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COUGAR CALL! Friday, January 10th

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Happy New Year, Cougars! We are thrilled to be back in the classroom and eager to embrace the exciting opportunities that lie ahead in the new year. There are so many wonderful things happening across Asheville City Schools, let's jump in!



Congratulations, Coach Vette!

ASHEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM COURT DEDICATION

Asheville High School recently made history by dedicating its newly renovated gymnasium floor to Coach Vette, (Sonita Warren-Dixon), who is a true legend in Cougar Athletics. Coach Vette, the first Black woman to serve as Athletic Director in Western North Carolina, has dedicated 34 years of service to Asheville City Schools, impacting countless student-athletes through her coaching and leadership. As a coach of basketball, volleyball, track, field hockey, and softball, she has instilled a strong work ethic, sportsmanship, and a love for the game in generations of Cougars. This special dedication celebrates Coach Vette's remarkable career and her invaluable contributions to the success of Asheville City Schools.

Thank you, Coach Vette, for your years of service and for making every second count, both on, and off the court. GO COUGARS!



College and Career Scholarship Applications

A bright future awaits! **The Asheville City Schools Foundation College and Career Scholarships Application is now OPEN!** Seniors can apply now through February 17th and will need to have completed their FAFSA form to apply. For more information, click the link below.

ASHEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIPS



School Board Appreciation Month

This January, we join communities across the nation in recognizing the vital role our school board plays in the success of Asheville City Schools. Their leadership and unwavering commitment have made a significant impact on our students, teachers, and staff. We extend our deepest gratitude for their tireless efforts, insightful guidance, and unwavering support.

THANK YOU
ASHEVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD

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AMS 8th Grade Fundraiser and Benefit Show

Asheville Middle School's 8th Grade Auction is LIVE! All proceeds from is auction will directly support our 8th grade students, helping to fund their educational trip to Washington D.C. This year's auction items feature an exclusive selection of music related items including signed vinyl records, concert posters, t-shirts, hats, and unique merchandise bundles from both nationally recognized and local artists. To check out the auction and donate, click the link below!

Asheville Middle School 8th Grade Auction

This auction runs in conjunction with **Coverfest IV: A Benefit for Asheville Middle School**, a community-centered concert on **January 19th, 2024**, at **The Grey Eagle**. This popular event will feature 10 local bands performing cover songs, creating a fun and vibrant atmosphere for all attendees. Proceeds from Coverfest IV will also benefit the Washington, D.C. trip, ensuring that *every* 8th-grade student can participate in this enriching experience. Get your tickets today by clicking the link below!



Coverfest IV: A Benefit for Asheville Middle



Clawsome Cougar Awards!

Our Cougar Crew is the heart of Asheville City Schools, collaborating with students and families to ensure that every child thrives and reaches their full potential. We want to celebrate their dedication by recognizing staff who exemplify our Three Promises: *Creating a Sense of Belonging, Engaging in Challenging Learning, and Making Every Second Count.* Nominate a deserving staff member today!

Click Here to Nominate a Clawsome Cougar



TAPAS Educator Application is Open!

The Asheville City Schools Foundation's TAPAS (Teaching Artists Presenting in Asheville Schools) Educator Application has re-opened! Bring an artist residency to your classroom. Dive into an array of artist residencies and exciting field trips to local studios and museums. Click the link below to learn more.

TAPAS Educator Application



Enrollment Events and School Open Houses

We have several School Open Houses and Enrollment Events coming up! Now is the perfect time for children enrolling in Kindergarten, or rising middle and high schoolers to come learn about our amazing schools and the unique learning experiences they each offer. The following dates are our next open house events, each paired with a potential make-up day if inclement weather persists.

Remember, You Belong in Asheville City Schools!



Tour Dates	School	Time
Tuesday, January 14, 2025	Ira B. Jones Elementary	5:30pm-7:00pm
Tuesday, January 14, 2025	Asheville Middle School	5:30pm-7:00pm
Wednesday, January 15, 2025	Hall Fletcher Elementary	5:30pm-7:00pm
Thursday, January 16, 2025	Claxton Elementary	5:30pm-7:00pm
Tuesday, January 21, 2025	Lucy S. Herring Elementary	5:30pm-7:00pm
Wednesday, January 22, 2025	Isaac Dickson Elementary	5:30pm-7:00pm
Saturday, January 25th, 2025	Asheville High/SILSA	10:00am - 12:00pm

Inclement Weather Tour Make-Up Dates

Saturday, February 1, 2025	Asheville High/SILSA	10:00am - 12:00pm
Tuesday, February 4, 2025	Hall Fletcher Elementary	5:30pm-7:00pm
Wednesday, February 5, 2025	Ira B. Jones Elementary	5:30pm-7:00pm
Thursday, February 6, 2025	Claxton Elementary	5:30pm-7:00pm
Tuesday, February 11, 2025	Asheville Middle School	5:30pm-7:00pm
Tuesday, February 18, 2025	Lucy S. Herring Elementary	5:30pm-7:00pm
Wednesday, February 19, 2025	Isaac Dickson Elementary	5:30pm-7:00pm



Thank you, Meadowlark Elementary School

Planting seeds of kindness! We want to extend a huge thank you to Meadowlark Elementary School from Erie, Colorado, for organizing a fundraiser to support our district in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Their seed sale raised over $1,800 for Asheville City Schools and their 'To NC With Love' postcards spread encouragement throughout our district. This inspiring act reminds us of the power of community support, even from afar. Let's carry this spirit of gratitude and caring for our neighbors into the new year.

Thanks for reading, Cougars! We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

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