



# Good News Report

## May 1, 2023

Communications/Community Relations

# Transylvania County Arts Council 2023 Student Exhibit

Please mark your calendars for the Transylvania County Public Schools Student Art Exhibit on May 4-20, 2023 at the Transylvania Community Arts Council (TCArts), located at 349 S. Caldwell Street, Brevard. Each spring TCArts and art teachers in the schools partner to select and showcase works of art from students across grades K-12. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, May 4, from 4:30-6:30 PM at TCArts. Gallery hours are 11am to 5pm Tuesday through Friday and 1pm to 4pm on Saturdays during exhibits.



# “Of the Year” Awards 2023-2024

Transylvania County Schools celebrated the outstanding educators for 2023-2024 at the “Of the Year” Awards Program on April 18th in the Rogow Room of the Transylvania County Library. Baylee Hale, PFES, was announced as the District Teacher of the Year and Nijayah Cruell, BHS, was announced as the District Teacher Assistant of the Year for 2023-2024. Our thanks to Ms. Amber Webb and First Citizens Bank for sponsoring the Teacher of the Year awards. Thanks also to the members of the 2023-2024 interview committee who volunteered their time to interview all of the school-level teachers and teachers assistants of the year in order to select our two “best of the best” district winners.



## Student Services Person of the Year

- Jaime Dulberg, DRS

## Media/Technology Person of the Year

- Alicia LaDow, PFES

## Principal of the Year

- Scott Strickler, BHS

## Rookie of the Year

- Will Lindsey, BHS

## Teacher Assistants of the Year

- Pat Rich, BES
- Michelle Mason, RES
- Nijayah Cruell, BHS (district winner)
- Bethany Green, RHS
- Amanda LaRowe, BMS
- Amelia Waycaster, TCH
- Mary Palmer, PFES

## Teachers of the Year

- Nancy Frady, BES
- Breanna Morris, RES
- Erica Thompson, BHS
- Sarah Carson, RHS
- Justin Ausburn, BMS
- Alissa Cook, RMS
- Julie Bowman, DRS
- Samantha Jones, TCH
- Baylee Hale, PFES (district winner)

# STEAM Expo 2023

The Transylvania County Schools STEAM Expo held on April 23 at Transylvania County Parks and Recreation was a huge success! Staff and students provided many activities for the community to engage in or make and take, and students led many of the activities. Visitors were able to engage in fun activities such as a life-size Operation game; Airzooka (air power); catapults; robotics; gas-powered rockets; termite dissections to look at microbes; “Going on a Bear Hunt” that integrated reading skills, art, and robotics; lots of visual art; Breakout Boxes; Tiger Radio podcast; talking trees; and bird feeders, just to name a few. The projects showcased problem solving, higher order thinking, collaboration, creativity and inquiry skills that can be applied beyond the classroom. Thank you to all the students and staff who participated!



# Rosman High National Honor Society Trip

During Spring Break, sixteen members of the Rosman High School National Honor Society headed to the Florida Keys for a five-day trip that included beach time and snorkeling, feeding sharks at an aquarium, visiting a Wild Bird Sanctuary, a Dolphin Center, a day trip to the Dry Tortugas National Park, an airboat ride and alligator show in the Everglades, and two service projects—creating papier mâché treat eggs for the birds in care at the rehabilitation center and volunteering at one of the RCMA preschools for children of migrant workers. And of course, the BEST key lime pie at the Blonde Giraffe Key Lime Pie Factory. The students and chaperones had a wonderful time. The trip was made possible by community donations and students working to earn money to pay for the trip through fundraisers.



# BHS Thespians Presents “Mamma Mia!” May 12-14

Tickets are on sale now for the Brevard High School Spring Musical, “Mamma Mia!,” premiering Friday and Saturday May 12th and 13th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 14th at 2:00 p.m. in the Brevard High School Auditorium. Told through the legendary music of ABBA, this musical has become a worldwide sensation that has audiences everywhere dancing. Buy your tickets at [bit.ly/BHSMammaMia](https://bit.ly/BHSMammaMia) or scan the QR code on one of the posters around the school. Adult tickets are \$15, student tickets are \$12, and children’s tickets are \$10.

The poster has a light blue background with white cloud-like shapes. At the top, it says "BHS Thespians Presents" in a small font, followed by "MAMMA MIA!" in large, bold, blue letters. Below that, it says "Music and Lyrics By Benny Andersson Bjorn Ulvaeus". In the center, there are two columns of text: "Dates" followed by "May 12th & 13th @7pm" and "14th @ 2pm"; and "Tickets" followed by "Adult \$15", "Student \$12", and "Children \$10". At the bottom right, there is a QR code and the URL "https://bit.ly/BHSMammaMia".

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# National Teacher Appreciation Week May 8-12

National Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8-12, 2023. Teachers shape the lives of millions of children every day, and are some of the hardest working people in the workforce. Teachers go above and beyond for their classes, creating not only lesson plans but a sense of safety and belonging for their students. They work to reach the students who are falling behind and they encourage students to excel. Teachers strive to meet every challenge with compassion, creativity and care. Whether you are an educator or a supporter of one, join us this week and throughout the year in showing them your respect and appreciation.



# Celebrating Adria Hardy

Congratulations to Brevard High School teacher Adria Hardy who was named as a 2023 Morehead-Cain Impact Educator. Ms. Hardy was awarded a Discovery Fund grant of \$2,070 to attend the AP Statistics Summer Institute in Davidson, NC.





# National School Principals Day May 1, 2023



Scott Strickler  
BHS

Amanda Lewis  
PFE

Julie Queen  
RMS

Packy Chapman  
TCH



Mike Kirst  
BES



Bob Dinsdale  
RES



Barbara Grimm  
DRS



Jason Ormsby  
RHS



**National School  
Principals Day**

School Principals' Day is observed every year on May 1st as a time to show appreciation to the school administrators who work hard every day to create an enriching learning environment for students. Some interesting facts about school principals:

- The principal has a big impact on student achievement. A recent study demonstrated that an effective principal's presence led to a positive impact on student progress.
- Effective principals seek out and retain effective teachers which in turn leads to an improvement in student performance. The discipline and success of the school depends on the principal.
- In earlier decades, principals taught classes. Nowadays, they are responsible for school administration and organization. However, nearly all principals started their careers as teachers. When needed, they can step in and teach a class, drive a bus, or help a beginning teacher engage with students and make the learning process interesting.

Principals do so much for students and families, and this is the perfect time to say thank you!



# National School Nurse Day May 10, 2023

As healers, comforters, and role models, school nurses rise to the challenge of caring for students every day. School nurses help improve attendance, enforce federal law, help staff health, and improve academic performance. They can help prepare students to learn by providing examinations, treatment and follow-up to children who are at risk of developing persistent physical, cognitive, or social or emotional problems. They are essential for healthy kids, healthy schools, and healthy communities. Please join us in recognizing our school nurses for all they do:

April Owenby  
Ashley Owen  
Julie Hak  
Amy Parker



# School Lunch Hero Day is May 5, 2023

When we say our school nutrition professionals are heroes, we mean it. That's why we celebrate them every spring with the annual School Lunch Hero Day, which is this Friday, May 5th. It is an opportunity for everyone to recognize the difference these hard-working team members make for every child who comes through their cafeteria.



# PreK Farm to Preschool Grant

Congratulations to Kellie Krueger for receiving the Farm to Preschool Grant for both PreK classrooms at BES. These students will learn about worms and compost as well as be able to purchase supplies and materials to create gardens. The students will also enjoy a visit from a local farmer to help them with their gardens.



# Thank You to Brevard High Students

A big shout out to students in the Brevard High School OCS class who came to the Morris Education Center in April and packed 400 bags for the 2023 kindergarten registration. They did an awesome job!



# MCJROTC Serves Community for Earth Day

The Transylvania County Schools Marine Corps Junior ROTC served the community by picking up trash and planting flowers in recognition of Earth Day. Cadets collected seven bags of trash from Gallimore, Sugarloaf and Country Club Roads, as well as the BHS campus. The cadets also planted flowers at Brevard High School, and we look forward to the coming days as the seeds bring new life and color to the campus. The MCROTC would like to thank the Brevard Rotary Club for its support of this project.



# RHS Drama Department Presents “A Night of Music and Drama” May 9

The Rosman High School Drama department will present “a Night of Music and Drama” on Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rosman High School Auditorium. Directed by Linda Peeples, the presentation will feature “Balcony Scene” by Donald Esler and “The Common but Clever Peasant” by Christina Hamlett. Tickets are \$10 at the door and doors will open at 6:30 p.m.



# Dr. McDaris Retirement Celebration May 23

We invite faculty, staff, and the community to join us as we celebrate and honor a 40-year career in public education at the Drop-in Retirement Reception for Dr. Jeff McDaris on Tuesday, May 23, from 4-7pm at the Mary C. Jenkins Community Center, located at 221 Mills Avenue, Brevard. We hope everyone can come by to share memories and well wishes with Dr. McDaris as he enters this new phase of life.



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**DROP-IN  
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**MARY C. JENKINS  
COMMUNITY  
CENTER**  
221 Mills Ave.  
Brevard, NC 28712



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# National Technical Honor Society Inductions

Brevard and Rosman High Schools inducted 69 students into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) on April 25 and 26. The NTHS recognizes outstanding student achievement in technical education. The newly inducted members have demonstrated exceptional performance and met rigorous criteria for induction. They have been recommended by two Career Technical Education (CTE) teachers, demonstrated strong character and leadership traits, and followed these rigorous academic standards:

- Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale (unweighted)
- An active participant in a CTE Student Organization
- Completed a CTE career pathway

The NTHS provides students opportunities for personal growth, leadership development, and career advancement. Members are also eligible for scholarships, recognition, and networking opportunities. Family, friends, and members of the school community were in attendance to celebrate the achievements of these outstanding students. Congratulations to the newly inducted members of the National Technical Honor Society at Brevard and Rosman High Schools!



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



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