Ashe County Schools

WEEKLY UPDATE



Our FFA represented at the Christmas Parade. See more on page 2 and our socials.

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Important Upcoming Dates

- **Dec. 11 -** BRES December to Remember, 5-7 PM
- **Dec. 15 -** BOE Policy Meeting, 3-6 PM
- **Dec. 17** - MVES Community Day Visit, 10 AM
- **Dec. 18** - Pre-K Christmas Sing-Along, WJ Caboose, 10 AM
  Christmas Concert at ACHS, 6 PM
- **Dec. 19 - EARLY RELEASE DAY FOR STUDENTS**
  Dec. 22 thru Jan. 6 - HOLIDAY BREAK FOR STUDENTS

MERRY CHRISTMAS

- **Dec. 22 & Jan. 2** - Optional Teacher Workdays
  Jan. 5 - Required Teacher Workday
  Jan. 6 - Professional Development Day (required)
- **Jan. 7 - STUDENTS' FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL**

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CHRISTMAS PARADE FUN

Our students, administrators, staff and Board of Education members brought the holiday cheer to downtown on Nov. 15, and from twinkling lights to bright smiles, the joy was contagious.

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December Employees of the Month



Congratulations to **Sara Lambert,** Instructional Specialist at ACHS, and **J.D. Walton,** Custodian at MVES — chosen by their colleagues for the heart, dedication, and positivity they bring to their schools daily. From supporting staff and students with kindness to going above and beyond to keep our spaces welcoming and safe, these two truly represent the best of Ashe County Schools. We also want to wish J.D. a happy retirement as he is wrapping up his final month. Thank you for the many years of hard work and the uplifting spirit you've shared.

Sara Lambert

"Mrs. Lambert is such a strong support at ACHS. She is very thorough and knowledgeable. She is a leader in many areas and is making a lot of improvements to things that needed more attention at our school. She is so pleasant and helpful. We love her and are so happy she is a part of ACHS!"
"She goes above and beyond in every task that she does. She is a jack of all trades. She pitches in and helps no matter what was on her agenda. She has a positive attitude and encourages others."
"Sara has such a heart for serving others, and it shines through in everything she does. The dedication she shows to our school and our students is unmatched—she always goes out of her way to help, encourage, and support anyone who needs it. Even on the most stressful days, she brings a positive attitude that helps everyone around her stay grounded. We are truly grateful for all she brings to our school."

J.D. Walton

"He is always willing to do anything that anyone asks of him and he always has a smile on his face."
"J.D. is a great lead custodian at MVES who works hard and leads his people with grace."
"He is humble and always does what is needed to make our school beautiful."

Employees, the **Nomination Form** opens again in January! Nominate any employee you believe is worthy of this honor.



Stay Connected!

We've updated a few of our school contact numbers, and we want to make sure you can reach us quickly and easily. Now is the perfect time to double-check and save the ones you need!

Schools' Contact Info



AP Exam Success!

Ashe County High School celebrates 25.6% AP growth, soaring past state and national performance!

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Ashe Early College's Mountain Peak Players delivered three nights of high-energy, laugh-out-loud performances of *The Internet is Distract—Oh Look, A Kitten!* at the Ashe County Civic Center. The cast even made a special appearance on local radio to promote the show. Concessions from the event will help fund AEC's Senior Trip—congrats to the entire cast and crew!





Learning. Leading. Succeeding.

Ashe County High School recently celebrated its theme in action with two inspiring events last month: **Family Night** brought families and community members together to celebrate student creativity and achievement through classroom showcases, live entertainment, tours, and refreshments. Just days later, **Community Day** welcomed school board members, stakeholders, and local leaders for guided tours that highlighted students and teachers in action—showcasing ACHS's innovation and commitment to academic excellence. Thank you to every current, new, and future Husky family who came out to connect with our school community.











Farm to School Tour

Child Nutrition Directors from five counties—including ACS's Tammy Woods—joined NCDPI Farm to School reps for last month's Brushy Mountain Farm Tour. Visits to Apple Brandy Beef and Deal Orchards offered a close look at local agriculture, time with area farmers, and a celebration of Farm to School's mission to bring fresh, local foods to students. Special thanks to all who made the tour possible!











Educators' Bright Ideas Win Grants!

Congratulations to these ACS educators who have won **Blue Ridge Energy Bright Ideas Education Grants**! Thank you to Blue Ridge Energy for supporting innovative learning in our schools!



Sara Lambert

$600

Instructional Specialist, ACHS

AI-powered translation earbuds



Tiffany Mash

$1500

Music Teacher, WWES

New guitars for music room

Representatives from Blue Ridge Energy made special visits to our schools to deliver the grants.

Spelling Bee Buzz!

A huge congrats to all of our 2025 Spelling Bee participants and champions! On Nov. 25, students took the spotlight in the historic courtroom of the Museum of Ashe County History. Families, teachers, administrators, and BOE members packed the room with encouragement for our 16 incredible contestants.

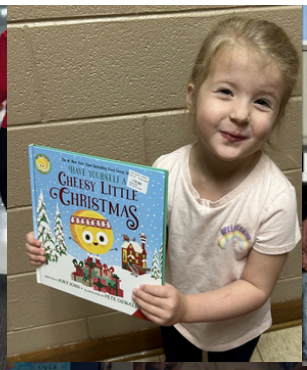
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SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



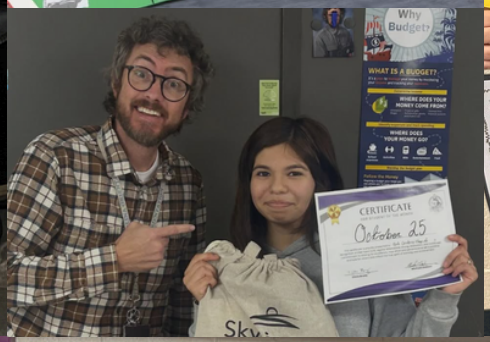



















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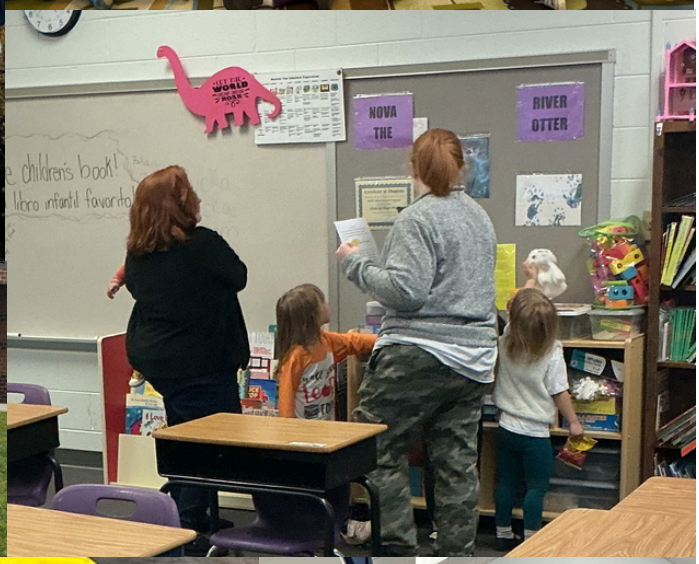











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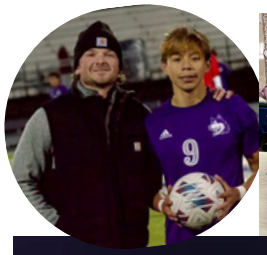

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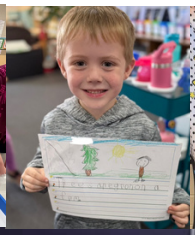





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