



# Good News Report

## March 6, 2023

Communications/Community Relations

## National Board Certifications

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) offers National Board Certification as a way to 1) recognize the accomplished teaching that is occurring in North Carolina's classrooms, 2) develop and retain accomplished teachers, and 3) generate ongoing improvement in schools nationwide. It is the most respected professional certification available in K-12 education. The certification process evaluates teaching practice through performance-based assessments and is based on rigorous standards that represent what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do. Teachers who earn the certification are eligible for significant pay increases. Congratulations to the following teachers who recently earned NBPTS certification:

Laura Smith, Rosman Middle School

Alana Anderson, Pisgah Forest Elementary School



# School Social Workers' Week Mar. 5-11

March 5-11, 2023 is National School Social Workers' Week. This year's theme is "We Rise." School social workers do rise to support school communities. They rise to share hope. They rise to listen and understand. They rise to challenge inequities. They rise to support students and families. School social workers work with crisis interventions and help identify and report child neglect and abuse. Our school social workers are Abby Ammons, Olivia Shuler and Bethany Green (effective 3/6/23). Please join us in saluting these hardworking professionals for the important work they do.



## National Read Across America Day – Mar. 2



Thursday, March 2, 2023 was National Read Across America Day in schools and libraries across the country. It also commences Read Across America Week and Read Across America Month. Established by the National Education Association in 1998 to help get kids excited about reading, the day occurs each year on the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Theodor Seuss Geisel, known to all as "Dr. Seuss." Did you know:

- Reading has something for everyone. There is a book for absolutely every interest. Plus, reading to children helps them develop a good habit at an early age.
- Reading is healthy. Reading improves brain activity, aids sleep readiness, and reduces stress. Reading can lower blood pressure and heart rate, and can even fight symptoms of depression. Reading regularly slows down aging of our cognition.
- Reading makes you smarter. Reading of any kind increases vocabulary and comprehension skills. It drastically increases our knowledge and makes us more intelligent. Reading stimulates the brain, improves memory, and makes us better writers.

## National School Breakfast Week Mar. 6-10

March 6-10, 2023 is National School Breakfast Week. This year's theme, "Dig into School Breakfast," reminds us that school breakfasts help "construct" healthy kids and give them a better "foundation" to achieve their goals. Studies show that children who eat school breakfast are more likely to achieve higher levels in reading and math, score higher on standardized tests, have better concentration and memory, and be more alert and maintain a healthy weight. Reach out to your child's School Nutrition staff and thank them for their great work.



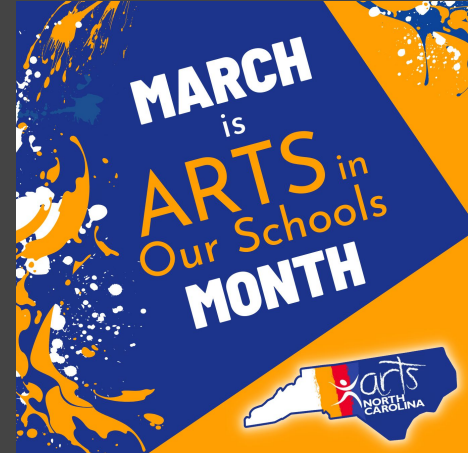
# Brevard High Culinary Team Headed to Jr Chef Competition

For the N.C. Jr. Chef Competition, teams of two to four students (grades 9-12) enrolled in North Carolina public schools are challenged to work with either an educator or school nutrition administrator to develop a creative recipe for a school lunch entrée. The recipes must meet the National School Lunch Program nutrition standards, include at least two North Carolina-grown products and one USDA Foods item, be replicable by School Nutrition Programs, and appeal to student tastes. A team of Brevard High School Culinary 3 students entered the NC Jr. Chef Competition with their Thai Pineapple Fried Rice with Chicken lunch entrée and qualified for the next round in the state competition!



# Arts in Our Schools Month

March is “Arts in Our Schools Month.” Arts Education in North Carolina includes dance, music, theater arts, and visual arts—each with its own body of knowledge and skills. The arts shape our lives daily and add depth and dimension to the human journey. Arts Education heightens skills in listening, creativity, understanding human experiences, creative problem solving, adapting to and respecting diversity, communicating effectively, reading, self-expression, imagination, self-confidence, and self-reliance. Over 95% of all students enrolled in North Carolina public schools have access to Arts Education courses. We urge all citizens to celebrate Arts Education as an essential part of every student’s education.



# Kindergarten Rally & Registration for 2023-2024

Kindergarten registration for the 2023-2024 school year is coming up soon. A Kindergarten Rally will be held on Thursday, April 6, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Transylvania Parks and Recreation. Kindergarten registration will be available in all our elementary schools on Monday, April 17 through Friday, April 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and also from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 20. Starting school is an exciting experience for young children and we want to be sure it is a positive one. All children who will be five (5) years old on or before August 31, 2023 are eligible to start kindergarten this fall. Visit [www.tcsnc.org/k](http://www.tcsnc.org/k) for enrollment forms and more information.



**KINDERGARTEN,  
HERE WE COME!**

**KINDERGARTEN  
READINESS RALLY**

**Thursday, April 6, 2023  
4-6 PM**

**Transylvania Recreation Department  
1078 Ecusta Rd, Brevard**

Brought to you by:



**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!**

The poster is for a Kindergarten Readiness Rally. It features a header with a photo of Elmo and other children, followed by the text "KINDERGARTEN, HERE WE COME!" in large red letters. Below this, the title "KINDERGARTEN READINESS RALLY" is written in blue. The date and time, "Thursday, April 6, 2023 4-6 PM", are listed in black. The location, "Transylvania Recreation Department 1078 Ecusta Rd, Brevard", is also in black. A section titled "Brought to you by:" lists five partner organizations with their logos: Family Place, smart start, Transylvania County Schools, wncsource, and GET SET. The poster concludes with the phrase "WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!" in blue.



# Congratulations to our “Of the Year” Winners!

## BES

TOY Nancy Frady  
TAOY Pat Rich

## PFE

TOY Baylee Hale  
TAOY Mary Palmer

## RES

TOY Breanna Morris  
TAOY Michelle Mason

## TCH

TOY Samantha Jones  
TAOY Amelia Waycaster

## BMS

TOY Justin Ausburn  
TAOY Amanda LaRowe

## RMS

TOY Alissa Cook

## BHS

TOY Erica Thompson  
TAOY Nijayah Cruell

## DRS

TOY Julie Bowman

## RHS

TOY Sarah Carson  
TAOY Bethany Green

## Rookie

Will Lindsey, BHS

## Principal

Scott Strickler, BHS

## Student Services

Jamie Dulberg, DRS

## Media/Technology

Alicia LaDow, PFE



**Thank you as always to the Transylvania County Sheriff's Office and our SRO for tonight's meeting.**



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