



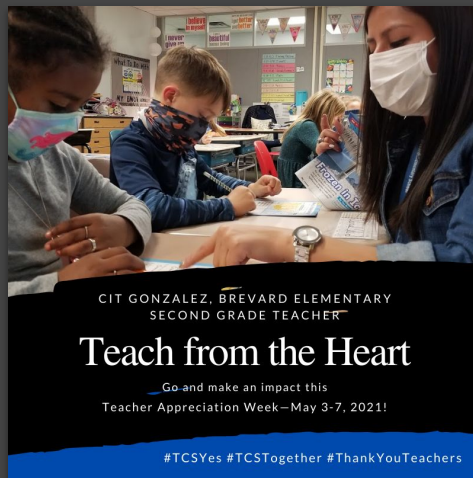
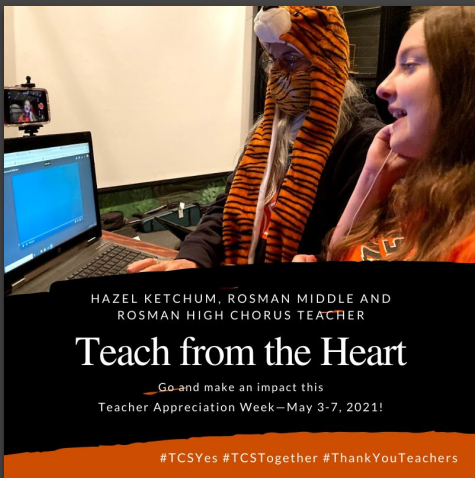
Good News Report

May 3, 2021

Transylvania County Schools
Communications/Community Relations

National Teacher Appreciation Week

The week of May 3-7, 2021 is National Teacher Appreciation Week. Teachers change the lives of millions of children every day, and as we approach the end of this challenging school year, we know that our teachers have done more than ever before to continue daily education with virtual classrooms and in-person learning. All to ensure that every student has the tools they need to reach their full potential. Let's celebrate our teachers and show them our thanks and appreciation!



National School Principals' Day

National School Principals' Day is observed nationally on May 1st each year and is a time to thank the hardworking professionals whose leadership and dedication help provide the best education possible for students. From supporting student achievement; managing students, teachers, and staff; and meeting the expectations of parents, the jobs of school principals are often underestimated. Principals motivate others and help lead young people to a prosperous future. Please join us in saying “thank you” to each of the principals in our schools:

Mike Kirst – Brevard Elementary
Bryan Abernethy – Brevard High
Jeff Bailey – Brevard Middle
Barbara Grimm – Davidson River
Tonya Treadway – Pisgah Forest Elementary
Bob Dinsdale – Rosman Elementary
Jason Ormsby – Rosman High
Scott Strickler – Rosman Middle
Patrick Chapman – T. C. Henderson Elementary



National School Nurse Day

National School Nurse Day is May 12, 2021. School nurses serve as a critical health hub for students, helping to ready students for learning by managing complex, chronic conditions; identifying and addressing mental health issues; promoting healthy behaviors; handling medical emergencies; and navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic by testing, tracking and vaccinating school personnel. School nurses are essential for healthy kids, healthy schools and healthy communities. Please join us in thanking our wonderful school nurses for all they do every day:

Julie Hak

Ashley Owen

April Owenby

Amy Parker



School Lunch Hero Day

Join us in celebrating Friday, May 7, 2021 as School Lunch Hero Day in our local schools and nationwide. Between preparing healthy meals, adhering to strict nutrition standards, navigating student food allergies, and offering service with a smile, our school nutrition professionals are true heroes. Please show your appreciation to your school nutrition team for all they do and thank them for meeting the challenge of keeping children fed, at home and at school, during the COVID pandemic.



School Nutrition Grants Received During COVID Emergency

Director Carolyn Barton has reported that the Transylvania County School Nutrition Department received more than \$166,000 in grants for food and equipment to feed children during the 2020-2021 COVID emergency:

- Ecusta Credit Union - \$3,000 (coolers for food distribution)
- Toxaway Charities - \$20,000 (emergency food cards)
- Dairy Alliance - \$3,500 (insulated carriers)
- No Kid Hungry - \$3,500 (coolers)
- NCSU-Cooperative Extension: Rapid Response Grants - \$4,000/year (2020 fresh produce)
- NCSU-Cooperative Extension: Rapid Response Grant - \$2,000/year (2021 fresh produce)
- NC Dept. Public Instruction, State Board of Education, NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant - \$130,013

In addition, Mrs. Barton is applying for a \$10,000 Blue Zones grant. Our thanks to Mrs. Barton for her work in securing the grants and to the grant providers for their support.



Bright Ideas Grant From Haywood EMC

Each year, the North Carolina Electric Cooperatives organization awards Bright Ideas grants to teachers for projects that improve classroom instruction and utilize innovative teaching methods. Since 1994, teachers in our state have received more than \$13.6 million in Bright Ideas grants from North Carolina's 26 electric cooperatives, making possible nearly 13,000 innovative projects that have reached over 2.7 million students.

Our sponsoring cooperative, Haywood Electric, has invited Transylvania County teachers to apply for the grants again this year.

To apply, visit www.ncbrightideas.com. The early bird deadline is August 16, 2021 and the final deadline is September 8, 2021.



Taste of Transylvania May 4-9, 2021

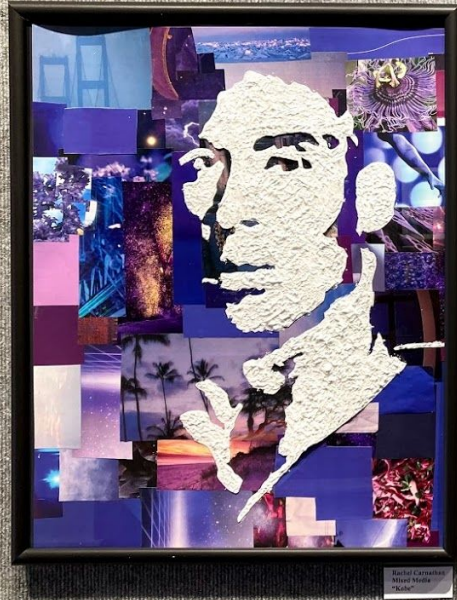
The Transylvania County Educational Foundation (TCSEF) will host a week-long, pandemic-friendly version of the Taste of Transylvania this year. The Foundation has partnered with a number of local restaurants, food trucks, wine and coffee shops, bars, and breweries to offer dine-in or take-out options on Tuesday, May 4 through Sunday, May 9, with a portion of sales benefiting the Foundation.

They also will host an online silent auction that will run the same dates as the dining options and offer a variety of items for bid. Proceeds will go to the TCSEF's Creative Classroom Grants for public schools.

For more information or to bid in the online auction go to <https://tcsef.org/taste-of-transylvania/>. There will be an option to donate directly by texting "TCSEF" to 76278.



Thank you to Rosman High School for the student 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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