Ashe County Schools

WEEKLY UPDATE

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At the NCTIES conference last week, this ACS group participated in a new teamwork activity and WON!

WEEK ENDING **18 MARCH**

Important Upcoming Dates

- **Now - April 22** - Young at Art Exhibit at Ashe County Arts Council
- **March 18-20** - WWES Play, The Little Mermaid 6:00 p.m. nightly
- **March 21** - MVES STEM night 6pm; WWES Family Night 6pm
- **March 18-21** - PreK DIAL 4 Screening Early Learning Center 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- **March 21** - Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day
- **March 28** - ACMS Career Day (Gymnasium) 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- **March 29 - April 5** - Good Friday Holiday/ Spring Break

Special Shout Outs

Early March gave opportunities to appreciate these wonderful and dedicated ACS employees. We're thankful for them *every* day:

- THANK YOU to all the dedicated, hardworking maintenance and custodial staff who help make our schools safe places to teach and learn! These workers wear many hats — whether it's cleaning, keeping machines and equipment operating smoothly or tackling any number of indoor and outdoor tasks.



- THANK YOU to our ACS social workers for all they do to help our students succeed academically, socially and emotionally — in school and in life. As a vital link between our students and their schools, homes and communities, their dedication helps students improve interpersonal relationships, cope with crisis situations, learn problem-solving skills, increase attendance, build self-esteem and so much more.



LETRS Update

This LETRS Weekly News includes two spotlight resources for all participants on decodable texts and explicit instruction. Be sure to check out both!



Thank You ...

... to the West Jefferson Lions Club. They spent two days screening Ashe County elementary school students, with help from school nurses and volunteers from nearby Lions Clubs.



Rock Your Socks March 21

Let's celebrate World Down Syndrome Day by wearing brightly colored, mismatched socks. Send your pics to *rhonda.smith@ashe.k12.nc.us*.



Spring Break Ahead

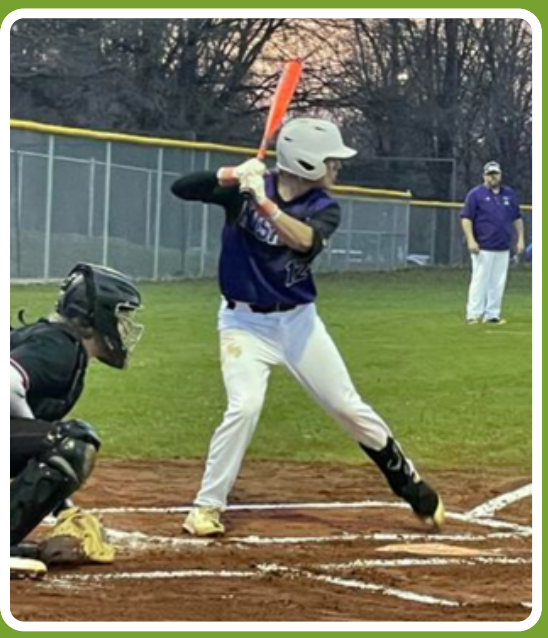
Spring break is quickly approaching. Remember the schedule below and ENJOY!

If making plans for next school year, you can find the 2024-25 approved calendar **HERE**.



Sports Highlights

Baseball/softball season is in full swing. The ACHS Husky men were up 3-2 after beating East Surry. In ACHS ladies' softball, Maleah hit her first home run of the season! Follow **Ashe County HS Athletic Booster Club** on Facebook for more excitement. Go, Huskies!







The ACMS Bulldogs are gearing up for a great season!









In their first season game, the ACMS softball team brought home a 16-3 victory over North Wilkes Middle!









School Highlights

A fight took place in March, as 54 elementary and middle school students competed against each other in a Battle of the Books! Congrats to all participants and the winners who nabbed the top spots and will move on to the regional competition:



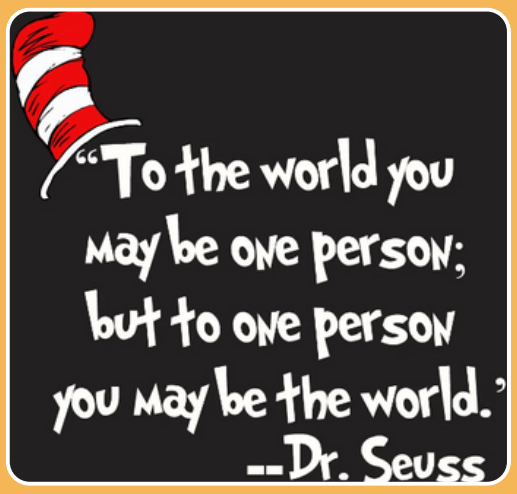
Mountain View Elementary team, with Superintendent Dr. Eisa Cox and Board of Education Member Dianne Eldreth.



Ashe County Middle School team, with Board of Education Member Dianne Eldreth.

All participants read books from a list established by the state Battle of the Books committee and then competed in a quiz-bowl-style tournament to test their knowledge of these books. The N.C. School Library Media Association sponsors the annual competition.





Read Across America

Our schools celebrated Read Across America and Dr. Seuss' birthday in so many different and fun ways.

See the following pages for smiles.

School Highlights - AELC

From special visitors and art projects to green pancakes for Dr. Seuss' birthday, youngsters at the Early Learning Center dressed the part and had a blast during Read Across America week.

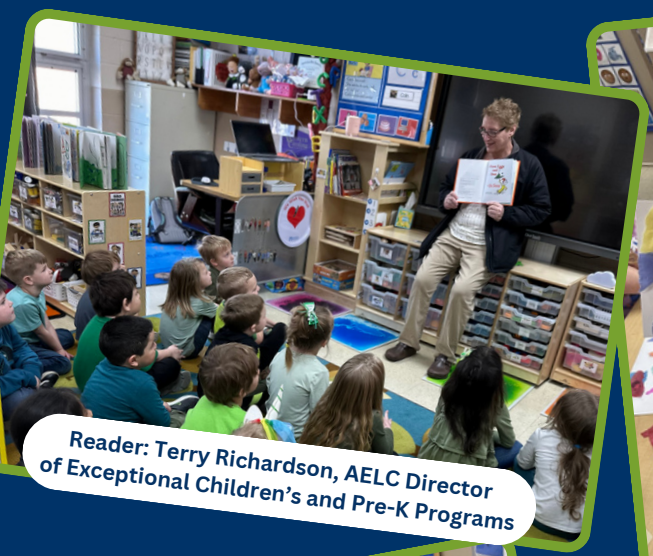


Guest reader: ACMS Principal, Dr. Susan Mochen





Guest reader: Ashe BOE Member, Josh Roten



Reader: Terry Richardson, AELC Director of Exceptional Children's and Pre-K Programs





Guest reader: Sgt. Zack Vogler

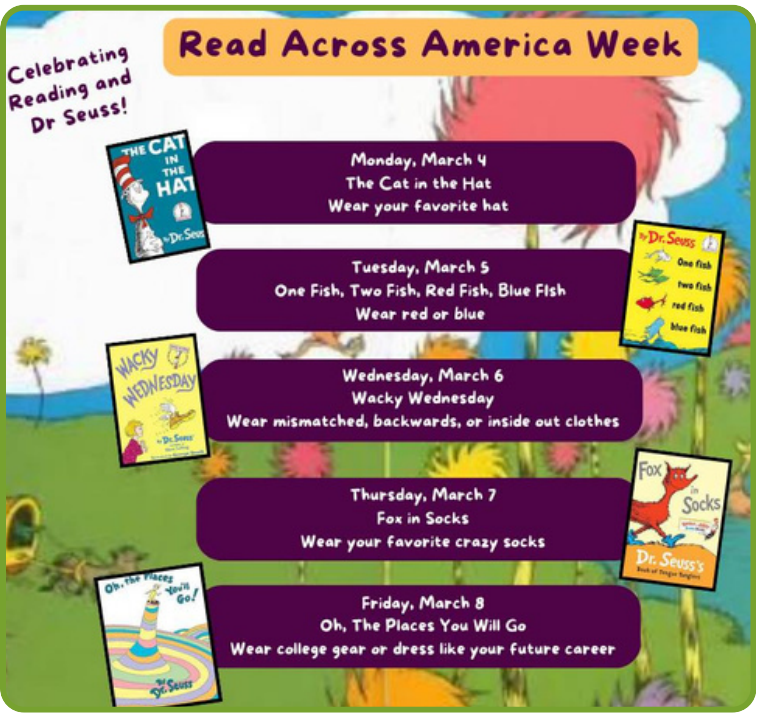






Cat in the Hat: Early Literacy Specialist Stephanie Baker

School Highlights - BRES



At BRES, the Cat in the Hat showed up to surprise students, and teachers had a whole week of fun planned!



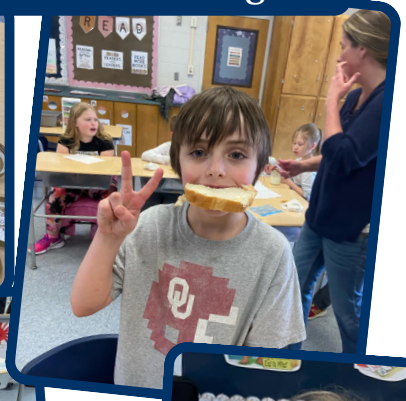
Fifth graders made fortune tellers to review the types of clouds.



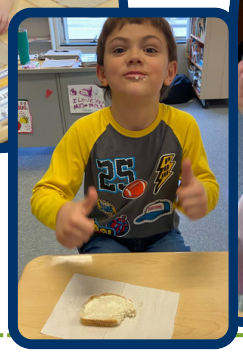


In other news, second graders studying westward expansion enjoyed making butter using heavy cream, salt and a lot of shaking.



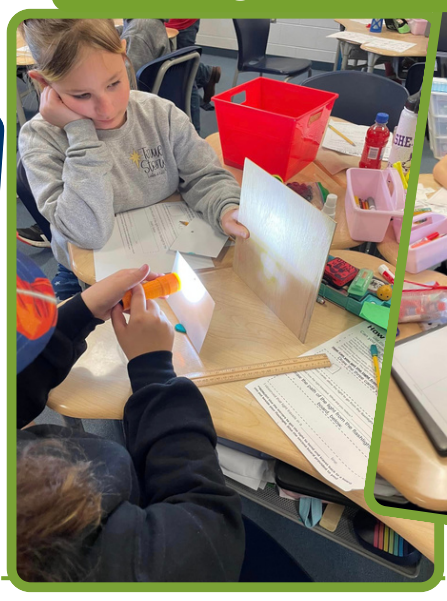








Fourth graders enjoyed exploring refraction and reflection through various light stations!





School Highlights - MVES

Not to be outdone by the Cat in the Hat, the Dog in the Hat (Cede) showed up at MVES. So did special guest reader Dr. Howell. And the kids enjoyed cupcakes!









Afterschool students enjoyed a visit from Park Ranger Emily Bunyea. She spoke about reptiles and amphibians, and brought snake skins, a box turtle shell, live salamanders and a preserved hellbender salamander. The kids also learned different toad mating calls and "practiced" mating calls to find their mate.









School Highlights - WWES

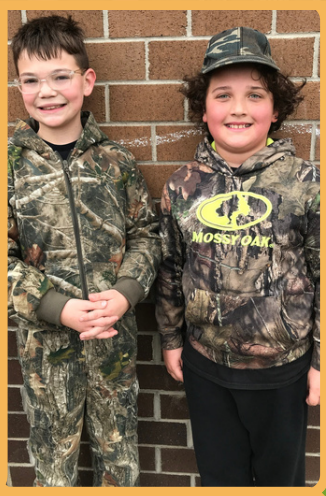
During the week-long celebration of reading, students and teachers alike had fun going “Wild About Books” in animal and camo prints — and portraying their favorite book characters.



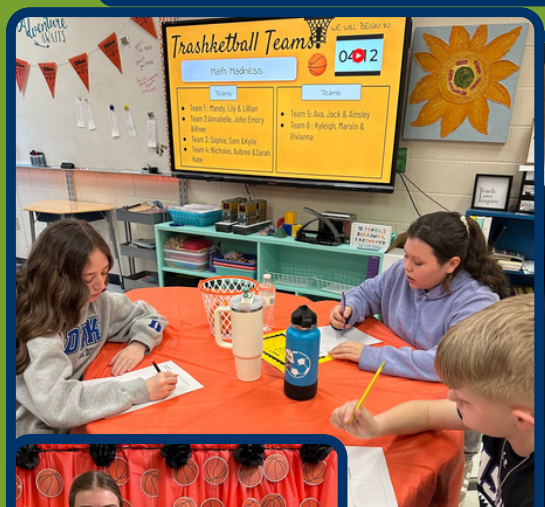


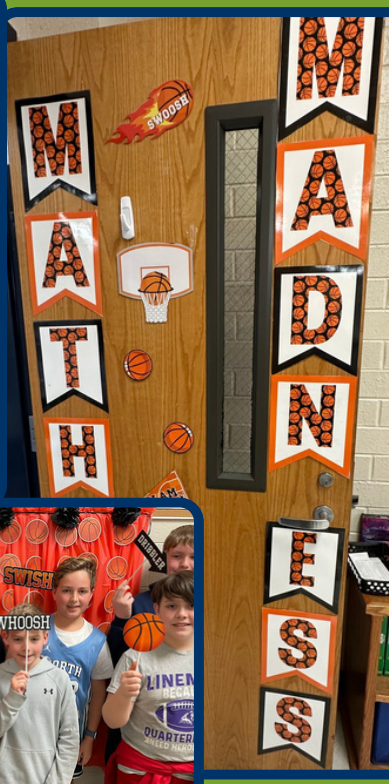
These ladies nailed the 101 Dalmatians and students loved it! (L-R): Amanda Bloomer, Katie Eggers, Cynthia Harless, Kayla Moore, Elaine Cox, Autumn Cline, and Libby Matheson.



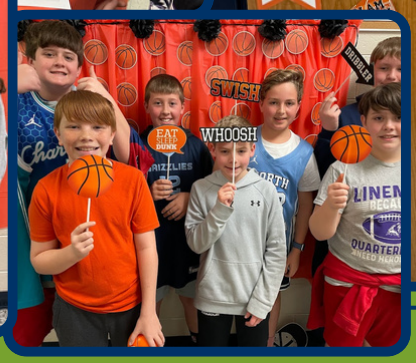


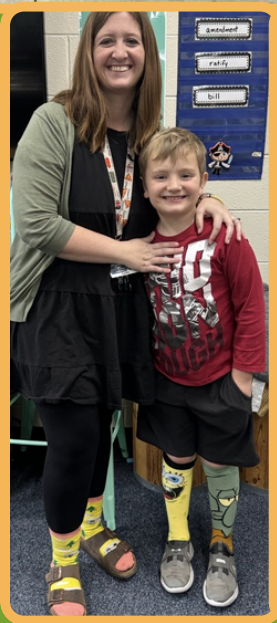
Math & Science classes enjoyed March Madness-themed Day, playing trash-ketball, solving one-step equations, calculating concession stand sales and more.













Celebrating “Books Knock Our Socks Off” Day

School Highlights - ACMS

Students studied "Women in the Civil War," learning about women's roles as soldiers, spies, nurses, writers and more. They also modeled period outfits (thanks to a generous grant from Blue Ridge Electric's Bright Ideas Program) and visited the “ACMS Civil War Museum” (thanks to a donation from Karen Watts and a grant from the Ashe County Endowment Grant). The "Soldier's Life” display contained artifacts and information on weapons, uniforms, and day-to-day living that helped students compare and contrast both sides' culture and way of life.

















Students in 7th grade enjoyed hands-on math outside the classroom. They used tangrams and magna-tiles to find the area of composite figures, then measured them.





School Highlights - ACHS & AEC

Congrats to senior **Nathan H.**, who won a Goodnight Scholarship from NC State University, where he plans to study Engineering.

NC STATE UNIVERSITY

$23k/Year in Scholarship Amount

Congrats to **Lucas O.**, accepted as this year's representative to NC Governor's School four-week summer residential program for gifted and talented high schoolers. The program integrates academic disciplines, the arts and unique courses.



Be Pro Be Proud

CLICK BELOW to see how much fun students had exploring different skills and careers while the **Be Pro Be Proud Mobile Workshop** was here!

Shout out: This great video was made by Jennifer Dollar, CTE/Accountability Administrative Assistant.



More School Highlights



#AsheProud

So far, Ashe Early College seniors have been accepted to these colleges.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Juniors may have started a new tradition. Food, fun, fellowship, studying and de-stressing the evening before they took the ACT!











Keeping Food Fun

Lunch Crew News

Read Across America Week gave Blue Ridge Elementary cafeteria professionals opportunities to celebrate. From Dr. Seuss décor, special snacks and nutritious food, they served up smiles, as always.



"I love the kids and seeing their smiling faces every day."
BRES Cafeteria Manager, Evelyn Shoemake



This crew has a combined 70+ years of food expertise. (L-R): Chelsie Ham, Mary Jane Cox, Evelyn Shoemake, Amber Woodard and Rock Finley (who is also an ACS bus driver).







What's Read Across America Week without green eggs and ham? Students also enjoyed "Thing 1" and Thing 2" special snacks.

BRES FOOD FACTS
MONTHLY AVERAGES

- Meals - 9,700
- Sysco Grocery Cost - $13,470
- USDA Foods (lbs.) - 1,900
- Pet Milk (cartons) - 10,018
- WNC Ice Cream (items) - 842



Heather Cox, ACS Bookkeeper/Operations Asst (in purple), often assists with serving lunch at our elementary schools.

