

Ashe County Schools

WEEKLY UPDATE



Our ACS team shared the colors of literacy at Read & Treat on Halloween.

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Important Upcoming Dates

- ✓ Nov. 10 & 11 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
(Nov. 10 - Optional Teacher Workday)



- ✓ Nov. 13 - ACHS Open House, 5:30-7:00 PM
- ✓ Nov. 13-15 - AEC Theatre Production, Ashe Civic Center
7:30 PM nightly
- ✓ Nov. 17 - BOE Policy Meeting 3:00 PM
- ✓ Nov. 18 - ACHS Community Visit Day
- ✓ Nov. 26-28 - THANKSGIVING BREAK, NO SCHOOL



Ashe County Schools Recognized as a 2025 Family Engagement Champion!

We are proud to share that our Superintendent, Dr. Eisa Cox, and her team were honored at the National Center for Family Engagement Conference in Charlotte as a 2025 Family Engagement Champion! This recognition celebrates the incredible collaboration and commitment of our entire Ashe County Schools family — from staff and families to community partners — for making family engagement a cornerstone of our success.

From our Back to School Blast and Title I Family Nights to our Hurricane Helene recovery efforts and the ongoing work connected to our district strategic plan, each initiative reflects our belief that it truly takes a village to support our students and families.



(L-R): Jamie Little, Director of Student Services; Amy Walker, Director of Technology; Dr. Eisa Cox, Superintendent; and Julie Taylor, Director of K-12 Curriculum and Federal Programs)

2025 North Carolina Exemplary Family Engagement Champions

- Elsa Armijos - Brunswick County Schools
- Kristie Autrey - Mitchell County Schools
- Eisa Cox - Ashe County Schools
- Phillip Furr - Cabarrus County Schools
- Jada Mumford - Greene County Schools
- Valerie Newton - Sampson County Schools
- Andrea Rodriguez - Durham County Schools
- Tammar Sanders - Parent, Hoke County Schools
- Alaine Strozier - Life Coach, Allaine Coaches LLC
- Shawdae Woodard - Parent, Johnson County



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This recognition is truly a testament to the strength of our school-community partnerships and our shared commitment to helping every student learn, grow, and thrive, together.

**- Dr. Eisa Cox,
Superintendent**

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Building the Future

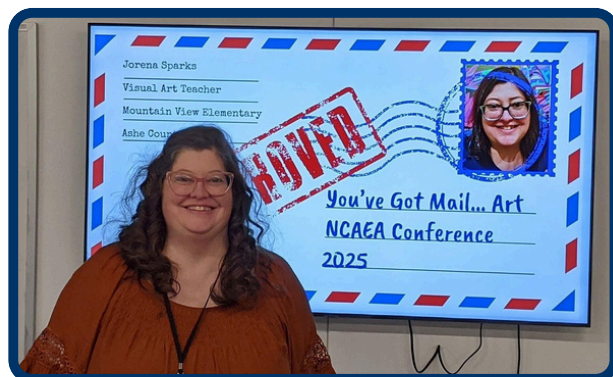
Construction is moving along on the new Ashe County Middle School, and here are areas of progression/continuing projects:

- Plumbing and electrical work
- Building pad and retaining wall foundations
- Stream crossing wall is complete – road work is rolling forward
- Crews are working to finish drainage, utilities, and an all-weather access road
- Plans are set to relocate underground power lines
- The cast-in-place wall forms were set, and the first segment of the wall was poured this week

We're building the future—brick by brick!



Sparks Inspires Fellow Educators



Mountain View Elementary Art Teacher **Jorena Sparks** proudly represented Ashe County Schools at the NC Art Education Association State Conference last month — where she shared her creativity and expertise while presenting two inspiring sessions. Way to go, Mrs. Sparks!

Honoring our Heroes

Ashe County Schools came together on Friday, Nov. 7 to celebrate and honor our local veterans. The day began with a drive-thru parade at Westwood Elementary and refreshments at Ashe County High, followed by a moving ceremony filled with music and gratitude. Band and chorus students from across the district performed patriotic songs, the JROTC Color Guard presented the colors, and the Ashe County Middle School Student Lighthouse Team shared its original poem, "The Flag's Deepest Fold." A special thank you to U.S. Army Veteran Andrew Cerillo, 82nd Airborne Division, who delivered inspiring remarks. It was a heartfelt day of remembrance and appreciation for those who have served our country.



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Farm to School Month

Our Nutrition Department and cafeteria teams made October's NC Crunch and Farm to School Menu Day a big hit! Students enjoyed NC-grown favorites like Carolina burgers, sweet potato cookies, and fresh apples while celebrating our hardworking local farmers.



November Employees of the Month

Ashe County Schools proudly recognizes two exceptional team members for November's Employee of the Month honors — Mr. Aaron Butt, Assistant Principal at Ashe County Middle School, and Mrs. Tonya Greer, Accounting Specialist at Central Support Services. Chosen by their peers, both these employees exemplify the spirit of dedication, teamwork, and positivity that make Ashe County Schools such a special place to learn and work. We are blessed to have them on our team! [READ MORE HERE.](#)



Their colleagues' capture perfectly why these two stand out among our incredible staff:

Mr. Aaron Butt

"Mr. Butt has truly made lunch supervision a fun and engaging experience for the students. He's often seen walking around the cafeteria with his signature bag of Doritos in hand, while keeping a watchful eye monitoring the students in a way that makes them feel seen and appreciated. They love to see who will be the first to offer him a cheese stick each day! This connection is not just with students—teachers also feel heard and appreciated. He has made a big difference in the ACMS environment."

Mrs. Tonya Greer

"Tonya goes above and beyond every day. She's constantly doing things behind the scenes that most people never even realize—but they make a huge difference. She's always the first to step up and help wherever she's needed, no questions asked, no complaints, just action. Her work ethic is incredible, and when something needs to get done, Tonya is the one who makes it happen!"

Employees, the [Nomination Form](#) opens again in December! Nominate any employee you believe is worthy of this honor.

Standing Strong Against Bullying

October was National Bullying Prevention Month, and we celebrated by promoting kindness, inclusion, and respect through programs that build leadership and empathy. Learn how students and staff stand together to create safer, more connected schools. [READ MORE HERE.](#)

Together for
Kindness,
Inclusion &
Respect



New at Mountain View!

Just landed at MVES — **The Sound of Soaring: An Elementary Podcast!** Created for MVES students, families, and anyone who loves staying connected, this brand-new podcast will share all things Mountain View — from student and teacher interviews to classroom highlights, school news, and more. Each 10-minute episode (in both English and Spanish!) will drop twice a month, thanks to an Ashe County Schools Endowment Fund Grant that Mrs. Jill Baldwin and a team of MVES educators earned this year. The project ties in with the new Wit & Wisdom ELA curriculum and aims to boost literacy while giving students a creative voice.



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Learning
AWESOME
Achievements

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ANOTHER GREAT DAY!

OCTOBER 14



"YOUR UNIQUENESS IS
YOUR SUPERPOWER—NO
ONE ELSE CAN BE YOU."



BACK-TO-BACK-TO-BACK
CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS



DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

HENRY H

Congratulations!

ASHE EARLY COLLEGE

NW DISTRICT BETA CLUB WINNERS

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SAWYER G.

SPANISH 3RD

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SCIENCE 3RD

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ELA 2ND

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