Ashe County Schools

WEEKLY UPDATE

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BRES 4th graders on a visit to the Vulcan Rock Quarry and Kaleideum Museum in Winston.

WEEK ENDING **19** **APRIL**

Important Upcoming Dates

- **April 22** - Dancing Drum Performances, MVES 8:30 and 9:45 a.m.
- **April 23 & 25** - ACMS Rising 7th Grade Family Nights
- **April 23** - BRES Kindergarten Screening
- **April 24 - Special Olympics ACHS 8:30 a.m.**
- **April 24** - WWES Kindergarten Screening
- **April 24** - Administrative Professionals Day
- **April 25** - MVES Kindergarten Screening
- **April 26** - Early Dismissal; Required teacher work day

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Hunt Institute ElevateNC Cohort 4



Superintendent Dr. Eisa Cox, Commissioner Todd McNeill, and Dr. Caleb Marsh, Dean - WCC Ashe Campus, particiapted in the bipartsan Hunt Institute ElevateNC year-long cohort with leaders across NC to engage in rich discussions and planning around policy and practices to increase pathways to postsecondary success for all students.

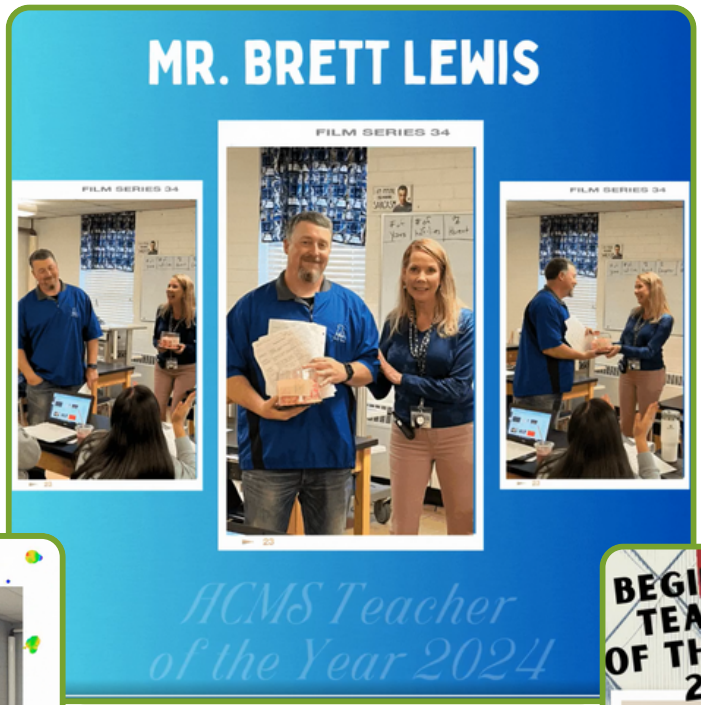
Special Future Events

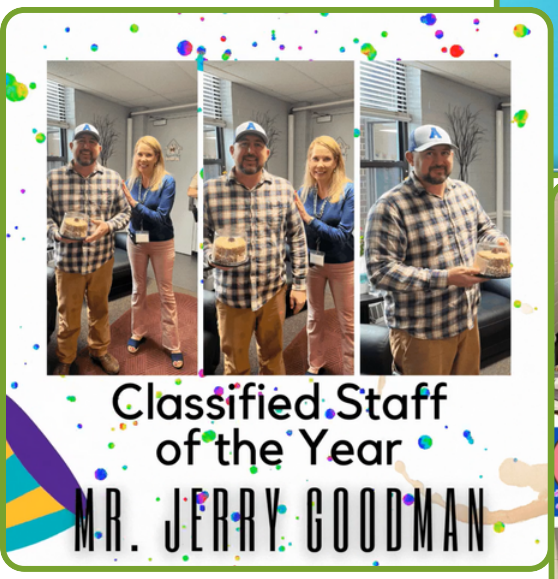
- **Monday, May 20** - Joint BOE and Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:00 a.m. Poe Hall - Budget
- **Monday, May 20** - Groundbreaking for new turf/track - details TBD
- **Tuesday, May 21** - 1st Annual Ashe County Schools Best of the Best Awards & Dinner to honor our top 2024 graduates from Ashe County High School and Ashe County Early College High School.
- **Wednesday, June 26th** at 9:00 a.m BOE June Budget Meeting
- **Thursday, July 25, 2024**, Endowment Fund Golf Tournament - Mountain Aire



Staff Shout Outs

Congratulations to these Ashe County Middle School winning teachers and staff, pictured with Principal Dr. Susan Mochen.









Coming Up ...

Mark your calendar for the annual Endowment Fund Golf Tournament, to be held at Mountain Aire Golf Course in July.





Helping our Neighbors

Give Blood, Save Lives

On **April 29, 2024, from 1-6 pm**, Westwood Elementary is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive to honor the memory of beloved Principal Jennifer Holden.

You can call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit **RedCrossBlood.org** and enter the sponsor keyword "Westwood" to make an appointment.

Please make appointments by April 20th, 2024. If you have any questions or need help making an appointment, please contact Libby Matheson at 336-649-8210.





Reminder: Endowment Fund Grant Applications Due May 3

Teachers, click **HERE** for information and the grant application. The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. on **May 3, 2024!**

Email applications to **rhonda.smith@ashe.k12.nc.us**. Or send through school mail or hand deliver to her at the Central Support Services office.

LETRS Update

“We have reached the halfway point of Unit 4 and 8,” said K-5 Curriculum Coordinator Casey Smith. “Teachers, take a moment to log into your accounts and check on your progress. It's much easier to stay on pace than to catch up.”

Smith and Early Literacy Specialist Stephanie Baker would love to highlight some of the amazing work teachers are doing in their classrooms for the NC Literacy Engagement Showcase. Please reach out to **stephanie.baker@ashe.k12.nc.us** if you have something in particular you would like to showcase from your classroom instruction.

Practice makes PROGRESS

Find helpful resources and ELA textbook adoption info at the link below.

Current LETRS newsletter

Yard Sale for Ashe Early College

Mark your calendar for the April 27 yard sale being held at Ashe Family Healthcare from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

All proceeds will go to the AEC PTSO. If you want to reserve a spot or two for $20 each, please reach out to Laura McClure for more info: **laura.mcclure@hotmail.com**.



School Highlights - AELC

In the last two weeks, pre-K students at Ashe Early Learning Center have enjoyed many kindergarten transition activities — including site visits to the different elementary schools.







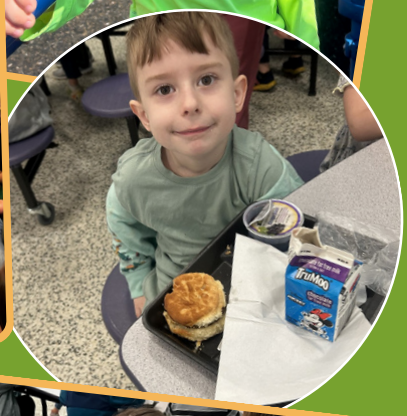
There were lots of smiles, from meals and classroom time to recess activities.











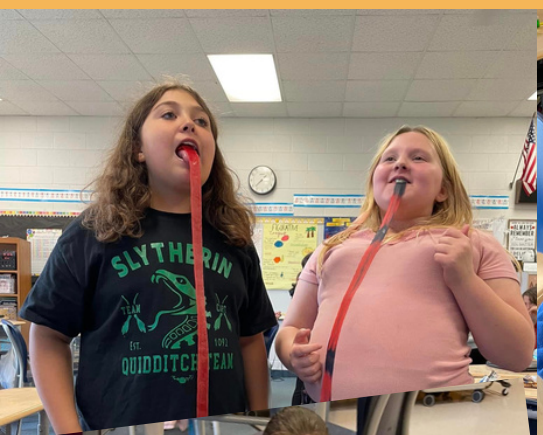


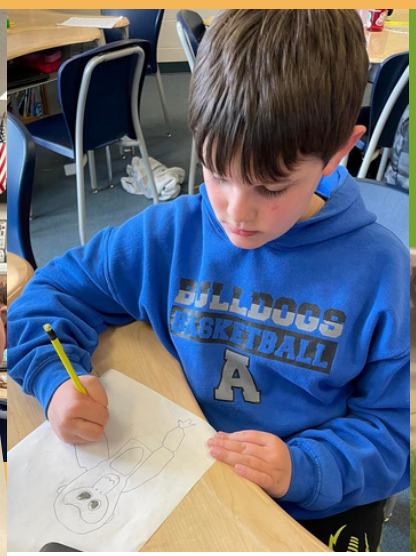
On book character day, students weren't the only ones who really got into the spirit!





School Highlights - BRES





The April 8 eclipse was an event students will remember — from class projects to witnessing it firsthand.







Arts & Crafts Club 4th graders made friendship bracelets, did drawing tutorials, origami, and played Just Dance!









Despite the rain delay, 2nd graders had a great time at the Hickory Crawdad's baseball game. They're studying the history of baseball and learning about Jackie Robinson in class.

School Highlights - BRES











At the Vulcan Rock Quarry and Kaleideum Museum in Winston, 4th graders had a blast exploring the different hands-on rooms and stations and learning about the uses of rocks.

Back at school, 3rd and 4th grade Science Club learned about soluble liquids.

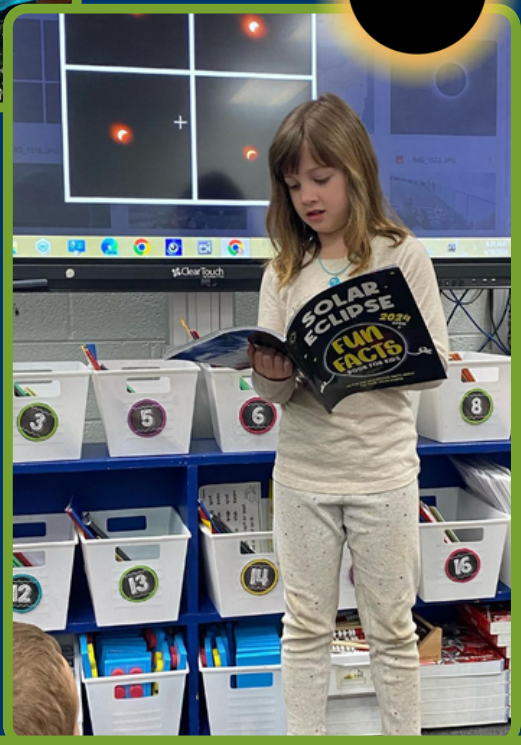


School Highlights - MVES





A 1st grader in Mrs. Goodman's class viewed the April 8th eclipse in the path of totality. After returning, she shared the excitement with her class.





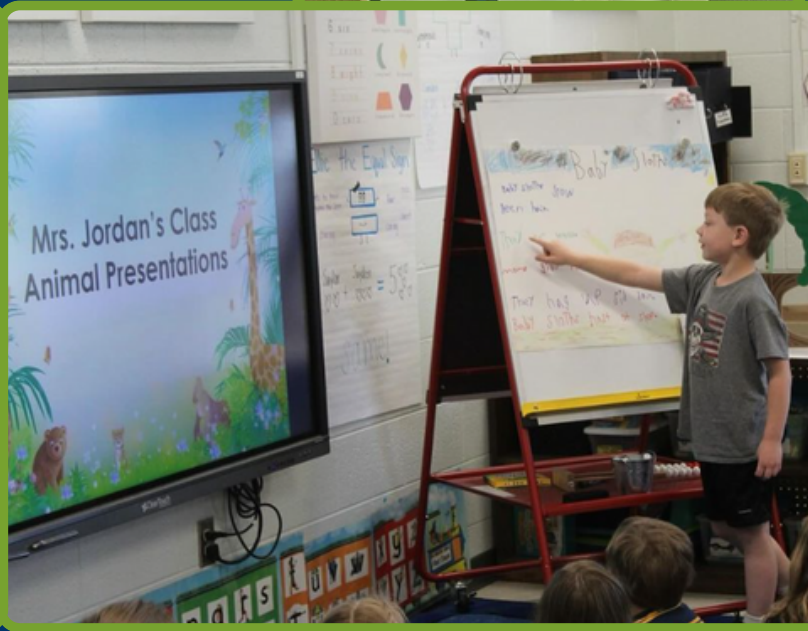
Congratulations to these students, who reached their goal of reading

1,000,000 words

this school year!

Kindergartners researched animals. Students read a book about an animal on their own, chose interesting facts, wrote about the book, then created a poster and a 3D model to present to the class to teach others about their animals.





School Highlights - MVES







On a trip to Grandfather Mountain, 6th graders learned about ecosystems and habitats.

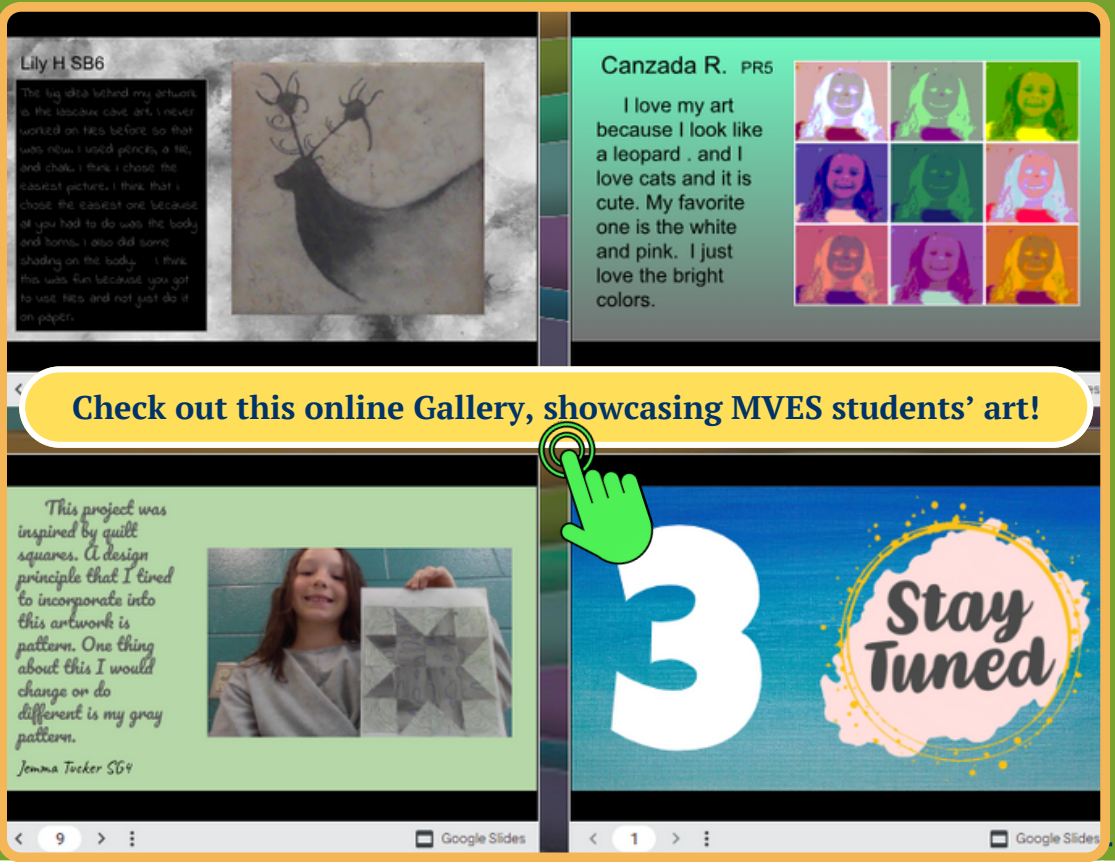
Mrs. Roten's class enjoyed a field trip to Dominoes. They learned how to make a pizza and made their own personal pizza!











School Highlights - WWES



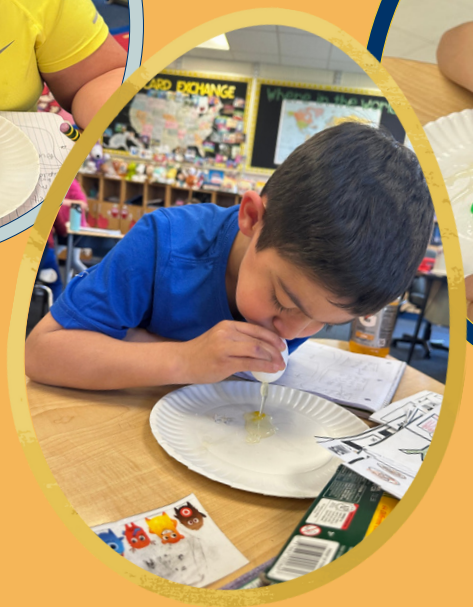


Field Trip Friday!

6th graders experienced a guided tour of Linville Caverns to see how Earth's constructive and deconstructive forces worked together to form this cavern. Then they enjoyed a picnic lunch at Valle Crucis Community Park!







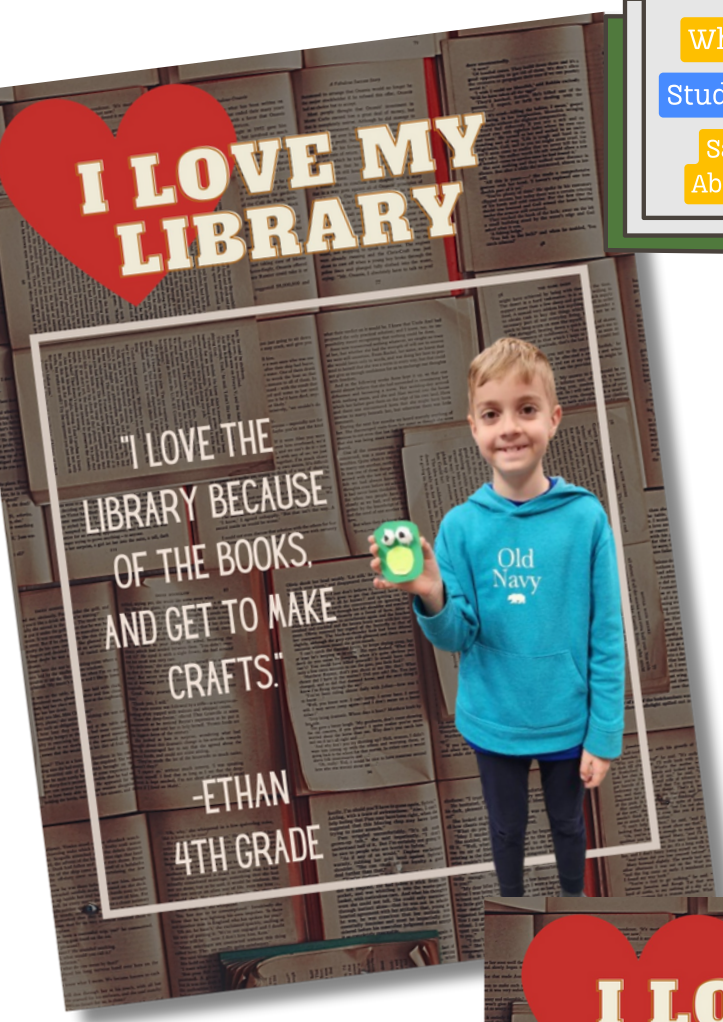


The Great Egg Blowout!

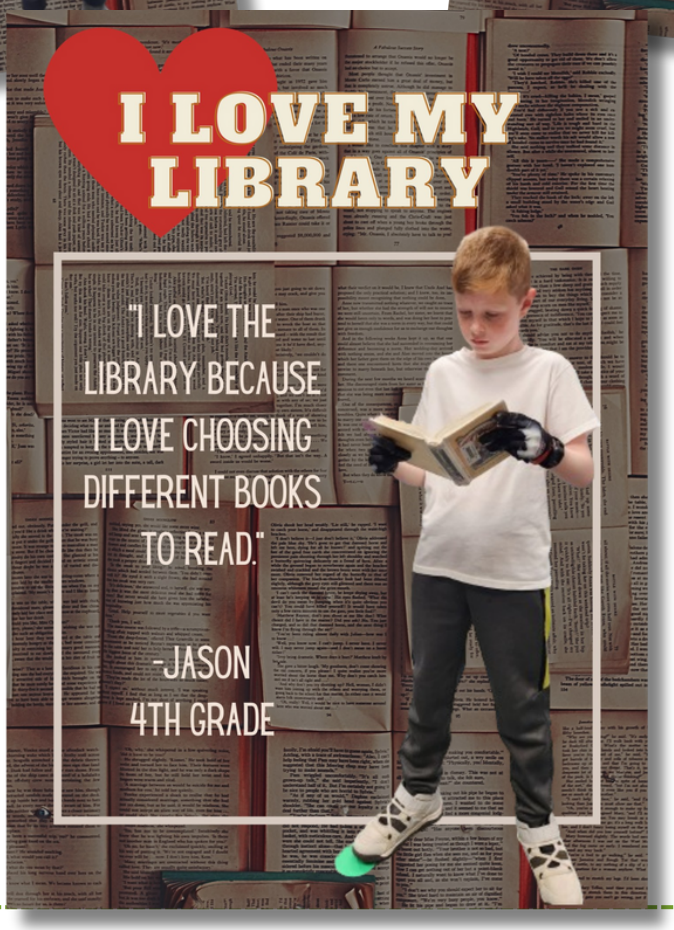
2nd graders stepped up to the challenge of getting the yolk out of their egg without cracking it. They used a Flow Map to record the steps and then wrote how to complete the challenge using sequencing words.

School Highlights - WWES

What Students Say About the LIBRARY









School Highlights - ACMS





Food, including moon pies, made the eclipse even more fun!.

SHARKTANK Show

Mrs. Horton's 7th grade Climbtime students brainstormed on topics of interest and created a new product or tried to improve something within their topic of interest. They collected data and interviewed people to prepare their "PITCH" on their product — even working with the Director of Entrepreneurship at ASU on ways to improve their pitches. They focused on who their target audience and investors would be. They then created a speech and contacted potential business investors, inviting them to be SHARKS and judge their product at this event.

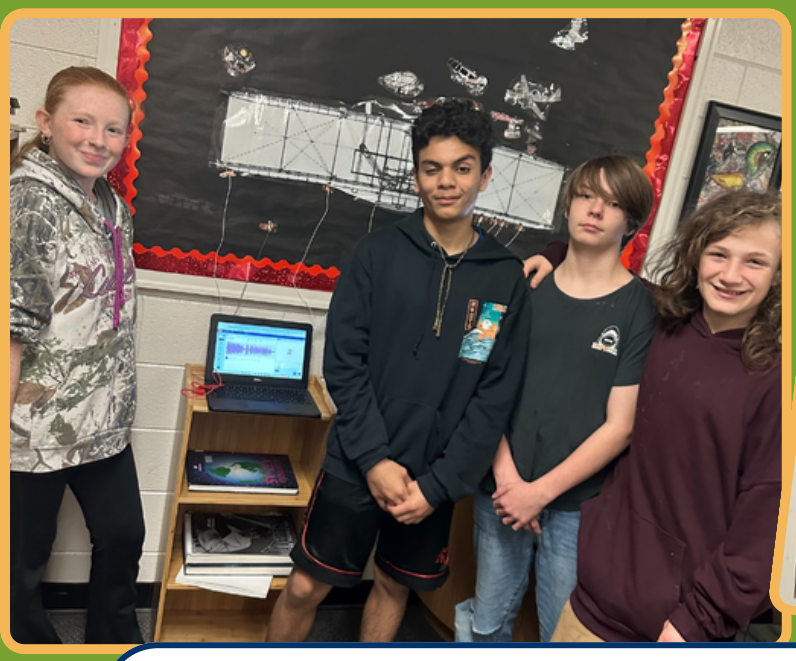


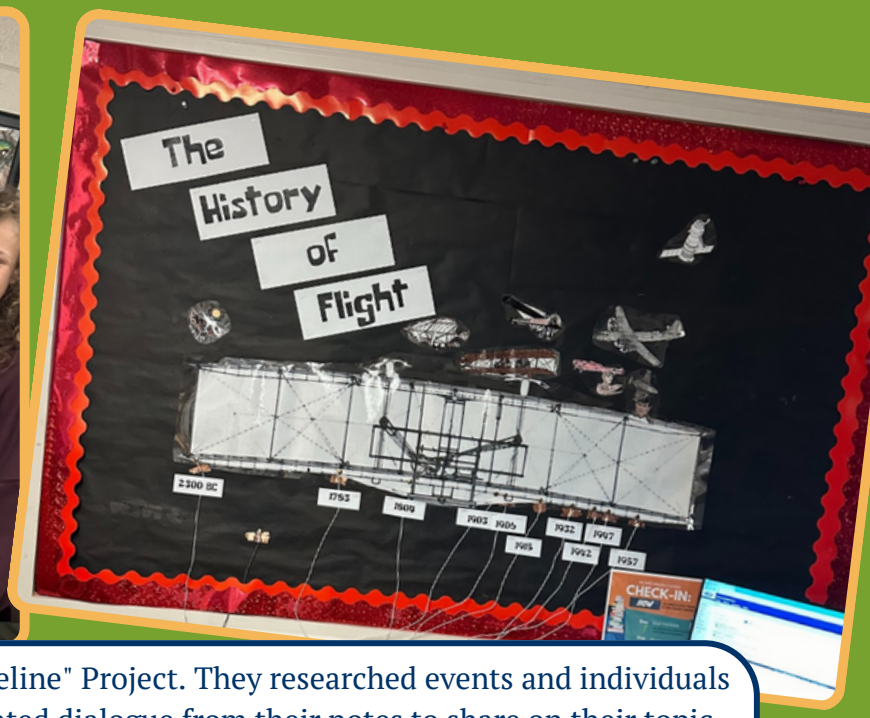






School Highlights - ACMS





Ms. McClure's class finalized their "Flight Timeline" Project. They researched events and individuals who impacted the development of flight, created dialogue from their notes to share on their topic and worked with scratch to create a makey makey display in the media center.













The Bulldog track team made a great showing at their last meet! **Photos Courtesy of Doug Goss**

School Highlights - ACHS & AEC



ACT scores are back and seven students earned a 30 or more! To put this in perspective, three students did so in 2022 and four students in 2023 earned this high achievement. Congratulations to these excelling students: Ben C., Ben D., Emily E., Isaac F., Thomas G., Major K., Lucas O.

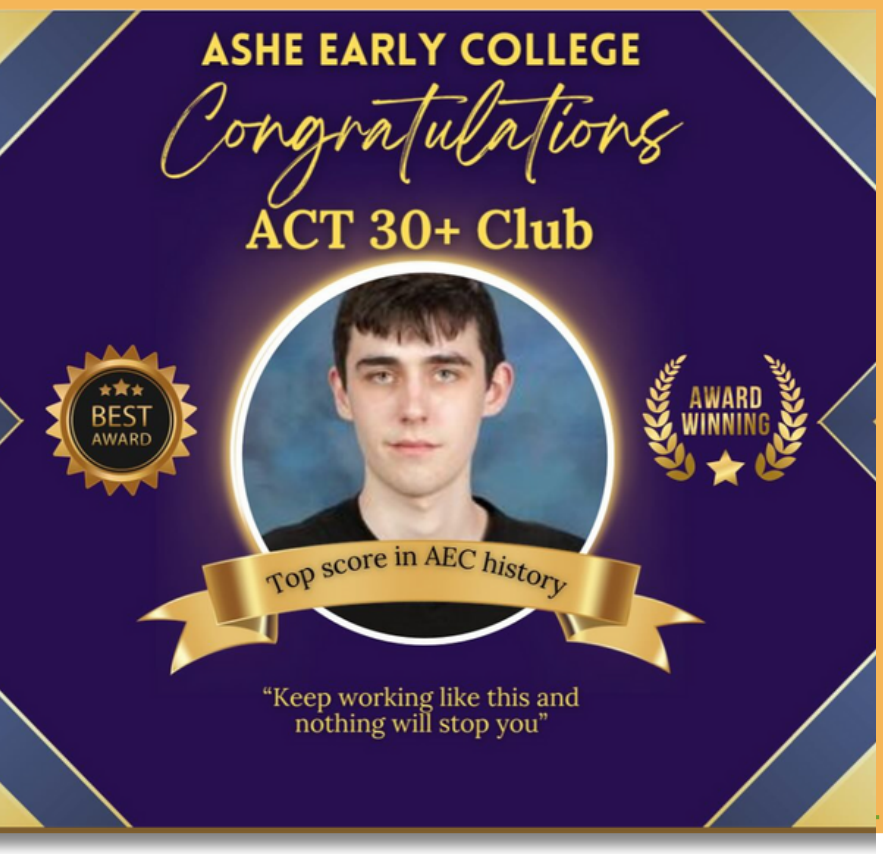
304 outstanding students earned Husky Honors for March – and celebrated with karaoke, rock paper scissors competition, corn hole and Icee Pops.







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School Highlights - ACHS & AEC





Northwest Regional FFA Competition Winners!

The Forestry team (Nathan H., Chloe F., Gracie R., Andruw W.) placed second, which qualifies them for the state competition held in June. Nathan placed second as an individual and Andruw placed fifth.

Paige Roten competed in Extemporaneous Public Speaking and placed third, qualifying her for the state competition in June. She was also elected Regional President for 2024-2025 and is the first ACHS regional officer since 2010-2011. Their teacher, Daniel Calhoun will serve as Regional Advisor for 2024-2025. Way to go!

Wilkes Community College 27th Annual Student Awards Program Winners!

Congrats to honored students! Winning the Presidential Excellence Awards in Arts and Sciences were William S. and Gavin P. For the Ashe Early College were Breanna B. and Nicole T., and for the Ashe Campus was Lauren C. Also winning the Outstanding Student Achievement Awards in Arts and Sciences was Shu K., under the Associate in Science category. In the Associate in Arts category, were Lauren C, Katie E, and Abilene D. #AsheProud



School Highlights - ACHS & AEC

Scenes from Hiring Fair

ACHS, Ashe Early College and ACMS students had successful networking opportunities with community businesses as they visited exhibitor booths and explored careers in Ashe County. YouTube creators, law enforcement, utilities, banks, hospitals, real estate and so many more were present.

CTE thanks all the wonderful exhibitors for participating in this event, as well as their generous prize donations.







