

NEWSLETTER

December

2024



HAPPENING

in our schools



Upcoming Events

DEC 3 | **School Board Work Session**
Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Location: AHS

DEC 17 | **School Board Meeting - Regular Session**
Time: 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Location: MES

JAN 7 | **School Board Work Session**
Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Location: KES

JAN 21 | **School Board Meeting - Regular Session**
Time: 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Location: MES

FEB 4 | **School Board Work Session**
Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Location: AMS

Middle School students prepare to review math and science concepts using virtual reality to enhance their learning experience!



Elementary

ACCAWMACKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We had a visit from author Nan Carlton. Ms. Carlton met with all grade levels to read her books to them. After she was done reading, Ms. Carlton helped the students make a craft. AES students will be having a Talent Show on December 6. 2nd and 3rd grade will be having their winter concert on December 12.

Our Kindergarteners enjoyed a trip to the

BARRIER ISLAND CENTER



1st Grade - Happy December! This month, we are diving into exciting lessons while embracing the joy of the season. Here's what's happening in our first-grade classroom! **Reading** - Our literacy goals this month include reading comprehension, phonics, and writing development. **Writing** - Writing complete sentences with correct capitalization, punctuation, and spacing. Writing friendly letters and holiday-themed stories. **Math** - This month, we are focusing on number sense, place value, and understanding magnitude.



4th grade - VIRGINIA STUDIES: In Virginia studies, we will be learning about the Revolutionary War. We are finishing our Jamestown/Colonial times study by making models of typical colonial homes and dressing a colonial person in appropriate clothing.

MATH: Students will be exploring the wonderful world of geometric lines, polygons, quadrilaterals, and angles and applying them to real-world context.



5th Grade - Reading: We are working on a Whole Group Novel Project with Frindle. We will be writing a research paper about different holidays around the world. **Science:** We are learning about Ecosystems and how animals interact with each other. We will be working on an Animal research project.

Staff spotlight

Staff member: Mr. Kellam

Position: Lead Custodian

Mr. Kellam, our Head Custodian, is a permanent fixture at AES. He loves interacting with the children and staff. He is always willing to pitch in and help no matter what we need. He keeps our building looking spotless. He is looking forward to eventually retiring but for now he is happy to be at AES.



Teacher: Arlana Smith

Position: 3rd grade teacher



Ariana Smith - Ariana graduated from Old Dominion University in 2024. She is a graduate of Northampton High School. Ariana has jumped right in with her teaching skills. She has embraced the Virginia Literacy Act and dived right in to creating flexible grouping for her students. AES is lucky to have such a wonderful teacher as Ms. Smith.

CHINCOTEAGUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*4th Grade students in Mrs. Luck and Mrs. Merritt's classes constructed amazing replicas and posters of the Jamestown Fort. Great Job!!

*On November 15th, CES had many Veteran Guest Readers to celebrate the importance of Veterans Day with the students. Some were from the Coast Guard, Navy, and Army. We thank all military branches for their service to our country!

*The 3rd Grade Classes performed Thanksgiving songs for the upcoming holiday after the PTA General Meeting on November 14th. Thank you to our Music Teacher, Mr. Ameneyro, and the students for a job well done!

*'Monarch Butterfly Release' was on November 8th. Thank you to Julie Head, from Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation for supplying our school with the butterfly life cycle enclosure.

*Colts Awards were on Friday, November 22nd. Students were recognized for reading, Terrific Kids, citizenship, math, honor roll, and principal's list achievements for the 1st Nine Weeks.



SUCCESS ACADEMY GR. 1-5,
DECEMBER 7 & 14 FROM 8:00AM-
12:00PM

CES CHRISTMAS PROGRAM @
CHINCOTEAGUE COMMUNITY
CENTER DECEMBER 12TH 6:00PM

CHINCOTEAGUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Staff spotlight



Teacher : Matthew Taylor

Position: PE Teacher

Mr. Matthew Taylor is our PE Teacher at CES. This is his 2nd year here. We are so fortunate to have him at CES and he is staying! He is always ready to lend a helping hand and brings love, care, and enthusiasm to teaching and working with all the students. Mr. Taylor is from the 757 and graduated from Chincoteague High in 2001, and says he could not be a PE

teacher without liking sports and supporting his school. He enjoys collecting sports memorabilia. A fun fact is that his grandfather actually lived on Assateague when there was a village there. Mr. Taylor states that "I love teaching to impact lives for the better by promoting active lifestyles and following the rules". Thank you Mr. Taylor for all you do here and at CHS (for the time being)!



Staff member: Victor Drummond

Position: School Security Officer

Chincoteague Elementary School wants to welcome our new School Security Officer-Mr. Victor Drummond. His favorite thing to do is travel. He graduated from Arcadia High School and his favorite sports team is the New York Giants. Mr. Victor always greets the students in the morning with a smile and enthusiastic 'Good Morning!'. He has made wonderful connections with the students and lends a helping hand whenever needed. We are happy to have him here at CES! Thank you Mr. Victor for helping to keep our students and school safe!

METOMPKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



The month of November has been busy at Metompkin Elementary School! Our Girls on the Run continue to work hard for their 5K Event on December 15th, 2024. We will be cheering them on in this great endeavor! We had a FANTASTIC 3rd Grade Parent night on November 13th. Parents learned about the Virginia Literacy Act, VALLS Testing, and how to help their students with math and reading activities. Lastly, we had our Eagle Excellence Awards on Friday, November 15th. This was a great day for us to honor and celebrate our hard-working students!



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



In December, our grades 3, 4, 5 students will be participating in Winter Growth Assessments. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for specific dates. Our students will also be singing at the Parksley Old Time Christmas celebration on Friday, December 6th from 5-7 pm. Be sure to come out and join us.

METOMPKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Staff spotlight

Teacher: Emily Halls

Position: 3rd Grade Teacher

Ms. Emily Halls is our Teacher of the month. Ms. Halls teaches 3rd grade at MES. She makes sure that her students get what they need each day to be successful. She makes learning fun and exciting.

Staff member: Etlevina Medina

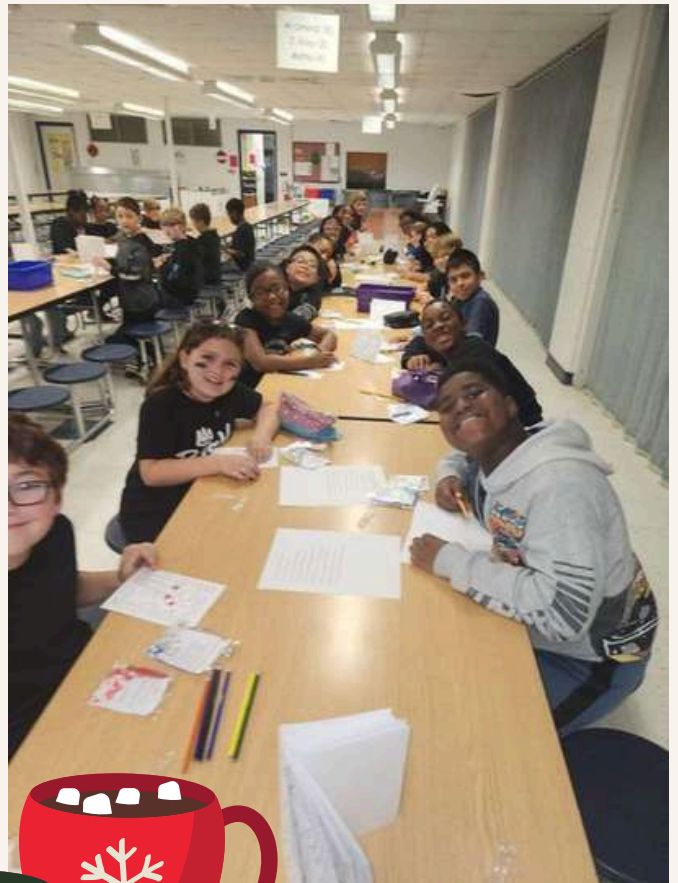
Position: ECSE Instructional Assistant

Mrs. Medina is our ECSE Instructional Assistant. She is a loving and kind person who the classroom children depend on. She enjoys playing and teaching the students in her classroom.



PUNGOTEAGUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Pungoteague Elementary: Leading the way to GREATNESS!!!! We adopted the RCA House System at Pungoteague last school year and each year we are implementing more parts. This year, each house (Altruismo, Amistad, Isibindi & Reveur) will join the community and complete a service project. We have FOUR HOUSES, and ONE FAMILY! Altruismo, the House of Givers, are leading the way in our efforts to reach out to the community. We are creating and writing holiday cards, as well as, making ornaments to brighten the holidays for the residents of the Commonwealth in Onancock, as well as the clients of the CSB Clubhouse in Parksley. Our hope is to bring a little cheer to their day and provide some joy around the holiday season. After the holidays, our other House families will be participating in service projects to connect with our community. #ALTRUISMO #fourhousesonefamily



IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR!

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS APPROPRIATE RECESS ATTIRE FOR THE COOLER MONTHS!

EVEN WHEN ANTICIPATING INDOOR RECESS, BRING YOUR COAT IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE DRILL OR EMERGENCY.



Upcoming Events

PES will host our Bedtime Stories during our Title I night, on December 11th when our 1st and 2nd grade students bring us sounds of joy! Also, our Girls on the Run will complete their 5k on December 15th in Newport News! We wish them the best on their journey of becoming strong, healthy young women!

PUNGOTEAGUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Secondary



Check out these Arcadia Firebirds who came out to St. John's Baptist Church in Atlantic, VA to help serve at the Charge Conference fellowship. These students are part of the Culinary Arts Program offered at Arcadia High School. Thanks for showing up today and showing everyone why it's ALWAYS a GREAT day to be a FIREBIRD!!



Arcadia Senior invited to attend Congress of Future Medical Leaders
Click to read on Shore Daily News!



Our T.H. Badger Welding Class created and sold out of holiday projects at the Craft Fair on Chincoteague Island. They had some hefty stocking holders for sale just in time for the holiday season!!! They also took home first place at the Maritime Welding competition!

To see more from our students, check out their Facebook page: [T.H. Badger Welding Class](#)



ARCADIA BOOSTER CLUB PRESENTS TO YOU

18+ BINGO BINGO BINGO

1	15	35	3	26	41	63	72	9	60
7	26	10	22	37	55	68	5	57	
3	2	6	18	34	47	57	65		
11	12	25	48	59	75	58			
7	20	33	60	70	72				

BINGO

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Night

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 13
7-10PM

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE

Regular Game payout \$100
Bonus Game payout \$200
AHS Gym \$40 at the door!