

Monday Musings!

May 23, 2016

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Superintendent's Reading Challenge finale TODAY and Friday!

We can't wait to serve YOU and your students today to celebrate reading 100,000 books for the Superintendent's Reading Challenge and to kick off summer reading! We'll visit all our elementary schools today for lunch and then our secondary schools and ECDC on Friday! It's time to celebrate!



Congratulations Adam Reeder, ACS Teacher of the Year

Mr. Reeder is a graduate from Asheboro High School and after earning his undergraduate degree from North Carolina State University, Adam returned to Asheboro in 2000 to teach math. He later earned his Master's degree in secondary mathematics education from Appalachian State University and he is certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Mr. Reeder is an active leader in his school, serving as the Mathematics Department Chair and on the Asheboro High School Leadership Committee. Mr. Reeder is creative and works hard to develop meaningful relationships in and out of the classroom with his students. A student described Mr. Reeder as "the best teacher ever. His strategies for helping the students understand mathematical concepts and his approachability are what make him a great teacher." Mr. Reeder, congratulations on this great honor and thank you for all you do for Asheboro High School and our district.




Teacher
of the Year

Balfour Students Advance to State Math Fair

Six ACS students participated at the State Math Fair in Durham. From Balfour, Allie Pasillas and Rebecca Wilson; from NAMS, Rolando Hernandez and Jenna Graham; and from SAMS, Freddy Kelley and Taylor Hildreth participated in the math fair.



NAMS AIG Students Host Gallery Walk

NAMS hosted an AIG Gallery Walk Monday evening for parents and students to view work samples and learn more about the AIG program at NAMS. AIG highlights included differentiation, acceleration, enrichment, grouping, inquiry, and open-endedness.

Letterland Visits to McCrory

Last Monday, McCrory hosted Letterland's National Sales Director, Cat Rutledge, Writer, Lisa Holt, and Director of Marketing, Tom Wendon. The team met with Ms. Brady, the kindergarten teachers, and kindergarten students. The team was impressed with the rigor and with teacher and student engagement during Letterland time. They also made positive observations about the use of Letterland strategies throughout the kindergarten day.



McCrory Mustangs Place in A3 Weigh Down Challenge

The McCrory Mustangs placed second in the A3 Weigh Down challenge and Steve Watson placed second place in the men's division. Congrats to all!



AHS Spring Sports Ceremony

On Wednesday night the Blue Comets held their annual Spring Sports awards at the Performing Arts Center at Asheboro High School. In addition to honoring all of the spring sports teams the annual Lee J Stone Sportsmanship awards were presented along with honoring the 2016 Mister and Miss Blue Comet.

The Lee J. Stone Sportsmanship award was presented to two female student athletes this year - Meredith Priest and Katy Cernava. And the male recipient of the Lee J. Stone Sportsmanship award was Sawyer Davidson. Salem Davidson was named Miss Blue Comet and Nick Coe was named Mr. Blue Comet.

Teachey Tiger 5K

Teachey Tiger Fitness students completed the annual 5K this weekend. Over 70 students, staff, and parents participated.



Spring Fling at Balfour

The Balfour community rallied under the leadership of Mrs. Maness, Mr. Tuft and the Balfour PTO to create a phenomenal Spring Fling for students, families and friends on Friday, May 20th. The event showcased face painting, carnival food, bouncy houses, games, a dunking booth, basket raffles and more. The Scholastic Book Fair was held simultaneously in the Media Center, while the STEM Expo preceded this event with 93 student projects on exhibit. Some of the projects were team efforts designed and created in class, while others were part of the STEM At-Home Challenges .



Second Grade STEAM Competition at Balfour

Second grade students have been reading and discussing *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White. As part of this unit, teams designed and developed webs that could be purchased by spiders who have lost their ability to spin a web. Students selected materials, figured out the cost of developing their web and determined a selling price. They created a slogan to use in online and print advertisements. Classroom winners participated in the final competition, held on Friday, May 20th. Judges, with the help of Charlotte the Spider, selected Mrs. Smith's team as the school winner, their slogan - "It's Webtime!" Congratulations to all web designers!



AHS Athletics for This Week

Please be on the lookout for emails from Athletic Director Coach Luck about updates to AHS Athletics for this week.

Other Events this Week

Monday, May 23 – Superintendent's Reading Challenge finale! Ice cream party at all elementary schools!

Tuesday, May 24 – Senior Awards Night at AHS, 7 p.m. in the PAC.

Wednesday, May 25 – Senior Boards at AHS, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 26 – AHS Spring Band Concert at PAC at 7 p.m.

Friday, May 27 - Superintendent's Reading Challenge finale for all secondary schools and ECDC! The high school will also host Senior Awards Day at 9:30 a.m. and Aloha Day will follow.

What's on Tap in Performing Arts?

Mark your calendar for these upcoming performing arts events!

May 23rd at 7:30 PM, AHS Jazz Band Concert

May 26th at 7 PM, AHS Spring Band Concert

May 31st AHS Theater Class Final Scenes



SAT/ACT Words

Fortuitous: (adj.) accidental, occurring by a happy chance

Asylum: a place of retreat or security

Expectation: when you expect something to happen

READING COMPREHENSION:

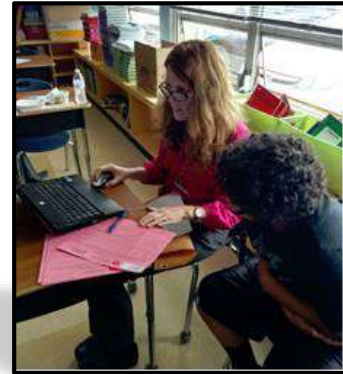
Annotate: to explain or discuss through a note

Word of the Week:

Jog Trot: a horse's slow measured trot **OR** a routine habit or course of action.

Rising 6th Graders Ready for SAMS!

The SAMS' middle school transition plan was completed last week. Earlier this year current 6th grade students wrote letters to 5th graders who then wrote back. The 5th grade students came to take a tour of the school, where they were able to experience class change. The 5th grade students were invited, and many attended, the last school dance of the year. Finally, this week, Leslie Smith-Moore met and registered future SAMS students for their elective class options. SAMS is ready future Blue Comets.



Corey Comet's Wellness Tips!

People who get a lot of exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays are at greater risk for skin cancer. Limit your exposure to UV rays by seeking shade. It is important to limit your time in the sun between the hours of 10am and 4pm. You can protect your skin with clothing, by wearing a hat, and using sunglasses. Use a broad spectrum sunscreen with sun protection factor values of 30 or higher. And always be sure to avoid tanning beds and sun lamps!