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Teddy Bear Clinic



Apr. 7 - Apr. 11, 2025



On Thursday, kindergartners from Ocean Bay Elementary visited AAST for the spring Teddy Bear Clinic! The Pre-Medicine major taught the kindergartners how to treat their teddy bears with kindness and maintain the best health and safety practices. Thank you to those who helped make this wonderful event possible!



Upcoming Events



**CYBERPATRIOT
COMPETITION**
APRIL 12

HCS TECH FAIR
APRIL 16

TEDDY BEAR CLINIC
APRIL 10 AND 17

SIDEWALK CHALK DAY
APRIL 17

AAST SPRING GALA
MAY 2

SENIOR EXAMS
MAY 19, 20

NEW JUNIOR ORIENTATION
MAY 20

SENIOR DAY
MAY 22

SENIOR AWARDS
MAY 22

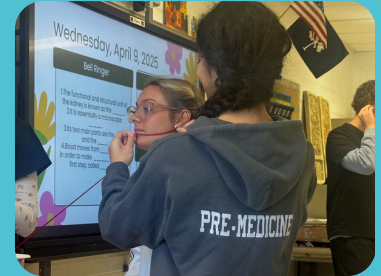
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MAY 27

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JUNE 3

JUNIOR EXAMS
JUNE 5, 6

Measuring the Gastrointestinal System

Mrs. Fletcher's Health Science 3 students had a blast exploring the human digestive system through a hands-on lab where they measured and cut yarn to represent each organ's length—from the mouth to the intestines. By the end of the activity, they were amazed to see just how long their digestive system really is when stretched out from end to end!



National Library Week



This week at AAST, for National Library Week, we celebrated three of our behind-the-scenes superheroes!

A huge THANK YOU to our amazing Media Specialist, Michael Easler, who instills a love of reading in our students and is our building expert on research. He keeps our AAST family informed by running our website, social media accounts, and newsletters. Mr. Easler is also a talented digital artist and helps create many of our publications. We also recognized our dedicated Media Aide, Ms. Kim Perry who ensures our library is welcoming and engaging year round, and our incredible Tech Support guru, Ms. Sarah Arthur, for everything she does to keep our devices functioning properly.

From sparking curiosity in our library to solving tech hiccups with a smile — we appreciate our media team more than words can say!

PACE Information Meeting

Students who have NOT taken PACE courses before and would like to do so during the 2025-26 school year should attend a PACE meeting on April 15th at 5:30 pm. in the community room. Please see your school counselor for more information.

National Assistant Principals Week



National Assistant Principals Week (AP Week) is April 7-11, 2025. Ms. Reiss tirelessly supports teachers, students, staff, and our families. She easily tackles unpredictable challenges with optimism and resilience. Her intelligence, diligence, and kindness shine through in her work; her dedication to excellence is evident in all that she does. We are lucky to have a leader like Ms. Reiss at AAST!

**New HCS
Electronic
Device
Policy**

**Please review
the AAST
Student
Handbook
linked below:
AAST Student
Handbook**



Click the links below to learn more about AAST's plans to keep our koi safe!
[Standard Response Protocol for Parents \(English\)](#)
[Standard Response Protocol for Parents \(Spanish\)](#)
[School Safety Poster](#)

Count Down, Don't Meltdown



SNHS Pulsera Project



Spanish National Honor Society students sold handmade bracelets as part of the Pulsera Project on Friday!

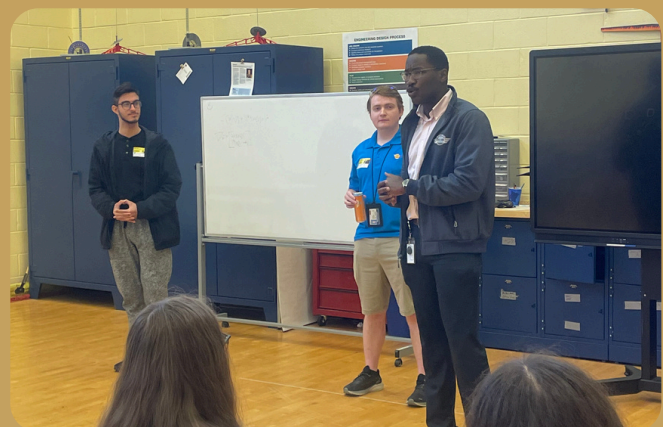
Waccamaw River Poster Competition



Congratulations, to our Web and Digital and Environmental Engineering and Clean Energy Students for their recognition and awards in the Waccamaw River poster competition.

This week, Mrs. Lewis' Public Health and Behavioral Health classes traveled to CCU. They attended Count Down, Don't Meltdown which focused on managing stress and supporting mental health as high school and college students gear up for finals. Students created stress balls and calming essential oil blends and explored mental wellness strategies. They also took part in a data walk led by the SC Department of Public Health. Students learned about key health issues affecting Horry County and explored real data behind each topic.

Guest Speaker: UG Osuocha, Myrtle Beach Academy of Aviation



UG Osuocha of Myrtle Beach Academy of Aviation and AAST Alumni Avishai Mishkin spoke to the seniors in Aerospace Engineering about careers in piloting and the pathway towards earning the various flight certificates. Students must start with the ground school and flight lessons, earn a private pilot's license, instrument rating, then a commercial license.

HTC REEL Kid



Solomon Riedel was recognized as one of more than 80 REEL Kids during the 25th anniversary celebration of the HTC-sponsored REEL Kids ceremony. Honorees, along with their families and the teachers who nominated them, enjoyed a special lunch and a private show at Medieval Times. To conclude the event, each REEL Kid received a generous gift—an Apple iPad, courtesy of HTC. Congratulations, Solomon!

AAST Pollinator Garden



Environmental Engineering juniors weeded and added soil to our wildlife habitat. We planted native Passion Flower (host plant to the Gulf Fritillary Butterfly) and Blanket Flower. Stay tuned for more natives as we expand our Pollinator Garden!

A grid of book covers for the Battle of the Books. The books include: 1984 by George Orwell, Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle, Girl Stolen by April Henry, Andy Weir's Hail Mary, The Book Jumper, The Watch, 90 Miles to Havana, Brigid Kemmerer's Defy Night, Marie Perle's Legend, Queen Bee, The Last Cuentista, and When We Were Lost.

DO YOU LOVE TO READ? JOIN THE 25-26 HCS BATTLE OF THE BOOKS!

An illustration of a boy and a girl sitting and reading books. The boy is on the left, wearing a green sweater, and the girl is on the right, wearing a pink sweater.

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