

Ashe County Schools

WEEKLY UPDATE



In the spirit of giving, Peachland Baptist Church in Anson County, N.C. donated 600 backpacks filled with supplies for Ashe County students. Thank you!

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Important Upcoming Dates



- ✓ Dec. 9-11 - WWES "Frozen" Play, 6-7:30 pm
- ✓ Dec. 12 - WWES Literacy Night and Final "Frozen" Performance, 5-8 pm
- ✓ Dec. 12 - BRES December to Remember, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.
- ✓ Dec. 18 - MVES Winter WonderSTEAM, 10:00 a.m.
- ✓ Dec. 20 - ACHS Band Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- ✓ Dec. 21 - ACHS Theatre "Twas the Night Before Christmas," 3:30 p.m.
- ✓ Dec. 20 - Early Release Day
- ✓ Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 - Christmas Break for Students; Schools Closed
- ✓ Jan. 3 - Required Teacher Workday
- ✓ Jan. 6 - Students Return to School

BOE Members Sworn In

Congratulations to Josh Roten and Teresa Calhoun on their election to the Ashe County Board of Education. Surrounded by their families on Dec. 2 at the historic courtroom at the Museum of Ashe County History, they were sworn in by Pam Barlow, the county's retiring Clerk of Superior Court. Roten — also elected to serve as BOE Chairman once again — has been a member of the Board since 2020, while Calhoun begins her first term.



We also congratulate BOE member Dianne Eldreth, who was elected as Vice Chair. And we thank outgoing BOE member, Dr. Kimberly Simmons, for her outstanding service to Ashe County Schools since 2020.

Donations!



Left: Thank you to SkyLine SkyBest for the generous monetary donation for middle school athletics, delivered by Chief Marketing & Sales Officer Edward Hinson.

Right: Thank you to Carolina West Wireless for the beautiful poinsettia at the central office!



Holly Jolly Time!

The Nov. 16 Christmas Parade festivities in West Jefferson seemed even more special this year as our community came together to celebrate the season post-hurricane. Shout out to Ashe County High School JROTC, cheerleaders, band and all Ashe County Schools students, teachers, principals, administrators - including Superintendent Dr. Eisa Cox - and support staff who participated.



And the Winners Are ...



CONGRATULATIONS to all winners and participants of the Ashe County Spelling Bee, held Nov. 25 at the Museum of Ashe County History's historic Ashe County courtroom.



ACMS 8th grader Marley C. took home the first-place trophy! District runners up (tied) and 4th grade winners were Sabe D. from MVES and Bella P. from BRES.

District bee winners from each school:

- Ashe County Middle School: Marley C.
- Blue Ridge Elementary School: Bella P.
- Mountain View Elementary School: Sabe D.
- Westwood Elementary School: Luke B.

Grade winners:

- 7th grade: ACMS students Conner B. and Cora C. (not pictured) tied for the win.
- 6th grade: Max F., BRES student, won the prize.
- 5th grade: Luke B. and Rosie L., both from WWES, tied.
- 4th grade (See photo caption above)
- 3rd grade: Gabriel S., from WWES, was the winner.



Great job, all! And thank you to the Museum of Ashe County History for hosting!

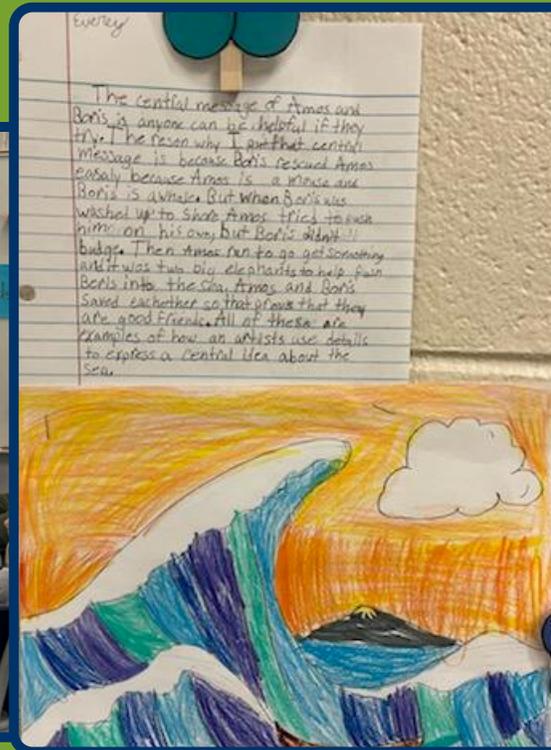
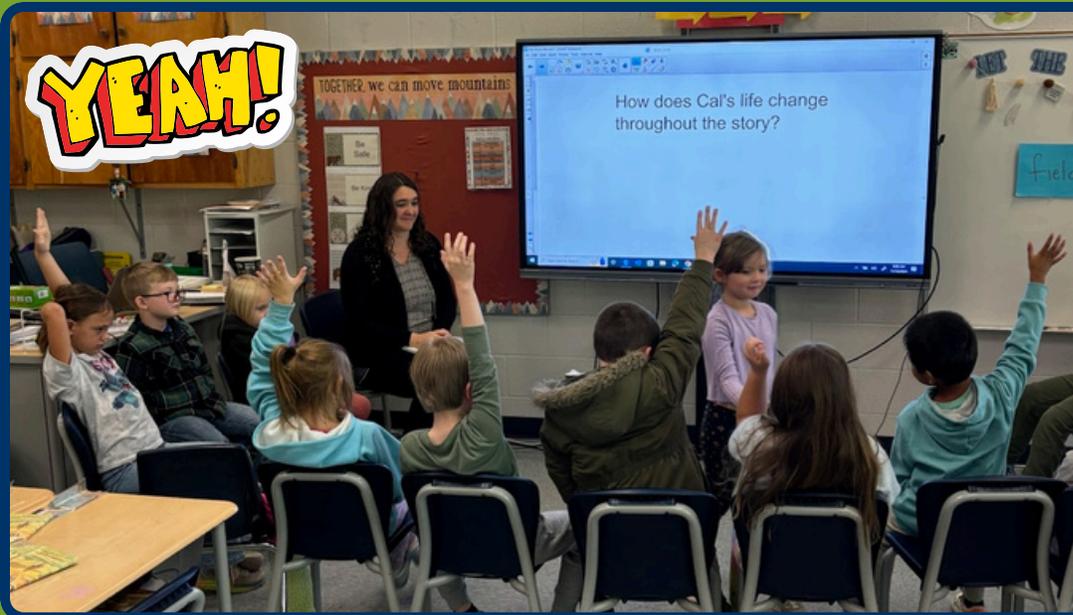
Shout Out!



We're giving a BIG SHOUT OUT to our incredible teachers and students for all the outstanding work happening in reading and writing across our classrooms!

- Blue Ridge Elementary School 1st graders in Mrs. Hess' class participated in a Socratic seminar, engaging in a thoughtful discussion about the book, *That Book Woman*, by Heather Henson.
- At Mountain View Elementary, 2nd graders worked on an informative essay explaining how a chameleon changes colors, while 6th graders' essays explored Bud's transformation in the book, *Bud, Not Buddy*.
- Over at Westwood Elementary School, 3rd graders showcased their understanding by writing a paragraph and illustrating the central message of *Amos and Boris*.

Keep up the fantastic work, everyone! #AsheProud

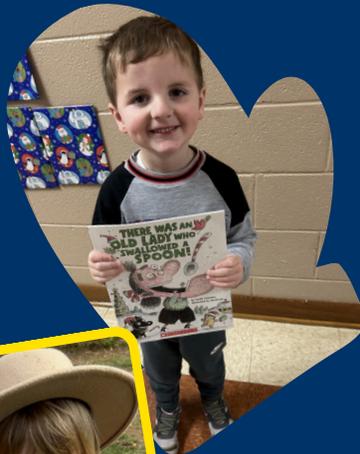


ASU Athletes Encourage ACS Students

After Hurricane Helene, App State's Athletic Dept. made a special video wishing our students a smooth transition back to school! *Click on the picture to view their encouraging message.*



EARLY LEARNING CENTER



Whether dressing for Western Day during Spirit Week or unwrapping a book each day for their Christmas Countdown Read-along, Pre-K students are extra excited about the holidays!



BRES



TREES FOR TROOPS:
BRES students decorated and wrote messages on tree tags to spread holiday cheer to troops and their families.

K-3 students enjoyed a visit from The Bubble Guy, thanks to Ashe County Arts Council.



MVES



Younger scholars participated in STEM'tastic creative lessons, while 6th graders had a blast making giant snowflakes. And every MVES student received a new book, along with a 'smelly' bookmark, to keep for their personal library – thanks to the 'Grateful for a Good Book' event, sponsored by the school's PTSO!

WIVES



*Second graders read the book, *Balloons Over Broadway*, and a Scholastic News article about the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. For a STEAM activity, they created their own parade balloons, attached them to BeeBot Robots, then used mapping skills and cardinal directions to code their balloons to move down streets in the parade.*





WIVES



Congrats to 4th, 5th and 6th graders who competed in the Archery Tournament with Mr. Miller and the enrichment team!

Ms. Eller's 3rd graders hosted a Thanksgiving candlelight lunch. Students wrote why they were thankful for each other and various people around the school, who attended and enjoyed the feast.



ACMS

Students and staff nailed Bulldog Blue during Spirit Week. And 8th graders learned about upcoming opportunities while visiting ACHS.



Bulldogs Basketball season is on fire, with the men and ladies giving their all on the court.
Photos: Doug Goss



ACHS



Above: On Future Teachers of America Day in November, ACHS recognized its ever-growing Teaching as a Profession program (TaaP), with instructor Dr. Jessica Hall. Look at these smiling future educators!



*Above: Apparel I class recently had a tie dye project to learn about fibers, fabrics, & finishes. Their shirts look great!
Left: Foundations of Health Science students visited ASU recently and toured the Health Science buildings and program.*



AEC



Students and staff celebrated Spirit Week with a bit of snow and themed dress-up days — then got really spiffed up for their Great Gatsby Golden Gala at Jefferson Landing.



DECEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	Early Release Day	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	B R E A K ! E N J O Y !			

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JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			1 Happy New Year	2	Required Teacher Workday	3	4
5	Students' First Day Back	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	MLK Day Holiday	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	Required Teacher Workday	31		

School Board Appreciation Month