



Superintendent's Report

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

11/18/19	Board Meeting Closed	CSS	5:00 PM
	Work		5:30 PM
	Open		6:00 PM

Attachments:

Madison County Schools

Mission



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

Schools Honor Veterans: Mars Hill Elementary first grade teacher, Beth Sutherland, and her father performed for the Veterans Day program. MMS Students learned about the history of Veteran's Day and heard some first-hand experiences from veterans during the question and answer session.

Teachers Receive Grant: Congratulations to Mandy Sheehan (BCE Art), Kerstin Davis (MMS Art) and Nicole Willis (MMS Dance and Drama) who received a grant from the Madison County Rotary Club. These funds will be used to purchase greatly needed classroom supplies for Art Classes and replace worn out costumes in Dance/Drama. We greatly appreciate the help from the Rotary Club!



Artwork Featured: Josh Copus worked with Mrs. Davis' and Mrs. Sheehan's Art students at BCE and MMS last year making the bricks for this artwork. His piece "Threshold" is modeled after the old staircase that was entrance to the old Marshall Jail. The bricks that make up this installation were produced by the community in Marshall as a part of the Big House Brick Factory. Some of our students voices are represented in this work featured at the Asheville Art Museum!

MMS Teachers Receive Grants: Congratulations to MMS teachers for writing and receiving a Learning Links Grant this week! Don Schiffhauer, 6th grade science teacher, wrote a grant for hands on science materials. Art teacher, Kerstin Davis, wrote a grant for visiting the new lot renovated Asheville Art Museum for a show highlighting Appalachian Art. PLW teacher, Tommy Hicks, wrote a grant for using "Little Bits" electronics for more hands on learning.



MHS and MMS Receive Donation: Local businessman, Jack Fisher, owner of the Preserve Properties has recently donated \$25,000 to both Madison High and Madison Middle for school improvements. The money has been designated for resurfacing the gym floor, athletic improvements and improvements in technology. We are grateful for this donation Madison Middle School. In this picture you see some cadets from the MHS JROTC doing a leadership reaction course with our 8th grade PE classes.

MCS Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) Meets: The district SHAC met this morning in their regular monthly meeting. The committee heard a report on a Telehealth Program that is being considered for Madison County Schools. Through Telehealth our school nurses can work with local health care providers, using a mobile device, to assess student and staff health issues such as allergies, flu, strep throat, and sinus infections without leaving school. The Telehealth program is partially funded through grants, so all students with parental consent are eligible to receive care. The SHAC also discussed student mental health needs, the impact of Juuling/E Cigarettes and planned for flu shots at each of our schools. Juuling information can be viewed at <https://www.wyff4.com/article/more-than-2000-people-in-the-us-have-now-been-diagnosed-with-vaping-illnesses-cdc-says/29728801>.

Articles of Interest: State Superintendent Mark Johnson announced that he's joining the field of candidates for NC's Lieutenant Governor in 2020. Read the full article at <https://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/article236902763.html>. Another article of interest "What makes a great teacher?" can be viewed at: <https://www.ednc.org/what-makes-a-great-teacher/>.