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COUGAR CALL! December, 13th

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Happy Friday Cougar Crew! There is so much good news to share in Asheville City Schools. From the brilliance of our students to the dedication and talent of our educators and staff, our school district is a special place. Before we jump in, let's take a moment to read and reflect on a critical message from Superintendent, Dr. Maggie Fehrman, that impacts us all.



Important Message Addressing Racism from Dr. Maggie Fehrman

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Asheville City Schools Board of Education

REGULAR SESSION: MONDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

Asheville City Schools Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 9th and swore in three new and returning board members. Congratulations to Pepi Acebo, George Seiburg, and Jesse Warren on your swearing in and congratulations to our new Board Chair, Sarah Thornburg and Vice Chair, Rebecca Strimer! The following topics are what our school board discussed during this meeting.

POSSIBLE ACTION/CONSENT ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- Student Releases to Buncombe County 2024-2025 - *Tanya Presha, Director of Enrollment, Student Records and Alumni Relations*
- Contracts / MOUs - *Dr. Kim Dechant, Chief of Staff*
- Policies Second Read
- Fiscal Year 2025 Budget - *Heidi Kerns, Chief Financial Officer*
- Helene Bonus Pay - *Approved*

  The Board passed a measure to provide bonuses to ACS staff members who worked in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene between September 27th and October 12th.
- Fiscal Year 2024 Audit - *Clean Audit Report*

INFORMATION ITEMS

- School Consolidation Study - *Rachael Sawyer, Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Director*
- Superintendent's Report - *Dr. Maggie Fehrman, Superintendent*
- Good News Presentation - *Dr. Kim Dechant, Chief of Staff*

Remember, you can subscribe for board updates via our Diligent platform.

Click here to review the complete agenda



Upcoming Holiday Festivities!

Mark your calendars because our holiday events are here! Remember, that next week kicks off our ACS District-Wide Spirit Week! #CougarCrewCheer!



Sock It To Me Santa Band 5K

Fundraiser

When: Saturday, December 14th, 9:00AM
Where: Asheville Middle School
The Band Program's annual fundraiser is happening this Saturday! Lace up your running shoes and join us to support our middle and high school Band Programs! Every step you take brings us closer to providing our students with incredible musical opportunities, like masterclasses and private lessons. Click the link below to register!

Sock It To Me Santa 5K Registration



Families Together Holiday

Celebration

When: Saturday, December 14th, 11:00AM - 1:00PM
Where: Hall Fletcher Elementary School
Asheville City Schools *Families Together: Holiday Celebration* will take place at Hall Fletcher Elementary and is open to all Asheville City School families! We will have over 500+ hot meals, over 25 artists and vendors, 800 comfort care kits, 1,000 drawstring activity bags not to mention music, crafts, and special giveaways! Don't miss out on the fun festivities the entire family can enjoy!

Families Together Holiday Celebration Volunteer Form

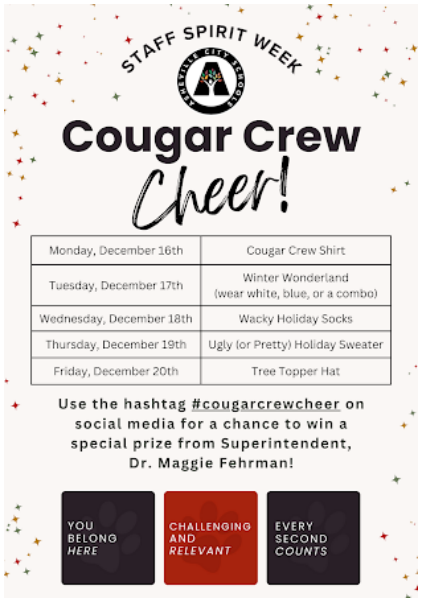


Season of Hope Toy Giveaway

When: Saturday, December 14th, 11:00AM - 3:00PM

Where: Asheville Middle School

Tunnels to Towers Foundation will be hosting a TOY GIVEAWAY this Saturday for students aged 0-14. One toy will be given for each child. This is a great opportunity to receive holiday gifts and connect with our Cougar Community!



Cougar Crew Cheer Begins Next Week!

Let's spread the Cougar Cheer! Beginning on Monday, our district-wide spirit week begins! Staff who participate and post a photo of themselves on social media using the hashtag **#CougarCrewCheer and tag @avlcityschools** enter for a chance for win a special prize from Dr. Fehrman! Candidates who post the hashtag on social media and tag ACS will be entered in a random raffle drawing. Winners will be chosen on Friday, December 20th! Before we break for the holidays, let's have fun and spread Cougar Crew Cheer!

Monday- Wear your Cougar Crew shirt

Tuesday - Winter Wonderland (wear blue and/or white)

Wednesday - Wacky Holiday Socks

Thursday - Ugly or Pretty Holiday Sweater

Friday - Tree Topper Hat



Winter Concert and Ribbon Cutting

When: Monday, December 16th, 6:00PM

Where: Asheville High School Auditorium

Join us to celebrate Asheville High School's newly renovated auditorium and support the musical talents of our band! Permormers will include our 9th Grade Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony and Jazz I & II. We can't wait to see you there!

Remember that you can view events happening at your school and all across our district by viewing 'Calendars' on our website! You can select multiple school locations to see events happening all at the same time. Click the link below to check out the awesome events happening across our district!

ACS School Calendars



Congratulations Ms. Bates!

ASHEVILLE HIGH AND SILSA CAFETERIA MANAGER

Thanks to the leadership of Ms. Keva Bates, the Asheville High and SILSA Nutrition Team achieved a perfect 100% health sanitation score! Congratulations to our Cafeteria Cougar Crew for their diligence and commitment to serving our students healthy meals in a clean environment. We are incredibly grateful for their dedication to providing nutritious meals that keep our students energized and focused throughout the day.



This week was Computer Science Education Week! Our amazing educators and digital lead teachers engaged students in cutting-edge technologies that support learning and growth in today's modern world. At Asheville Middle School, students interacted with VR (virtual reality) technology, enhanced their coding skills using Scratch, explored an augmented reality sandbox that displayed an ever-changing topographic map, discovered new music technologies, and operated small programmable Sphero Robots. K-5 students across all elementary schools learned the building blocks of coding on iPads and accessed online read aloud activities. Thank you educators, for supporting our students learning and exposing them to different types of technology and career paths through computer science!



TAPAS Residencies at Isaac Dickson Elementary

TAPAS (Teaching Artists Presenting in Asheville Schools), a program of the Asheville City Schools Foundation, has hosted two successful artist residencies at Isaac Dickson Elementary! Kindergarten teacher, Ms. Nikki Bush was selected as a TAPAS grant recipient and invited artist Ona Armstrong into her classroom. Students made pinch-pot pottery and learned about Cherokee Native American culture. Preschool teacher, Ms. Elisa Klingel also was awarded a TAPAS grant and hosted world-renown storyteller, David Novak. Through singing songs like the 'Isty Bitsy Spider' and developing characters like 'the wind', 'the sun', and 'the man', preschool students learned about the power of perseverance and resilience. Thank you, Asheville City Schools Foundation for making experiences like these possible for our students. Congratulations Nikki Bush and Elisa Klingel, on being TAPAS grant awardees! For more information about the Asheville City Schools Foundation and the amazing programs they offer, please click the link below.

Asheville City Schools Foundation



Asheville Go Local Cards

The gift that keeps on giving! Go Local Asheville's 2025 Go Local Card is available! For just $25, the Go Local Card will give you access to discounts and deals at hundreds of businesses across Asheville and Western North Carolina. Funds from Go Local directly support our students and educators. Since the program began in 2015, **Asheville City Schools has received nearly $275,000**! You can purchase a Go Local Card online by clicking the link below.

2025 Go Local Asheville





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