School Board Appreciation Month

During the month of January, school districts across the country celebrate **National School Board** Appreciation Month as a way to commemorate the important contribution that school board members make to their communities. We would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to our dedicated school board members for all that they do every day.



Transylvania County Board of Education 2017-19:

Tawny McCoy, Marty Griffin, Alice Wellborn, Ron Kiviniemi, Betty Scruggs McGaha



This past fall, fifth grade students at Brevard Elementary School were given the opportunity to choose club activities on Friday afternoons during their normal Specials time. The administrative team at BES wanted to have the clubs within the school day so that all fifth graders could participate. (Lack of transportation can often prevent students from becoming involved.)

Pottery Club



Glee Club

During the first quarter, the school offered Crafting, Cooking, Bee Fit, the Buzz Media Show, Book Making, Chess, Sports, Glee Club and Pottery. For the second semester, some of the clubs stayed the same and few new clubs were introduced, such as the International Club, Drama Club, and the Behind the Scenes Art Club. Students in the latter two clubs worked on this year's production of "A Christmas Carol."



BEE Fit Club

The final new club was Club Unify. Club Unify works in collaboration with BES self-contained classrooms and first and second grade classrooms. Fifth graders are able to serve as peer tutors and mentors to younger students and interact with special needs students as kids first and kids with a disability second.

Looking ahead to the third and fourth quarters, BES is excited to offer new opportunities by having members of the TCS central office and other community members host clubs on subjects that they specialize in. If you would be interested in hosting a club at BES and can commit to one day a week for a nine-week period, please contact Carrie Norris at cnorris@tcsnc.org for more information.



Cooking Club

Davidson River School "Active Afternoons"

Davidson River School thanks Mrs. Webb's classes for sponsoring several community service activities. On January 5th, students coordinated "Active Afternoon" to help others keep their New Year's resolutions and exercise more.



Yoga instructor Katherine Taylor offered yoga to students while others played ping pong, volleyball, dodge ball or basketball. Healthy afternoon snacks included homemade hummus and veggies prepared by the students. The activities were so popular that additional times will be scheduled for spring semester.

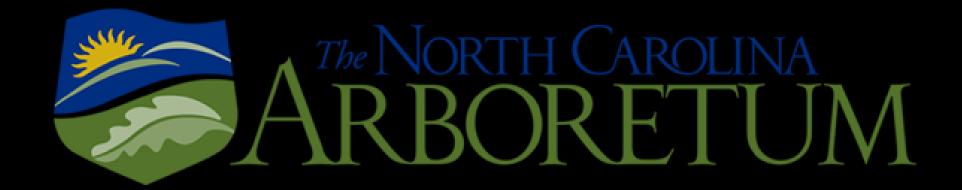
#SciencelsFEHNtastic!

Congratulations to DRS science teacher, Noelle Fehn, who recently received two grants to enhance her programs. She received over \$400 from Donor's Chose for a class set of science magazines for students to use at home and school. Since many of her students do not have the Internet at home for virtual day work, the subscription has already come in handy.



#ScienceIsFEHNtastic!

Ms. Fehn's second grant is a partnership with the North Carolina Arboretum called Project EXPLORE. Project EXPLORE: "Experiences Promoting Learning Outdoors for Research and Education," will engage her students in the DRS schoolyard using Arboretum educator-led science programs based on current science curriculum standards.



Students will be engaged in ongoing data collection at the schoolyard, and will present their research at The NC Arboretum Mountain Science Expo. The project so far involved attracting birds with bird feeders to collect local data.

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Students from **Davidson River** School Taiko and **Brevard Middle School Chorus** were among those performing at the 27th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration hosted by the Human Relations Council and Brevard College.



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Each group performed two musical numbers, and were warmly received by hundreds of people gathered in the Porter Center, many of whom had marched from Bethel "A" Baptist Church. We honor these students for being part of a special evening called "Unity In The Community."

Western Region Honor Jazz Band Clinic



Madison Allen earned third place in the Regional Jazz Auditions in Charlotte on January 14th. This is the first year Brevard has had a student audition for the Regional Honors Jazz Band.

She will represent Brevard High School as the First Chair Alto Sax in the second high school band at the Western Region Honor Jazz Band Clinic in Asheville this April.

Madison's placement also makes her eligible to audition for the All-State Jazz Auditions on March 4th at Central Davidson Middle School. We are very proud of her accomplishment!