

Monday Musings

December 4, 2017

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Apply for the PRISM Award!

PRISM grants, supported and distributed by Burroughs Wellcome Fund, were created to support North Carolina educators dedicated to bringing high-quality, inquiry-based learning activities to their classrooms. This one-year award is open to all certified K-12 public school educators, and covers up to \$3,000 for STEM materials and equipment, and up to \$1,500 toward the cost of relevant professional development. With the right materials and training, you could be looking at all-new levels of classroom engagement and fulfillment. **December 5** is the deadline for submission. To find out more, or to apply online, visit bwfund.org

NCCAT Professional Development for Spring 2018 Now Open

The North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching has announced their spring professional development opportunities. Registration is now open. For a full listing, please click [here](#).

Hour of Code Today!

Join us for the annual Hour of Code this evening in the Professional Development Center from 5-7 p.m. The event is open to students and their families! Please help us "share" this event via our Facebook page!

Asheboro City Schools presents

Hour of Code™



Register by [clicking here](#)

Monday, December 4

Professional Development Center
(on the Asheboro High School campus)

5-7 p.m.



Hour of Code™ is a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify computer coding. The event will demonstrate that anyone can learn coding basics. Each station will be equipped with hands-on activities for students and families to participate in coding activities together and to learn how coding and technology relates to the computer science field. The Hour of Code™ is a nationwide initiative by Computer Science Education Week (cseweek.org) and Code.org (code.org) to introduce millions of students to one hour of computer science and computer programming.



This is a floating event, but RSVPs are appreciated. To RSVP by please call Maria Cortes by calling (336) 625-5204 or register using the QR code shown above!

Asheboro City Schools
Advancing the community of excellence

ACS Holiday Concerts

Ring in the holidays with Asheboro City Schools at our annual holiday performances!

Dec. 5 – SAMS Winter Choral Concert, 7:30 p.m., AHS PAC

Dec. 7 – AHS Holiday Choral Concert, 7:30pm, AHS PAC

Dec. 11 – SAMS Band Concert, 7:30 pm, AHS PAC

Dec. 12 – NAMS Winter Band Concert, 7:30pm, AHS PAC

Dec. 13 – AHS Band Concert, 7:30pm, AHS PAC

Dec. 19 – NAMS Winter Choral Concert, 6 p.m. NAMS Theatre

Dec. 19 – AHS Jazz and Percussion Concert, 7:30pm, AHS PAC

Friends, family, and the community are welcome to attend these performances. Admission is FREE to all holiday events!

AHS DECA Participates in District Competition

Last Thursday, students from Asheboro High School's DECA team competed at the district competition in Greensboro. Prior to leaving, the team hosted DECA T-Shirt Day at AHS. Stay tuned to next week's newsletter for results from the competition.



ACS Principal of the Year

Congratulations to Ms. Julie Brady, principal at Charles W. McCrary Elementary School, who was selected as this year's Principal of the Year for Asheboro City Schools! Ms. Brady was recognized at the November Asheboro City Board of Education meeting.



Assistant Principal, Chris Tuft, says "Get up and get going. Just get started."

Check out the runner profile from the Greensboro News and Record featuring our very own, Mr. Chris Tuft. What an inspiration!

http://www.greensboro.com/blogs/wooten_running_shorts/runners-chris-tuft/article_02eb1e56-d601-11e7-96c9-433e8f92631d.html

Staff Condolences

We'd like to extend our deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Keith Kilby from North Asheboro Middle School. Mr. Kilby's mother passed away last week.



CenturyLink Grant Opportunities

Funded by CenturyLink's Clarke M. Williams, the Teacher's and Technology program provides classroom grants to help fund projects that advance student success through innovative use of technology.

A few items to note about the program:

- Full-time private and public school teachers are eligible
- Only schools in CenturyLink's residential service areas may apply
- Applications will be accepted Oct. 1, 2017 – Jan. 12, 2018 (midnight) via the online registration portal:
<http://www.centurylink.com/teachersandtechnology>
- Grant winners will be announced between April 1 - May 15, 2018
- Grant awards range from \$500-\$5000
- Schools do not have to be a CenturyLink customer to apply but must be located in a CenturyLink service area where CenturyLink provides residential phone service. If you are not sure if your school is in a CenturyLink residential service area; visit www.centurylink.com and click on "Check for Deals at my Home" in the upper right corner. Enter your school address to verify if CenturyLink services are provided there.

AHS Athletics

Tuesday, December 5

5 PM Girls Junior Varsity Basketball Grimsley High School **Home**
6 PM Girls Varsity Basketball Grimsley High School **Away**
6:30 PM Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Grimsley High School **Home**
7:30 PM Boys Varsity Basketball Grimsley High School **Away**

Wednesday, December 6

4 PM Coed Varsity Swimming Southern Alamance HS **Home**
7 PM Boys Varsity Wrestling Southeast Guilford High School **Away**

Thursday, December 7

5 PM Girls Junior Varsity Basketball Eastern Randolph High School **Home**
6 PM Girls Varsity Basketball Eastern Randolph High School **Away**
6:30 PM Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Eastern Randolph High School **Home**
7:30 PM Boys Varsity Basketball Eastern Randolph High School **Away**

Friday, December 8

5 PM Girls Junior Varsity Basketball Southeast Guilford High School **Home**
6 PM Girls Varsity Basketball Southeast Guilford High School **Away**
6:30 PM Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Southeast Guilford High School **Home**
7:30 PM Boys Varsity Basketball Southeast Guilford High School **Away**

Saturday, December 9

9 AM Boys Varsity Wrestling Trinity High School *Trinity Invitational@Trinity*
Away

PTEC Offers Customer Service Training

Customer Service 101

January 9, 2018 - 8:30 to 11:30 am

Blends customer service theory with practical tips
for improving your school's responsiveness to customers

Selling Our Schools

March 14, 2018 - 8:30 to 11:30 am

Learn to manage your school's reputation and
sell your school
in order to build parental and community support

Professional Development
for Principals, Assistant Principals, and
Administrative Teams

Register at:
ptecnet.org



ACS Receives Coding Grant Funding

Asheboro City Schools has been awarded \$28,900 through the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's new Coding and Mobile App Development Grant Program. Asheboro City Schools is one of 15 school districts to receive grant funding, ranging from \$10,000 to \$40,000. The grant is to be used to support partnerships with local businesses to help schools develop computer science, coding, and mobile app development programs for middle and high school students. The grant funds will support advanced classes in coding and computer science, provide additional opportunities for internships, and support educators at North and South Asheboro Middle Schools and at Asheboro High School.