and transfer/promotions for 5.



Student Transfer Requests

The Vance County Board of Education approved 9 requests to transfer into Vance County Schools and 1 request to transfer out, totaling 10 transfer requests.



Overnight / Out of State Field Trip Approvals

The Board of Education approved travel for Monday, March 25 – Tuesday, March 26, 2024 for STEM Early High School students to travel to Winthrop University Rock Hill, SC. The students qualified for the second round of the Great History Challenge.

Board Meeting Livestream Video

Next BOE Meeting will be March 11, 2024 at 6pm.

All meetings take place at 6pm at VCS Administrative Services Center.

2024 Meeting Schedule
March 11, 2024
April 15, 2024
May 13, 2024
June 17, 2024
July 8, 2024
August 12, 2024
September 9, 2024
October 14, 2024
November 4, 2024
December 9, 2024

2024 Board Meeting Schedule was adopted by the Board of Education on December 11, 2023.

About Us

Vance County Schools, located in Henderson, NC serves students Pre-K through 12th grade, as well as Early College 5th year students. There are 16 schools served in our district.

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