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COUGAR CALL! Friday, November 1st

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Happy Friday, Cougars! We are thrilled to share with you the amazing things happening across our district. It has been truly inspiring to see our Cougar Crew come together. Students, staff, families, community partners, and volunteers from both near and far have all pitched in to play a vital role in our community's recovery and school reopening. THANK YOU!

Message from Superintendent, Dr. Maggie Fehrman





Board of Education Work Session

Asheville City Schools Board of Education will hold a Work Session on Monday, November 4, beginning at 5:00pm. Click the link below to review the agenda and attend in person or watch the livestream. Remember that you can subscribe for Board of Education updates via Diligent. Click the link below to subscribe or view the agenda.

Asheville City Schools Board of Education



Open Enrollment for 2025-2026 School Year!

We are so excited for our upcoming enrollment events happening this month. We are kicking off ACS Enrollment with our Elementary Magnet Information Night next Thursday, November 7, at Asheville Middle School. Open enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year will begin Monday, December 2, and close on Friday, February 28. The November 7th event is an opportunity for new families to come and learn about our schools and all the programs we have to offer. Please help spread the word that open enrollment starts early this year.



Welcome Back, Cougars!

It has been an incredible first week back to school! The smiles, hugs, and laughter have filled out hearts with joy. We are so happy to be reunited with our students and staff after nearly a month of being out of school. ACS Leadership has worked around the clock to make reopening possible. Let's get back to learning and growing together as a Cougar Crew!



Community Resource Center

Our Community Resource Center at William Randolph has been a source of inspiration and support for our entire community in the wake of Hurricane Helene. We have had over 1,000 families receive supplies and over 300 volunteers. Donations have come through on 18 wheeler trucks and from hundreds of miles away. Our students, staff, and parents have volunteered, donated supplies and received relief. We are proud to say that our Community Resource Center will be open throughout the year to provide long-term support for students and staff. Our Cougar Crew is welcome and encouraged to stock up on any household items they need. Additionally, thanks to a huge donation from Apex High School, we have classroom materials and school supplies. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has donated and volunteered their time. We are a Cougar Crew and when we work together, we can accomplish anything!



Therapy Dog Visits

Our students and staff were greeted with the most adorable service dogs and service puppies-in-training for two weeks in a row! Seeing and petting these beautiful animals has brought our Cougar Community an extra dose of joy and comfort. Thank you, Hope Animal-Assisted Crisis Response and Asheville Police Department for coordinating this special Asheville City Schools Puppy Tour.



Brookfield vs. Bethel Football Game

We cannot thank the student leaders and athletes from Brookfield and Bethel High School enough! The Brookfield Bobcats played their rival, the Bethel Wildcats last Friday in Connecticut and they were competing to see which team could raise the most money for Hurricane relief at Asheville High School. In solidarity with our rival teams, the Asheville City Schools Foundation split this generous donation with our peers at North Buncombe and Owen High School through the Buncombe County Schools Foundation. We are overwhelmed with the amount of support pouring in from near and far for our beloved region of Western North Carolina.



The Teddy Bear Project

Kindergarteners at Ira B. Jones were greeted with special teddy bears, one at each seat, who carried with them an encouraging message written by another child from far away. Volunteers from the Teddy Bear Project organized to deliver teddy bears and stuffed animals to Asheville City Schools and we could not thank them enough for making our youngest learners first-day-back-to-school so warm and fuzzy. The handwritten messages on these teddy bears came from K-12 students in Vermont and Raleigh, NC. This international organization travels around the world delivering teddy bears and notes of encouragement to children in disaster areas and we are the second location they have visited in the United States. Thank you, Teddy Bear Project for sending so much love and hope to our students as they return to school. To learn more about their amazing work, click the link below.

Teddy Bear Project

Thank you Cougar Crew for making this first week back to school a huge success!


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