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Flu Shot Clinic - Oct. 11

It's never too early to get your flu shot! Asheboro City Schools will host a flu shot clinic on October 11 in the North Asheboro Middle School lobby of the auditorium and in the Central Office board room. Hours are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Appointments are not necessary. Please bring your BCBSNC member ID card and a photo ID.





Best School District in North Carolina!

Asheboro City Schools is proud to announce it is one of only three school districts across North Carolina where all schools met or exceeded expected growth two years in a row! Congratulations to the entire ACS team! Because of your hard work, we are growing students every day through individualized and engaging instruction, ensuring students are prepared for global citizenship!

New PDC Availability

Between now and November 1, the Professional Development Center may be used for meetings between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. and after 4 p.m. After November 1, meetings should only be scheduled after 4 p.m. This is in anticipation of breaking ground on the AHS addition and renovation project.

Open Enrollment - Sept. 30 - Oct. 31

<u>State Health Plan Open Enrollment</u> – Click here to find comparison charts, rate sheets, and the 2019 Open Enrollment Video and Decision Guide. <u>The State Health Plan will conduct Open Enrollment September 30 - October 31. The choices you make during this period will be effective January 1 - December 31, 2019.</u>

If you do not complete the Open Enrollment, you will be enrolled in the 70/30 plan at the highest premium. If you want to pay the lowest premium, you <u>must</u> complete the tobacco attestation regardless of the plan you choose. If you are a new employee, you still <u>must</u> complete this enrollment to keep the lowest premium cost or choose the 80/20 plan. This enrollment is for health insurance only. Enrollment for dental, vision, etc. will be in the spring.

Important: During Open Enrollment, <u>all</u> active members and eligible dependents will automatically be enrolled into the traditional 70/30 plan. If you want to reduce your premium or enroll in the 80/20 plan, then you <u>must</u> take action during Open Enrollment. During Open Enrollment, members can: enroll in the state health plan; switch between plans; add or remove dependents without a qualifying life event (<u>please</u> remember when adding dependents to a benefit plan, you will be asked to provide documentation of dependent eligibility under the state health plan).

Updated ACS Handbook

Updates have been made to the Asheboro City Schools employee handbook. You may check it out <u>here</u>.

Truliant Financial Education Grant Process Now Open

Truliant Federal Credit Union has opened its grant application period for the Financial Education Grants. The grant program, which will distribute a total of \$200,000 for financial literacy education through 2020, was launched in 2016. Annually, about \$40,000 is awarded to teachers through the Financial Education Grant program.

Teachers may apply individually or collaborate and apply as a department. A preliminary budget is required to demonstrate how the funds will be spent. Teachers can access the grant application by visiting https://www.truliantfcu.org/About-Us/Community-Involvement/Financial-Education-Grants. Completed applications, including all documentation required, should be submitted by Friday, October 12, 2018.

Support the United Way of Randolph County

The Asheboro City Schools United Way campaign will begin October 17 and run through November 2. We ask that you consider donating to the United Way of Randolph County, which helps to support 19 agencies across the county. From Boy Scouts to legal counsel, the United Way's mission is to support agencies focused on improving the lives of individuals through health, education, and income. Please be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks!



AAEOP Fall Fundraiser

The Asheboro Association of Educational Office Professionals is taking orders through October 31st for their fall fundraiser. They are selling RADA Cutlery again this year. **Items will be delivered by mid-November.** If you are interested in placing an order, please fill out the order form that is attached to the catalog and send it to any AAEOP member or your school secretary along with your payment. Checks may be payable to AAEOP.









\$500 extra dollars off on select vehicles for NC educators.

Mayors Fitness Challenge - Year 8!

The Asheboro Mayor's Fitness Challenge is a community initiative with the purpose of mobilizing the Asheboro and Randolph County communities to engage in healthy activities during a six-week period. This year's challenge will start on Monday, October 8th and conclude on Sunday, November 18th. This is an "all activity" wellness challenge with the goal of increased physical activity to become more alive, active, and able. All ages are encouraged to participate.

To learn more about the challenge, please attend the kick-off event on Tuesday, October 2nd at Randolph Community College's LRC Auditorium. The event will begin at 6 p.m. All attendees will receive a free gift.

During the six-week challenge, many special events are planned. All are free and no registration is required. To learn more about free wellness events and community walks/hikes, please log on to www.healthycommunitiesa3.com.



NAMS PTO Night



Donna Lee Loflin Reading Buddies

Students from Donna Lee Loflin Elementary School are working together as reading buddies to read Scholastic News articles and answer comprehension questions. This gives fifth-grade students a chance to be mentors to younger students and to encourage a love of reading and learning with each other.



Lindley Park EL Parent Night

EL teachers Heather Neal and Stacy Dillion had a busy evening answering questions at an EL Parent Night on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at Lindley Park Elementary. Principal Nikia Domally greeted the parents of English Learners in Spanish. Maria Sheppard and Manny Martinez were on hand to translate the session.







Baby Tuft!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tuft on the birth of their baby boy, Benjamin, on Monday, September 24. Benjamin was 7lbs. 10oz. and 20.5 in. long. Both baby and mom are doing well!



NAMS Friday Dance Contest

Each Friday students take turns participating in a Dance Contest at North Asheboro Middle School. Winners are recognized during the morning announcements and receive Comet Cash at lunch.