



Good News Report

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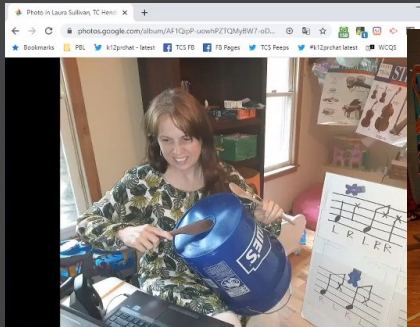
March Is “Arts In Our Schools Month”

Combining “Dance in Our Schools Month,” “Music in Our Schools Month,” “Theater in Our Schools Month,” and “Youth Art Month,” March has been designated by the State Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction as “Arts in Our Schools Month.”



“Arts In Our Schools Month”

Dance, music, theater, and visual arts contribute to students’ development through heightened skills in listening, problem-solving, adapting to and respecting others’ way of thinking, communicating effectively, reading, self-expression, imagination, creativity, self-confidence and self-reliance. Research shows that learning to sing, draw, paint, act, dance, read music, or play an instrument stimulates the brain and improves all areas of learning. The arts are an essential part of education and school is where all children should have access to the arts. At a time when many school music programs are facing cuts, we continue to support our arts programs.



Virtual Choir 2021

In celebration of Arts in Our Schools Month, Brevard Middle School Chorus Director James Markey and the BMS Chorus have invited singers of all ages to join a virtual choir project singing “I Choose Love” by Mark Miller, a song written in response to the 2015 tragedy at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC. Materials and information to enter a submission are available at <https://sites.google.com/tcsnc.org/jmarkey/home>. To see how it works, click on last year’s project, Seasons of Love from the Broadway musical “Rent.”



School Social Workers Week

March is Social Workers Month and the week of March 7-13, 2021 is National School Social Workers Week.

This year's theme, "Beacon of Hope: School Social Workers Lighting the Way," celebrates the essential role that school social workers play in serving the whole child, linking students and families with needed services, and advocating for children. School social workers provide services in crisis situations and help guide children through obstacles and uncertainty. They also help students gain the social-emotional understanding needed to find academic success and positive strategies for life. We greatly appreciate their important work and thank them for their service.



School Social Worker Week, March 7-13, 2021



Beth
Branagan



Shelly
Miller



Shanaia
Powell



Governor's School 2021

Three Transylvania County Schools students have been accepted into the 2021 North Carolina Governor's School. Governor's School is a 5½-week summer residential program for gifted and talented rising seniors, integrating academic disciplines, the arts, and unique courses. The program is located on two campuses of up to 335 students each: Governor's School West at High Point University in High Point, and Governor's School East at Meredith College in Raleigh. Congratulations to the following students:



Name	School	Selected Discipline	Campus
Emma Coye	Brevard High	Math	West
Townsend Dierauf	Brevard High	Natural Science	East
Jasmine Grooms	Rosman High	Instrumental Music (French horn)	East



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:

Amy Galloway, Media Specialist, Brevard Middle School

Emily Atkinson, Art Teacher, Brevard Middle School



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Kindergarten Registration 2021

Kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year is now open in all our elementary schools. 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, 2021 are eligible to start kindergarten this fall.

Visit www.tcsnc.org/k for enrollment forms and more information.



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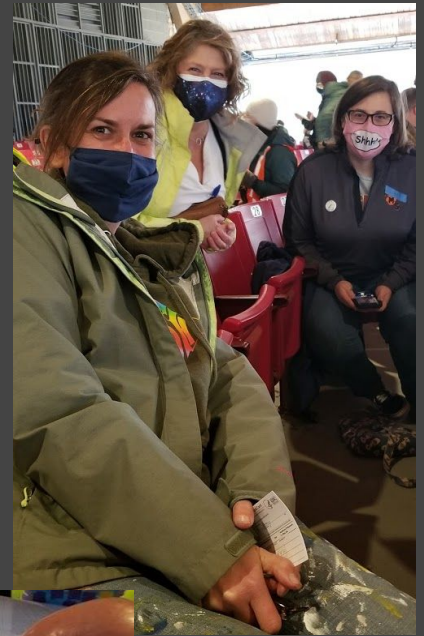
Time to Register
for Kindergarten!

Visit our website for forms, information,
and phone/web to contact the school of
your choice!

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Celebrating Vaccines!

As of Friday, nearly 400 Transylvania County Schools employees (67% of our educational staff) have received their first vaccination for COVID-19. Principals/supervisors worked with teachers and staff for coverage as needed and the process was extremely well-organized from beginning to end. Our thanks to Blue Ridge Community Health, Brevard Music Center, volunteers from Blue Ridge Community College, Transylvania Public Health and our school nurses for making this process happen. And a special thank you to Dr. Brian Weaver for all of his work coordinating and scheduling the vaccines.



Thank you to Brevard High School for their students' artwork in the Board Room this evening.

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





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