National Teacher Appreciation Week

The week of May 1-5, 2017 is designated as "Teacher Appreciation Week" across the nation. School and community organizations will have activities throughout the week to honor and thank teachers for all that they do. As a part of the celebration, the Transylvania **County Association of Educators** (TCAE) will hold its annual "Friends of Education" banquet on May 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Rogow Room of the Transylvania County Library. The annual "Teacher of the Year" awards ceremony will be held on May 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Rogow Room of the Transylvania County Library.



National Principals' Day



May 1st is recognized annually as National Principals' Day, a time to honor the hard work and leadership of school principals everywhere. It is our opportunity to say "thank you" to these dedicated professionals and to share with the community all the great things that principals do to support the education of our students.

National School Nurses' Day

Wednesday, May 10th is National School Nurses Day. School nurses work with a complex array of school health issues included immunizations; health care screenings; hearing and vision testing; home accidents; diseases such as diabetes and asthma; student obesity; special needs such as tube feeding; preventing the spread of disease through blood exposure; and the fallout from mental, emotional, and social problems. For some students, the school nurse is the only health care professional they ever see. Join us in thanking our school nurses who rise to the challenge every day.



School Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week & School Lunch Hero Day



School Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week is May 1-5, 2017. Our school nutrition professionals deserve recognition because they do it all—preparing healthy meals for students, adhering to strict nutrition standards, navigating student food allergies, catering events (big and small)--and they do it with a smile. School Lunch Hero Day is Friday, May 5, and is the perfect time to say thank you to these hardworking superheroes in our school cafeterias.

Autism Awareness Month

April was National Autism Awareness Month, when schools across the nation and here at home promote autism acceptance through activities and events such as the autism awareness teeshirts. In Transylvania County Schools, over 100 tee-shirts were purchased and worn on Fridays in April as a way to encourage everyone to become partners in the movement toward autism acceptance and appreciation. We thank our Exceptional Children teachers and staff for all they do to help students achieve and succeed.



BHS "Pride of the Hills" Earns Sweepstakes at MPA



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Brevard High School Choir, "The Pride of the Hills," received a rating of Sweepstakes at their recent Music Performance Adjudication (MPA) on April 6 at Brevard College. Chorus teacher Bart Gilleland called this year's performance an immense accomplishment. "Of three scores we received in concert, the lowest was a 93 (out of 100), and the highest was a 98." Brevard swept its category, getting straight 1's (highest achievement) in concert, which combined with a 95 in sight-reading helped them attain the "sweepstakes" this year. Choirs are given comments and ratings of up to 20 points each in five key areas: Tone/Vocal Production, Intonation, Diction, Technique, and Interpretation. One of two pieces that a choir performs must come from a prescribed music list ranging from Class I (easiest) to Class VI (most challenging). Brevard consistently chooses repertoire in Class VI.

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Several students also earned individual recognition for recent performances. Diana Bodie, Emily Sheffield, and Iris Deyman each received Superior (best rating) for solo work at the NC Music **Educators Association Regional** Solo/Ensemble competition on March 31. Bodie excelled with a perfect score. Additionally, Douglas Grimm was named top Bass I at the Honor Choir auditions in October. Candace Britt and Sabra Freeman earned seats in the All-Carolina 9th-10th grade honor choir. Sheffield, Bodie and Grimm also made it into the prestigious Mars Hill Honor Choir, Bodie and Grimm again earning perfect audition scores.



Regional Battle of the Books

T. C. Henderson School of Science and Technology competed in the Regional Battle of the Books at the Buncombe County Schools Central Office in Asheville on April 25. Out of 6 teams, TCH finished in 5th place. Congratulations to the TCH team on their hard work and achievement.



BHS Students Accepted to NCSSM



Two students from Brevard High School, Benji Dial and James Thompson, have been accepted to the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM). The NCSSM is a two-year residential high school that is designed to challenge and inspire talented students with a strong aptitude and interest in math, science, engineering, and technology.

Frank Patton Classic

Brevard High School hosted the first annual Frank Patton Classic track meet on April 11th at the Frank Patton Track on the campus of Brevard College. Teams from seven schools, including Brevard, Rosman, T. C. Roberson, and Swain County competed in the meet. "Getting a full-fledged meet at this facility has long been a goal," said Brevard head coach Philip Latter. "Every runner in Transylvania County is so grateful to Frank and Donna Patton for all they've done in making it happen. Without their donations, we'd still have a crumbling track and no places to jump or throw. Naming the meet in Frank's honor was a no-brainer."



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Thanks to two separate donations, the Frank Patton Track now features a state-of-the-art eightlane synthetic surface, brand new long jump and triple jump pits, a new high jump mat, 80 hurdles, new starting blocks, and high quality throwing implements. The results have been immediate, as witnessed by the BHS women's cross country team's back-to-back 2A state championships and Noah Graham's seven individual titles. Thank you, Mr. Patton!

