

Twenty-Five Year Recognitions

Each year the board recognizes the current employees who have achieved 25 years of service with the Transylvania County Schools. The board would like to congratulate the individuals listed below:

Fran Hughes, Teacher, T. C. Henderson School of Science & Technology

Sarah Kevitt, Technology Specialist, Morris Education Center

Lisa Kimzey, Employee Benefits Coordinator/Bookkeeper, Morris Education Center

Annette Merrill, Teacher, Brevard Elementary School

Sean Parrish, Teacher, Brevard High School

Paul Raines, Bus Driver, Brevard Elementary School

American Education Week

A promotional graphic for American Education Week 2018. The background is red with a yellow curved shape at the top right. The text is in white and yellow. The NEA logo is in the top right corner.

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American Education Week is November 12-16, 2018. With the theme, *“Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility,”* American Education Week is a time to celebrate public education and honor the individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. Each year the board recognizes the observance by adopting a proclamation designating American Education Week in Transylvania County (see attached). In addition, all current and retired school system employees are invited to a free Thanksgiving lunch as guests of the board on a designated day in November. This year’s Thanksgiving lunch will be held on Thursday, November 15 in all school cafeterias. The Transylvania County Retired School Personnel (TCRSP) will also hold their fall meeting on that day in the PFES media center.



The week of October 15-19, 2018 is National School Lunch Week. This year's theme is *"School Lunch: Lots 2 Love,"* which was designed to help students and school nutrition professionals connect and share what each loves most about school lunch. Created by President John F. Kennedy in 1962, the National School Lunch Program serves more than 30 million children every school day. We give a big THANK YOU to the Transylvania County School Nutrition Staff for all they do to provide delicious and healthy meals to students and staff every day.

October is National Principals Month

The National Association of Secondary Principals (NASSP) and the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) have declared October 2018 as National Principals Month.

The North Carolina Principals & Assistant Principals Association (NCPAPA) supports this effort and wishes to recognize all NC principals for the essential role they play in leading schools in this state. Principals are among the hardest working, yet often least recognized individuals in education. They set the academic tone for their schools and provide the mobilizing force for achieving student success. Please join us in saying “thank you” to our own outstanding school principals:



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Carrie Norris, *Brevard Elementary School*
Dr. Bryan Abernethy, *Brevard High School*
Jeff Bailey, *Brevard Middle School*
Donna Wilde (*on leave*) & Barbara Grimm (*interim*), *Davidson River School*



Tonya Treadway, *Pisgah Forest Elementary School*
Bob Dinsdale, *Rosman Elementary School*
Jason Ormsby, *Rosman High School*
Scott Strickler, *Rosman Middle School*
Audrey Reneau, *T. C. Henderson School of Science & Technology*

CTE Truck

Thanks to a generous donation by Donna and Frank Patton, along with local and state CTE funds, the Transylvania County Schools Career & Technical Education program was able to purchase a 2019 Ford F250 truck. This purchase will allow our CTE teachers and students to attend events, camps, workshops and animal shows without using their personal vehicles. Many, many thanks to the Pattons for making this possibility a reality.



TCSEF Creative Classroom Grant Applications for 2019-2020



The Transylvania County Schools Educational Foundation has again set aside \$18,000 for creative classroom grants to TCS teachers. The grants are part of over \$25,000 that the Foundation makes available to enrich classrooms, send students to *Close Up Washington*, provide scholarships for alumni, and support teacher leadership initiatives. We appreciate very much TCSEF's fundraising efforts with the annual *Taste of Transylvania* and the work of the Grants Committee, which evaluates upwards of 50 proposals each year.

TCSEF Creative Classroom Grant Applications for 2019-2020



Proposals for the 2019-2020 grants are due Thursday, October 25, at 4 p.m. Directions and the application form are available online at <http://www.tcsef.org/grants/grant-application/>. Grant recipients have up to 18 months from the date awarded to use the grant money. Good luck, teachers and administrators, and thank you, TCS Educational Foundation.

Teacher Leadership Institute



Thirteen teacher leaders from Transylvania County Schools recently participated in a four-day Teacher Leadership Institute at the NC Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) on the campus of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee. As a result of a partnership with NCCAT, Polk County Schools, and Transylvania County Schools, and with a generous grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission, teachers from both high-performing school districts were able to immerse themselves in the study and discussion of leadership principles, personal leadership traits, teacher leadership in schools, group dynamics, and other critical aspects of leadership.

Teacher Leadership Institute

An overhead view of three women in a meeting. The woman in the center, wearing a blue denim shirt, is writing on a whiteboard with a red marker. The whiteboard has the words 'resolve differences' and 'awareness' written in a cloud-like shape. To her left, a woman with long blonde hair is looking at the board. To her right, another woman is looking at a tablet displaying a colorful interface. On the table, there is a blue folder with the NCCAT logo, a laptop, and several markers.

Also studied were Professional Learning Communities, including fundamentals of PLCs, coaching, relationships to teacher evaluations, implementation, and resources to support PLCs. Sessions supported participants in developing action plans for utilizing their own leadership abilities. In addition, participants had the time and support for professional growth and reflection. This leadership experience continues with the TCS Teacher Leadership Academy, a new program for Transylvania County Schools launched this year, which will include this group who attended the NCCAT experience as well as other teachers in the school system who wish to continue their growth as leaders.

BHS Junior Wins National Water Conservation Award

On September 21st in Redding, California, Brevard High School student Zoë Mihalas received the Trout Unlimited National Award for Distinguished Service in Youth Education. The Trout Unlimited (TU) award recognizes the fundamental importance of creating a new generation of conservationists in a manner that sustains TU's conservation legacy. The award honors individuals who demonstrate exemplary leadership and a deep passion for inspiring young people to become thoughtful, responsible stewards of North America's cold water fisheries. Congratulations to Zoë!



Thank You...

To the Brevard Elementary School for the artwork in the Board Room during the month of October, and thank you Transylvania County Sheriff's Office and our SRO for this evening.

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