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.

NPBTS Certifications

Four Transylvania County Schools teachers have been awarded certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) in 2017-2018.

Congratulations to Amanda Lewis (RMS), Kristy Ontko (RMS), Courtney Hagenau (BES), and Adria Hardy (BHS) for their hard work and dedication to excellence.

Scholastic Art Competition Winners

Congratulations to seven students from Brevard and Rosman High Schools for achievement in the 2018 Scholastic Art Competition.

Their work will be on display at the Asheville Art Museum from January 27 through March 4. All of the regional winners will be honored on February 25 at the Diana Wortham Theater in Asheville.

The artists are:

Scholastic Art Competition Winners

Madison Brinkley (RHS ’18):

Gold Key for “Roman Street” (drawing)

Honorable Mention for “Red Pair of Pears” (painting), “Rufus the Rooster” (painting), and “Looking Glass Falls” (painting)

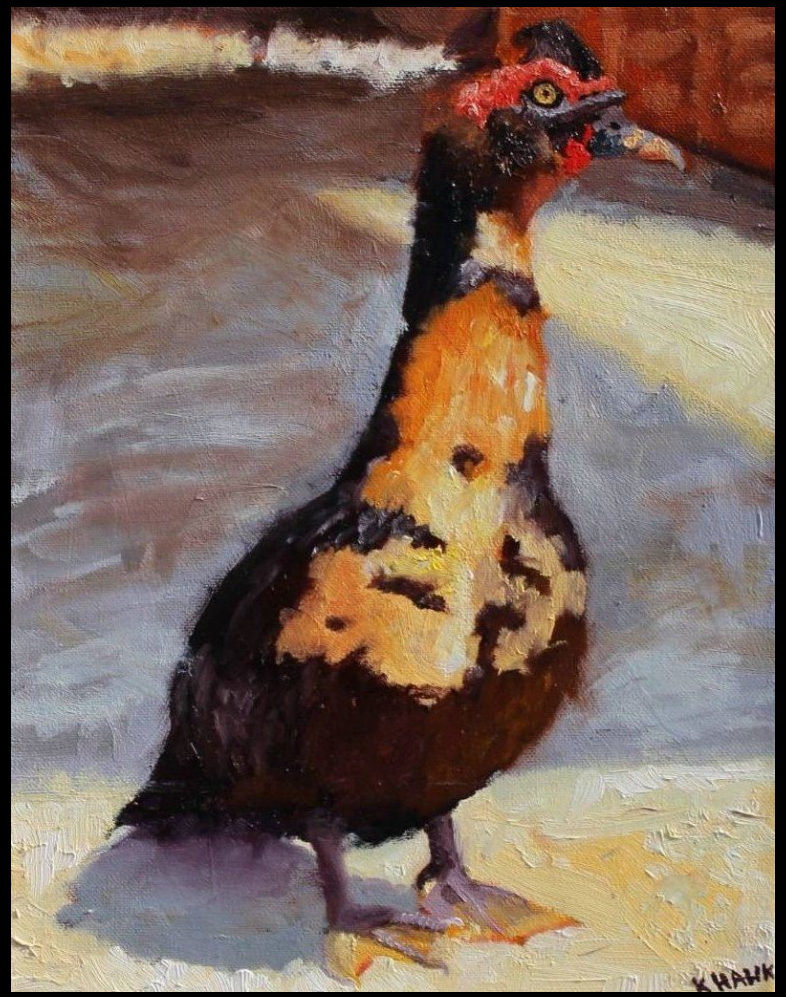
Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

GOLD KEY

Korinne Hawk (RHS ’18):

Gold Key & American Vision Nomination for “Blue Heron” (painting)

Silver Key for “Ugly Duck” (Painting)



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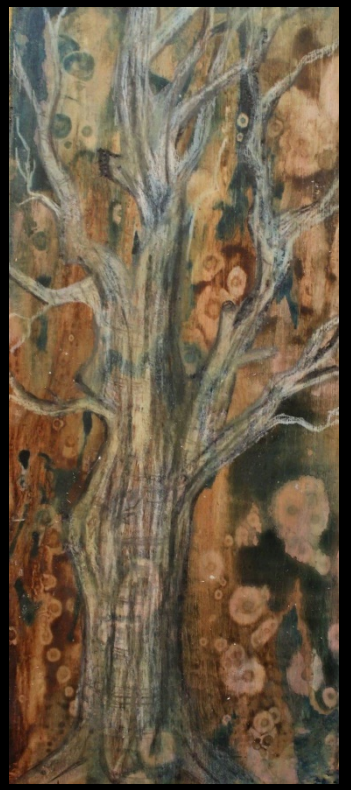
Abby Buchanan (RHS ’18):

Honorable Mention for
“Nature's Poetry” (Mixed Media)

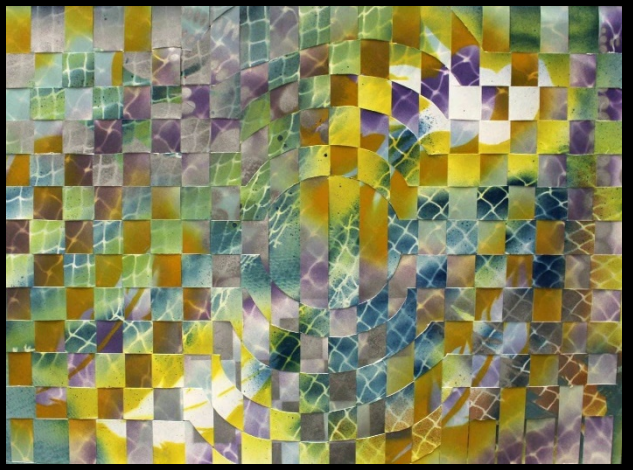
Honorable Mention for
“Arbor Vitae” (painting with encaustic wax finish)



Casey O'Shields (RHS ’19):

Honorable Mention for
“Ricken the Kicken' Chicken” (drawing)

Honorable Mention for
“Spherical Illusion” (painting-spray paint weave)



Julia Lusk, (BHS ’20):

Honorable Mention for “Deep Search“ (Illustration)

Hazel Freeman, (BHS ’18):

Honorable Mention for “Living Painting“ (Photography)

Sarah (Sadie) Tynch, (BHS ’19):

Silver Key for “Paris Market” (Watercolor Painting)

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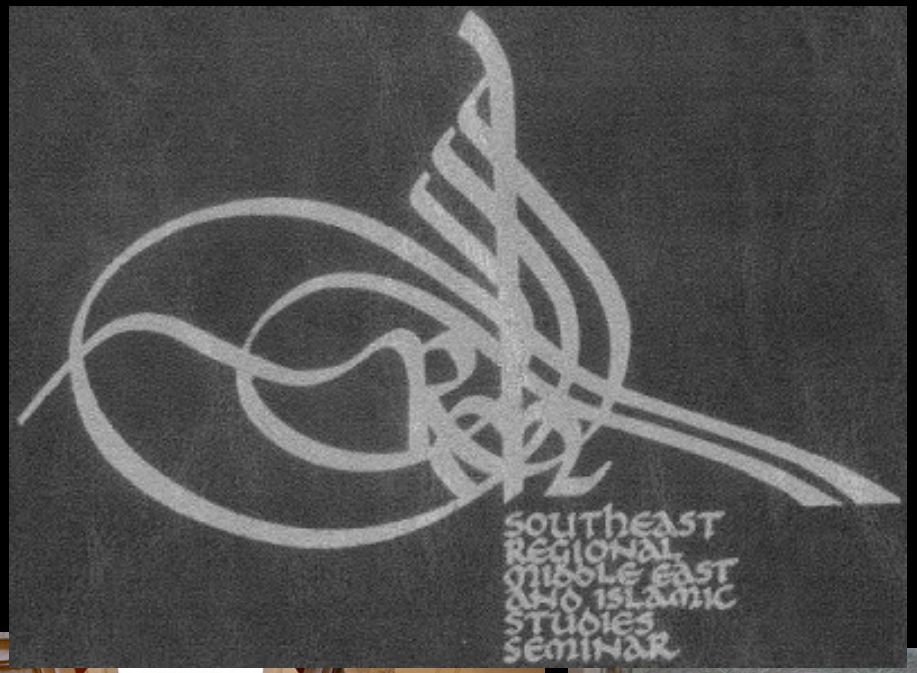
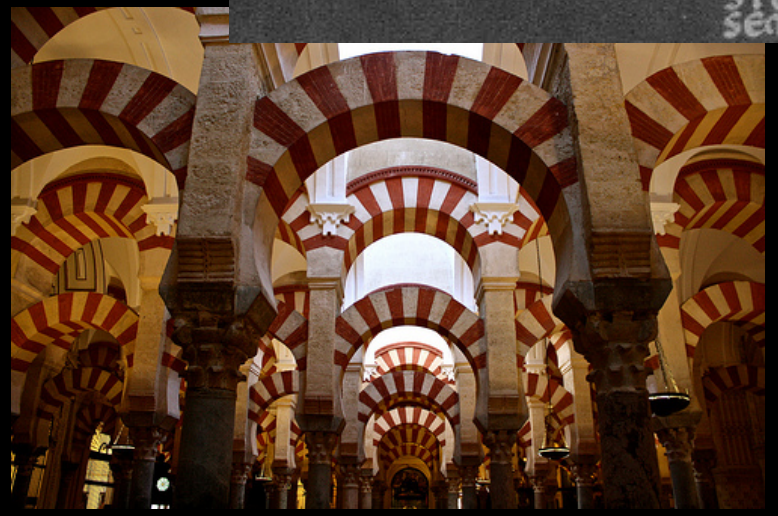
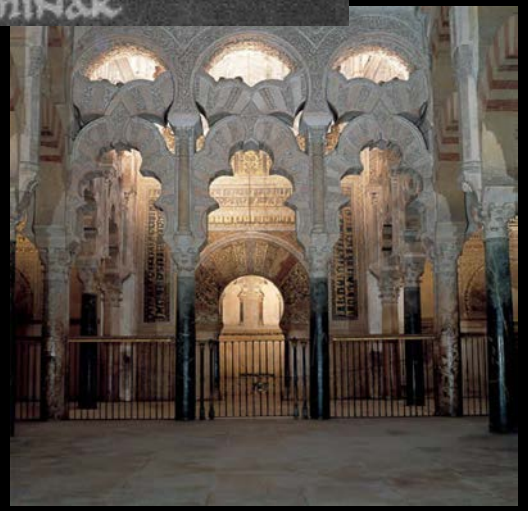
Grant Award to Study Medieval Spain

Congratulations to Davidson River School teacher Joe Russo who has been awarded a teacher professional development grant from the Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society to travel to and participate in a Medieval Spain experience this summer.

He will participate in a guided tour of the lands of Al-Andalus from June 8-19 with on-the-ground explorations of Christians, Muslims, and Jews in Medieval Southern Spain. Mr. Russo will share his experiences with his students and other social studies teachers in the state.







#BaldwinPirates

In October, Sarah Baldwin's third grade class at Brevard Elementary School began making "flat pirates" in art class to send out to people they know.

As new sightings of the flat pirates occur all over the world (photos sent to Sarah via email, or posted on Twitter), sponsors/donors give money to hurricane relief in Puerto Rico.

NCSPRA Blue Ribbon Awards

Congratulations to School-Community Relations Coordinator Kevin Smith for being named a 2017 Blue Ribbon Award winner bNy the North Carolina School Public Relations Association (NCSPRA). Awards will be presented at the NCSPRA Blue Ribbon Awards Brunch on January 26 at the O. Henry Hotel in Greensboro.

The award-winning submissions are:

Digital Media Engagement:

"BHS Principal Rocks the Drums" – Gold Award

Electronic Media:

"Love the Bus 2017" – Gold Award

"Teacher of the Year Videos" – Bronze Award

"How Do You Raise a Rosman Tiger" – Bronze Award

Photography:

"Rosman @ Brevard: County Schools Faceoff" – Silver Award

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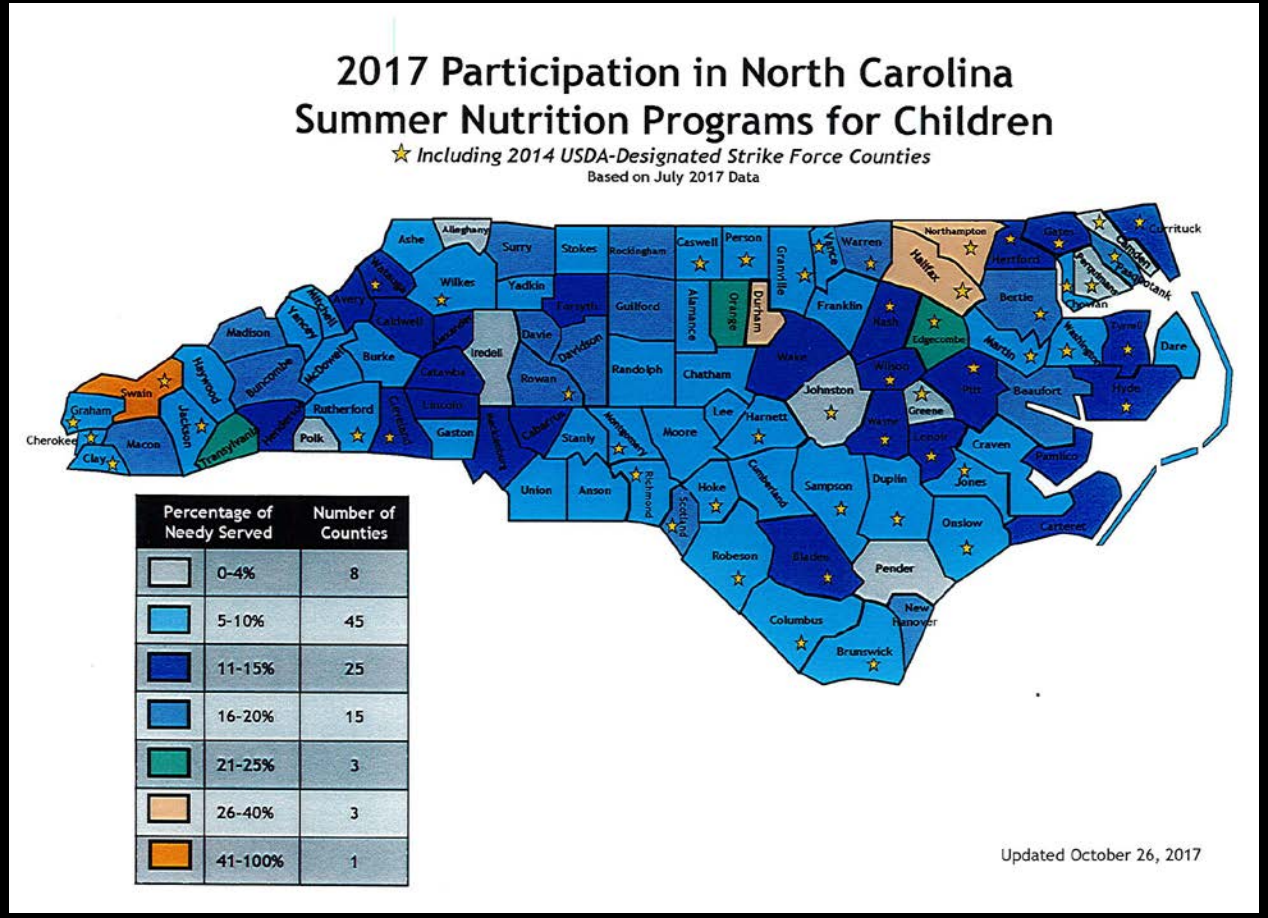
Summer Feeding Ranks 6th in NC

School Nutrition Director Carolyn Barton recently learned that in terms of reaching the highest percentage of needy students during the summer of 2017, the Transylvania County Schools summer feeding program ranked 6th highest in the state. Swain, Northampton, Halifax, and Durham counties ranked 1-4. Orange, Transylvania, and Edgecombe were 5-7.

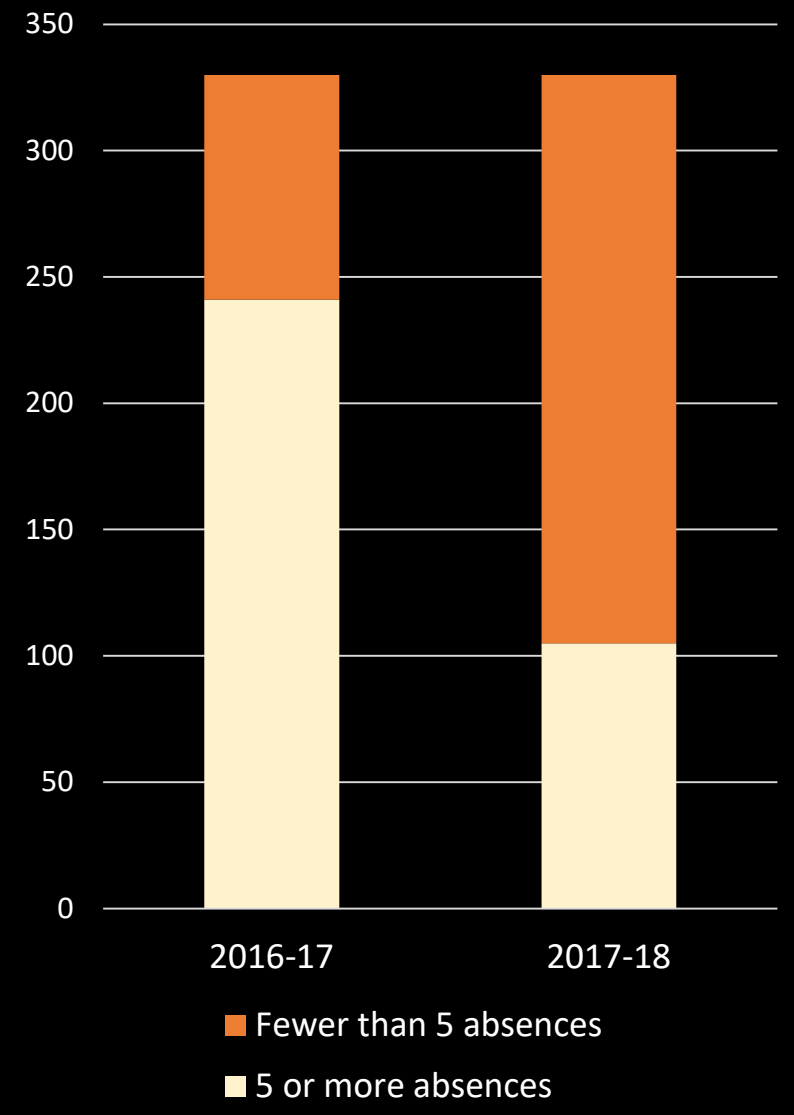
Mrs. Barton credits the addition of bus routes for pushing the program over the 20% mark in reaching students. A map showing a breakdown of the summer feeding programs statewide is attached for your information.



RHS Makes Attendance Gains

Based on research by student advocate Mary Ramey, last year (2016-17) at the end of December Rosman High School had 241 students with over 5 absences.

At the same point this year(2017-18), RHS had 105 students with 5+ absences.

Principal Jason Ormsby said, “We feel that we raised our expectations of our students, and they accepted the challenge. With fewer people missing school, this should have a positive impact on the quality of education the student receives with more class time.

“I am proud of Mary Ramey and the staff for their hard work and dedication to the students of RHS.”