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STARBASE at MHE: Mars Hill Elementary's 5th graders participated in a science program sponsored by STARBASE. STARBASE is an educational outreach program, funded by the Department of Defense, which provides hands-on STEM to 5th graders in the surrounding areas. Students learned about forces, motion, matter and energy. The week also included classes in Chemistry and Physics. The week began with a Black Hawk Helicopter landed on campus and ended with launching rockets students built.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

04/29/19	Board Meeting	Central SS
	Closed	5:00 PM
	Work	5:30 PM
	Open	6:00 PM

Gone But Not Forgotten: MECHS former teacher, Adam Worley, was remembered on his birthday this week. Adam passed in a kayaking accident in 2017. He loved his work, and he loved his students! Students wore their "Remember the Beard" t-shirts in his honor.



FFA Students Envirothon Competition: On Saturday, March 23rd, 16 members of the Madison FFA competed at NC State. The students learned and tested their environmental knowledge at the Area 1 Envirothon contest held at NC State University Mountain Research Station in Waynesville. We appreciate all the support from principals and directors. See attached for additional details.

You Will Be Missed!



Appalachian Studies at MECHS: Madison Early College High School was invited to share their PBL units and experiences recently at a prestigious academic conference. They presented a panel discussion "Cross Disciplinary Appalachian Studies in the High School" at the 42nd annual Appalachian Studies Conference "Appalachia'ville: Engage. Sustain. Innovate" at UNC Asheville March 16, 2019. Co-hosted by UNCA and MHU, the conference included a keynote address by award-winning Appalachian fiction writers Lee Smith, Ron Rash and Wiley Cash.

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



Improvements to MMS Campus: Recent improvements have been made to Madison Middle School's campus. An awning was installed at the main entrance to allow loading/unloading in the dry. Scoreboards have been purchased for baseball and softball fields. Girls' locker room has new lockers and bathroom stalls. The gym now has new exterior doors and the drainage ditch has been filled and an additional storage building was purchased for the field.

School Nutrition Program Audit: The Administrative Team with DPI conducted a School Nutrition audit this week. It was noted that the School Nutrition Program encourages healthy eating for all students by offering a variety of choices for students, nutritious food that appeals to students, and not limiting the choices of daily vegetables at lunch. The School Nutrition Administrator, Leanne Merrill, has implemented standard processes and procedures that were much needed for the program's success.

Resource Officer Retires: Officer Jeff Tweed celebrated his last day with our school district today at Madison High School. As a public servant, Officer Tweed brought such compassion, empathy, and integrity to our staff and students at Madison High School. His ability to see a situation through a different lens offered such help to so many. Lisa Gahagan stated, "As a parent and administrator, I am so thankful for Officer Tweed's presence and guidance. He is a true role model for our students."