



# Good News Report

## March 1, 2021

Transylvania County Schools  
Communications/Community Relations

# 25-Year Recognitions

Each year the board recognizes the employees who have achieved 25 years of service with the Transylvania County Schools. The board would like to congratulate and thank this year's honorees for their dedication and commitment to public education:

- Karen Brown, Teacher, Rosman Elementary School
- Robin Ellis, Cafeteria Manager, Brevard Middle School
- Mick Galloway, Assistant Principal, Brevard High School
- Rebecca Green, Teacher, Brevard Middle School
- Micki Guinn, Office Support, Morris Education Center
- Barbara Higdon, Teacher, Rosman Elementary School
- Dwayne Norman, Maintenance Technician, Plant Operations
- Sherri Owen, Teacher, Brevard Middle School
- Janet Powell, Teacher, Rosman Elementary School



# National School Breakfast Week



National School Breakfast Week, March 8-12, 2021, celebrates the importance of a nutritious school breakfast in fueling students for success. This year's theme, "Score Big with School Breakfast," reminds parents and stakeholders that a healthy school breakfast helps ensure students' academic success in school so they can "score big" and reach their goals.

Schools across the country will celebrate NSBW with special menu items, events and fun activities designed for all students—whether they are learning at home or in school. Students who eat breakfast are more likely to have better concentration and memory, be more alert and maintain a healthy weight, reach high levels of achievement in reading and math, and score higher on standardized tests. Join us in thanking our School Nutrition staff for all they do to provide students with nutritious school breakfasts every day.

# National “Read Across America” Day



Tuesday, March 2, is National Read Across America Day (also known as Dr. Seuss Day).

It is a yearly observance held on the school day that is nearest to March 2, the birthday of famed children’s author, Dr. Theodor Seuss Geisel.

Launched in 1998 by the National Education Association, Read Across America is the nation’s largest celebration of reading. It aims to get kids excited about reading and instill a lifetime love of reading. One of the best ways to celebrate Read Across America Day is to volunteer to read aloud to children at schools, libraries and bookstores.

# TIME Science Students Inducted Into AJAS

The following students were inducted into the American Junior Academy of Science after sharing their science research at the 2021 American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) meeting in February of 2021. Although the meeting was based out of Phoenix, Arizona, due to COVID-19, students and scientists participated virtually.

These students were selected to represent North Carolina at the 2021 AAAS meeting after receiving 1st place in their respective categories in the 2020 North Carolina Student Academy of Science Competition, held virtually in March of 2020. Congratulations to the students listed below and TIME Science teacher Jennifer Williams.



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- ❑ Frank Parsons, Ben Caroway and Satchel Malo: *The Effectiveness of a 3D Printed Hydrogel to Sustain Algal Growth*: 1st Place Biotechnology and selected to represent North Carolina at the 2021 AAAS Meeting in Phoenix, AZ.
- ❑ Nicole Vargas Sancho, Jarek Stewart Karlowics and Elise Poche: *Antimicrobial Activity of Microorganisms Isolated from Western North Carolina Mushrooms*: 1st Place Biological Science and selected to represent North Carolina at the 2021 AAAS Meeting in Phoenix, AZ.
- ❑ Isaiah Lefler and Graham Green: *An Evaluation of Utilizing Nitrifying Bacteria in Conjunction with Martian Resources to Enable Hydroponic Growth*: 1st Place Earth and Space Science and selected to represent North Carolina at the 2021 AAAS Meeting in Phoenix, AZ.
- ❑ Josh Kupras: *Evaluating the Efficiency of Using Martian Materials as Fuel to Reach Martian Orbit*: 1st Place Physics and selected to represent North Carolina at the 2021 AAAS Meeting in Phoenix, AZ.



# Governor's Teacher Advisory Committee

Congratulations to Sean R. Parrish for being appointed to the Governor's Teacher Advisory Committee. Mr. Parrish is a visual arts teacher at Brevard High School and an adjunct professor in the fine arts department at Brevard College. He was selected as both Transylvania County's Teacher of the Year and Brevard High School's Teacher of the Year in 2005. This is truly an honor!

We are proud to have Mr. Parrish represent Brevard High School and Transylvania County Schools in this prestigious role.



# Middle and High School Students Selected for All-District Band

All-District Honor Band Auditions occurred January 29 - February 10, 2021. Due to the pandemic, students were judged from a video recording in which they demonstrated technique through scales or rudiments and a prepared solo. Congratulations to the following Middle School and High School students for their hard work and accomplishments!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL** — For Middle School, the **Western District Symphonic Band** is the Top Band, and the **Western District Concert Band** is the second level band.

## BMS

Bailey Alexander, 8th Grade, 5th chair flute, Middle School Symphonic Band

Jenna Berry, 7th Grade, 1st chair flute, Middle School Concert Band

Steven Bohn, 8th Grade, 8th chair trumpet, Middle School Symphonic Band

David Bohn, 8th Grade, 6th chair trombone, Middle School Symphonic Band

Tori Brown, 7th Grade, 6th chair french horn, Middle School Symphonic Band

Isabelle Gentle, 8th Grade, 6th chair flute, Middle School Symphonic Band

Ella Higgins, 7th Grade, 9th chair flute, Middle School Concert Band

Addie Shoer, 8th Grade, 7th chair clarinet, Middle School Symphonic Band

## RMS

Gracee Roberson, 8th Grade, 5th chair tuba, Middle School Symphonic Band

Mason Galloway, 7th Grade, 1st chair baritone, Middle School Concert Band

Brendan Marlow, 8th Grade, 7th chair horn, Middle School Concert Band





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## HIGH SCHOOL

### BHS

Frank Parsons\*, Senior, 4th chair Clarinet, 11-12 Senior High School Band  
Joe Smith, Junior, 4th chair Alto Saxophone, 11-12 Senior High School Band  
Brayden Grosvenor\*, Sophomore, 3rd chair Trombone, 9-10 High School Band  
Julia Bohn, Freshman, 12th chair Trumpet, 9-10 High School Band  
Trevor Long\*, Freshman, 2nd chair Tuba, 9-10 High School Band

### RHS

Jasmine Grooms, Junior, 5th chair Horn, 11-12 Senior High School Band  
Luke Norton\*, Senior, 4th chair Trumpet, 4th chair Baritone, 11-12 Senior High School Band  
*Colton Newman, Senior, 1st alternate Timpani, 2nd alternate Mallets, 11-12 Senior High School Band*  
*Eli James, Senior, 2nd alternate Timpani, 11-12 Senior High School Band*  
*Elisabeth Qualls, Freshman, 1st alternate Horn, 9-10 High School Band*  
*Elijah Chapman, Sophomore, 1st alternate Tenor Saxophone, 9-10 High School Band*

\*Qualified to audition for NC All-State Honor Band in April. Luke Norton also qualified for the Presidential Music Scholarship at Mars Hill University that is worth up to \$20,000 a year.



**Thank you to Rosman Middle 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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