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DATES TO REMEMBER:

02/25/19	Board Meeting	Central SS
	Closed	5:00 PM
	Work	5:30 PM
	Open	6:00 PM

Attachments:

~K – 3 Class Sizes

2019-2020 Budget Work Begins: The Board of Education met in a special called/work session on Monday, February 11, 2019 at Central Support Services. The Board reviewed personnel matters during Closed Session. The Board began working on the 2019-2020 budget as well. Finance Director, Michael Wallin reviewed appropriations with the Board from the past two years from federal, state and local funds and began discussion of budget priorities for the 2019-2020 year. A major topic was how to meet the needs required by the K-3 class size law, G.S. 115C-301 (attached). For example, the law requires that class sizes in first grade go from a district average of 1:20 this year, and reduce in size each year to 1:16 in first grade by 2021-22. The Board estimates the need for six additional teaching positions over the next three years to meet the requirements of this statute. The Board also planned a Tour of Schools with the County Commission and County Manager on Tuesday, March 19 from 8:15-2:00 to showcase our schools and plan together for the future.



School Bus Driver Appreciation Week: This week we celebrated Bus Driver Appreciation Week. We want to take this opportunity to thank our drivers for their dedication and hard work. They are up in the early hours in the morning getting ready to pick our students up and spend the afternoons making sure they get to their destination safely. They also drive students to various destinations on field trips and ensure the busses are clean.

MHE 5th Graders Explore the Outdoors: On Thursday, Muddy Sneakers led the 5th grade classes of Mars Hill Elementary on an exploration of Bailey Mountain via the new Smith farm publicly owned by the Town of Mars Hill. It was a joy to see young minds in the outdoor classroom, learning while being safe, clean, and having fun, for they "...love to wonder, and that is the seed of science." - R.W. Emerson



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



2nd Graders Celebrate Pioneer Day: Second graders at Brush Creek Elementary celebrated Pioneer Day. This was a culmination to the book, *Little House in the Big Woods*. Students dressed as pioneers, made butter, and had a square dancing lesson!

School Health Advisory Council Meets: Our School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) met today. A general awareness campaign has been developed within our committee due to the rise that our Principals/Staff are seeing in Vaping/Juuling. We will be talking with our students and staff next week about the harmful effects that "Vaping" and/or "Juuling" can have on your body. Vaping/Juuling is extremely popular among teenagers. Juuls, a popular e-cigarette brand, works by heating up a cartridge that contains oils to make a vapor that can be inhaled. One Juul pod is equivalent to approximately one pack of cigarettes. As a district we want to educate our parents/guardians, students, staff and community of the harmful effects that vaping/juuling can have on the human body.