



Good News Report

May 2, 2022

Transylvania County Schools
Communications/Community Relations

National Teacher Appreciation Week May 1-7, 2022

Teacher Appreciation Week is celebrated each year in the first full week in May (May 1-7, 2022). Teachers shape the lives of millions of children every day, and they are among the hardest working people in the workforce. According to one study:

- The average work week for teachers is 53 hours.
- Ninety-seven percent of teachers say they are not in it for the money. Most say that good school leadership is the most important factor to them to stay in their role. Salary didn't even make the top ten.
- Teachers are second only to the U.S. Military as the occupation that most heavily contributes to the well-being of society.
- At some point, 94% of teachers go into their own pockets for classroom purchases.

As we approach the end of a challenging two years, let's show our thanks to our teachers who go above and beyond to ensure that students have the tools to reach their full potential.



TCS Educators of the Year

Transylvania County Schools celebrated the Educators of the Year for 2022-2023 at a reception held in the Rogow Room of the Transylvania County Library on April 26. Awards were presented to the school-level Teachers of the Year, Teacher Assistants of the Year, Student Support Person of the Year, Media/Technology Person of the Year, Principal of the Year, and Rookie of the Year.

Jennifer Worley, RES, was announced as the District Teacher of the Year and Nikki Breeden, RES, was named as the District Teacher Assistant of the Year. 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 2022-2023 interview committee. Join us in congratulating the outstanding educators listed below who were selected as the “best of the best” for 2022-2023:

Teacher Assistants of the Year:

Sonya Morris (BES)

Lyndon Clayton (BHS)

Sierra Chase (BMS)

Heather Strickler (PFES)

Nikki Breeden (RES) – **District TAOY**

Erika McCall (RHS)

Vickie Ayers (TCH)

Teachers of the Year:

Kimberly Moore (BES)

Shane Worley (BHS)

Monica Shultz (BMS)

Verna Jenkins (DRS)

Jessica Ammons (PFES)

Jennifer Worley (RES)) - **District TOY**

Tammy Hall (RHS)

Hazel Ketchum (RMS)

Linda Underwood (TCH)



National School Principals Day - May 1, 2022

National School Principals Day is observed nationally on May 1st each year as a time to thank the men and women whose leadership and dedication help provide the best education possible for students. Nearly all school principals started as teachers. When needed, they can step in to teach a class, drive a bus, or help a beginning teacher engage with students and make the learning process interesting. From supporting student achievement; managing students, teachers, and staff; and meeting the expectations of parents, the jobs of school principals are huge and often underestimated. Principals help lead young people to a prosperous future. Please join us in saying “thank you” to the leaders 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



National School Nurse Day

May 11, 2022

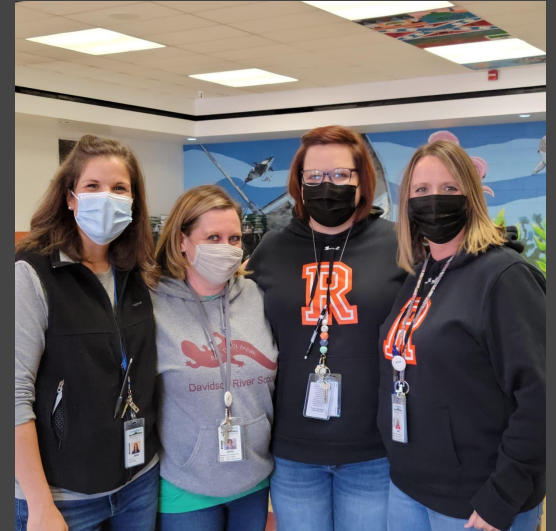
Since 1972, National School Nurse Day has been observed to raise awareness of the important work of school nurses. Unaddressed health problems can make it difficult for children to learn. According to the National Survey of Children with Special Healthcare Needs, 11.2 million children in this county are at risk of developing persistent physical, cognitive, social or emotional problems. School nurses can help prepare students to learn by providing examinations, treatment, and follow-up. They are essential for healthy kids, healthy schools and healthy communities. Please join us in thanking our wonderful school nurses for all they do:

April Owenby

Ashley Owen

Julie Hak

Amy Parker



School Lunch Hero Day May 6, 2022

Friday, May 6, 2022 is the 10th Annual School Lunch Hero Day and a chance to show appreciation to the school nutrition workers who make a difference for every child that comes through the cafeteria line. Every day our cafeteria staff prepare and serve healthy meals, adhering to strict nutrition standards and navigating food allergies. They feed kids at school and at home by providing meals during school breaks and summers. For many children at risk of food insecurity, school meals are their most dependable food source. Please join us in celebrating our hardworking school lunch heroes!



Davidson River is a 2022 FAFSA Challenge Winner

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is an important component of the myFutureNC collaborative for a brighter future. North Carolina public high schools were recently invited to join the NC First in FAFSA Challenge and compete for a chance to win \$500 or more for their school. Participating high schools competed against schools of similar senior class size and location in two categories: FAFSA completions for 2022, and FAFSA completion growth compared to last year.

Congratulations to Davidson River School for being named a winner in the growth category with FAFSA completions up 35%. Way to go, DRS!



CTE Hospitality Education Grant

Transylvania County Schools has been awarded a Hospitality Education Grant by the NC Department of Public Instruction. The grant provides funding for Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs designed to provide options for students outside the traditional classroom instruction with a focus on developing critical skills necessary to succeed in the hospitality sector. The grant funds will be used to expand the TCS Culinary Arts program.



BHS Culinary 2 Students



RHS Culinary Students

Congratulations to Dr. Sorrells

We are pleased to report that Jenna Sorrells, Assistant Principal at Brevard High School, has completed her doctorate degree and is now officially Dr. Jenna Sorrells. Congratulations, Dr. Sorrells!



Congratulations Morehead-Cain Scholarship Recipient - Emma Coye!

Brevard High School senior Emma Coye will begin her undergraduate career as a Morehead-Cain Scholar at the University of NC at Chapel Hill. The Morehead-Cain is a four-year, fully funded educational experience for students of the highest caliber. It is so much more than tuition and room and board.

We set your potential free. We offer life-changing summer enrichment and Discovery Fund experiences. Immersion in a dynamic student body at a world-class university. And lifetime connection to an unparalleled community of Morehead-Cains scattered across the planet.

Accepting the invitation to become a Morehead-Cain means accepting the lifelong challenge inherent in it: To impact—positively, profoundly, perpetually—the people and pursuits that define your life.



Taste of Transylvania May 3-8, 2022

A reminder that the Transylvania County Educational Foundation (TCSEF) will host the annual Taste of Transylvania on May 3-8, 2022. The Foundation is partnering with local restaurants, bars and breweries, wine shops, food trucks and coffee shops to receive a portion of their sales during the week-long event. 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 from these events will go toward the TCSEF's Creative Classroom Grants for public schools. You may text "TCSEF" to 76278 to donate directly. For more information visit TCSEF.



Taste of Transylvania EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION May 3-8 TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY SCHOOLS PUBLIC SCHOOL PARTNERS

Local Discovery:
eateries
bars & breweries
wine shops
food trucks
coffee shops

Silent Auction with items from:
Davidson River Outfitters
Sycamore Cycles
SylvanSports
Brevard Music Center
Highland Books
and so many more local businesses!

Unable to attend but want to
support - Text "TCSEF" to
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Thank you as always to the Transylvania County Sheriff's Office and our SRO for tonight's meeting.



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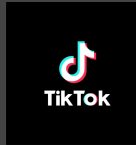
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