

BRUNSWICK COUNTY SCHOOLS

Teacher Advisory Committee

JANUARY NEWSLETTER



WELCOME BACK!

As we return from break and settle into colder weather, we're also stepping into a fresh chapter of the school year. For our high school teachers, new classes and new students bring renewed energy and opportunities. For our elementary and middle school educators, familiar faces return that are ready to grow, learn, and finish the year strong (with a few new electives adding some excitement along the way!).

Thank you for the dedication, patience, and heart you bring to our classrooms every single day. The end of the year may feel far away, but the impact you're making right now matters more than you know. Let's keep cheering one another on and finish this year strong together and #BrunswickBuilt

Kari Babson, 25-26 District Teacher of the Year

WHAT'S TAC BEEN UP TO?

Our Teacher Advisory Committee was organized into subcommittees this year to tackle different projects of interest.

- ◆ B – Belonging & Culture: Focused on teacher morale, recognition, and fostering a strong sense of community and pride across schools.
- ◆ U – Understanding Teacher Needs: Gathers feedback, concerns, and ideas from teachers to ensure voices are heard and needs are communicated clearly to district leadership.
- ◆ I – Instructional Growth: Supports best practices, professional learning ideas, and strategies that help teachers grow and succeed in the classroom.
- ◆ L – Leadership & Advocacy: Builds teacher leadership capacity and advocates for policies, resources, and decisions that positively impact educators.
- ◆ T – Teacher Recruitment & Retention: Develops ideas to attract, support, and retain high-quality teachers while highlighting why Brunswick County is a great place to teach.

Our next meeting is February 12th and will be held at The COAST. Continue to reach out to your school's TAC representatives with celebrations and concerns! TAC members are always looking for ways to support our teachers and amplify teacher voice.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

Each form is short, optional, and focused on strengthening teacher voice and collaboration across BCS.

- [Countywide Google Drive Interest Form](#)

Interested in shared resources, collaboration, or access to countywide materials? Let us know!

- [Teacher Academy Interest Form](#)

Brunswick County Schools is exploring the return of a Teacher Academy, modeled after the original 2017 experience where educators across the county collaborated by grade level and subject area. The goal is to provide meaningful professional development that allows teachers to truly collaborate, workshop aligned lesson plans, and learn from one another in a way that feels different from traditional PD.

- [Professional Development Suggestions](#)

Have ideas for PD topics you'd actually want to attend? We're all ears. Share your thoughts here.

- ["Hands-On with the Board Day"](#)

Brunswick County Schools is seeking teachers willing to host a Board of Education member for a half-day classroom visit. This visit is an opportunity to showcase teaching and learning in action.

- [Veteran Teacher Observation](#)

Brunswick County Schools is exploring opportunities for veteran teachers to visit other classrooms or schools for a day to observe instructional practices, collaborate with peers, and bring new ideas back to their own classrooms.



SUPPORTING MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS

[More District Support and Resources](#)

- If you've never checked out the [ELLlevation platform](#), do it today! Teachers are able to see important data and recommendations for every student in the ELL program at their schools. The information provided includes English proficiency levels, goals, testing accommodations, and more and is detailed and incredibly helpful.
- [Immersive Reader](#) is an easy to use extension for read aloud that can be added to students' chrome books. It can read aloud any web based information and can even translate that text on the screen to different languages!
- Check out these book sets available for checkout for K-12 from [The Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies \(UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke\)](#).
- Interested in learning more about the connections between Latin America and North Carolina? Check out [this webinar from the State Library of North Carolina celebrating Hispanic heritage in NC](#).

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Positive things happening around our county submitted by TAC Members

The COAST- The new cohort of 9th graders are flourishing and are amazing.

The COAST- Students who haven't traditionally flourished in core classes seem to be growing in Spark Lab.

NBHS FFA competed in Truck & Tractor Driving Contest - students going to state level!

Students at NBHS enjoyed the PBIS sponsored Costume Contest on Halloween, as well as Trunk or Treat before the home football game

WBHS student organizations and faculty had a trunk or treat for the EC students during Flex.

WBHS FFA student recieved the 20,000th FFA jacket

VWES had a successful food drive! Our Hearts, Hands, and Cans was a success with 5,734 food items collected!

Belville ES is thriving with the Ron Clark House System - student engagement is up! We had our first sucessful House Challenge: a can drive to support Brunswick Family Assistance to help feed our community.

Union PTO sent a group of teachers to Ron Clark Acad. last month and sending 6 more in the spring.

At Bolivia, 2nd grade students performed their first chorus performance. Other grade levels will perform later in the year.

Waccamaw welcomes the Watch D.O.G.S. to campus, making positive impressions through great role models.

Union received 2 Bright Ideas grants this year!

SBMS student won the Winter Card competition, gorgeous submission!

Supply PTA held a fabulous Santa's Workshop in which all students shopped

The SBHS marching band had a successful competition season this fall, bringing back 19 trophies for their accomplishments. and winning the Spirit Award for demonstration of most respect, school pride, and school spirit,

SBHS International Studies Club orchestrated a successful Winter Drive for our local homeless shelter, donating new socks, gloves, toboggans, and scarves for our homeless population.

At Southport Elementary, Our PBIS committee organized a Monster Mash celebration at the end of the first quarter. We had this on Halloween and students were able to turn their Dolphin Gold points into currency to buy experiences and prizes. The event was run by our resource teachers along with many parent volunteers - Character Trait recognition happened before the celebration for each grade level recognizing positive traits seen in students this quarter. It was a huge success and we look forward to another one on the 19th of December.

JMMES was awarded two BEMC Bright Ideas grants this year!

JMMES had a successful food drive, collecting over 5,000 non-perisible items for those in need!

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