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DATES TO REMEMBER:

05/20/19	Board Meeting	Central SS
	Closed	5:00 PM
	Work	5:30 PM
	Open	6:00 PM

Attachments:



Madison FFA Spring Banquet: The Madison FFA held its annual spring banquet this past Thursday. There were close to 200 FFA members, parents, community supporters and school administrators in attendance. The celebration began with a keynote address from recent former Madison FFA alum and now State FFA Vice President, Anna Young. Over 40 members from the Middle School and High School were recognized for their Regional and State achievements and more than 15 award programs. Addresses were given by retiring officers and new officers for next year. Recently, we learned that Madison FFA chapter has been ranked third out of more than 250 chapters in the state for overall performance through the National Chapter Award. To the best of our knowledge this is the highest-ranking we have ever earned in this particular award program. Thank you so much to all the continued support!



Social Media During Instructional Day: Madison County School System is in the process of blocking certain social media sights during the instructional day. Our technology department is working on this and will be trying out many ways to help ensure the safety of all students during our academic day.

Mars Hill Elementary Bike Club: Mars Hill Elementary 5th grade students have enjoyed participating in the Bike Club held in the fall and spring for the past several years. Mars Hill University Cycling Coach, Matt Willing and members of the MHU cycling team volunteer their time to help with the club. Stephen Janes of Adventure Kids WNC provides the bicycles and helmets for the club. This is a great method for getting students active!



Madison County Schools Mission



The students of Madison County Schools will have meaningful experiences and valuable academic preparation to ensure a brighter future.



Students Visit Former NASA Facility: Madison Middle School sixth grade students were presented with a unique learning opportunity this past week. They took a field trip to the Learning Center at PARI, an institute that provides hands-on science and technology learning opportunities for students of all ages. PARI is a former NASA facility, and it houses many rare gems and meteorites, specimen samples from the Moon, and scale models of spacecraft. Students participated in many cool stations, including an outdoor "Milky Way Galaxy Walk," a planetarium, radio telescope signaling, spectroscopy, and meteorite/geological studies. Students were given the opportunity to rotate a 12-meter radio telescope, examine rainbows of various elements, and explore fluorescent minerals. It was a great day full of learning and fun for the students!

Board of Education Meetings: On Monday, May 18, the Board of Education met in a work session. They reviewed the Board meeting schedule for the coming school year. The Board will meet in regular session on Monday, May 20, 2019 at Central Support Services. Closed session will begin at 5:00 PM, work session will begin at 5:30 PM and open session will begin at 6:00 PM.