



New Faces at North Canton

Amanda Huertas— Ms. Huertas is the new assistant in Ms. Coggins' Kindergarten class. She was born in Long Island, New York, and has been living in Western North Carolina for about 16 years. She has earned an Associates of Arts degree from Haywood Community College and is currently attending Western Carolina University to earn her birth-Kindergarten degree online. She also works at the Haywood Regional Health and Fitness Center as a Nursery Assistant. She has two younger siblings, an 18 year old sister and a 9 year old brother, and a very fat cat named Malcom. When she is not working she enjoys hiking, knitting, crafting, drawing, all New York sports teams, Broadway musicals, and Disney movies.



Tammy Wyatt- I'm very excited to join the staff here at North Canton Elementary as a second grade teacher! I am a native of Buncombe County (just across Newfound). I married my high school sweetheart thirty-four years ago. We have two children and one granddaughter. Oh, and two very spoiled cats! My family has many interests, but one of our favorites is camping. In fact, one of our favorite places to camp is only about fifteen minutes away from the school. In the recent past, my husband and I enjoyed his fire-red Honda Goldwing; we have ridden the entire Blue Ridge Parkway on our motorcycle. We owned a convenience store and gas station, had an embroidery/screen-printing business, and a home construction business. I have also had the opportunity to work for North Carolina Historic sites as a historic interpreter at The Thomas Wolfe Memorial. I have been a piano player, wedding singer, church choir and youth director, and daycare teacher. I also love to write, sing, draw and do misc. crafts and home projects. (My husband teases that if anything stands still long enough, I'll paint it. When I decided to go back to teaching, I took a position as a Title One assistant teacher. I worked there for three years part time before entering the wonderful weird world of middle school. For the past eight years I have been teaching sixth, seventh and eighth grade language arts. I decided to make the big change to elementary. I feel like I have discovered a real gem tucked away in your little community. I have truthfully been impressed by the spirit of this school. The warmth and helpfulness of the staff and the obvious love for the kids has been very inspiring. I hope to be considered a member of your school family for many years.

Blanche McCallister— Greetings! I am the interim reading specialist here at NCE. I am thrilled to be here...again! I actually did my student teaching at NCE many years ago! I've taught reading groups for the past 11 years with Asheville City Schools. Prior to that, I was a K-5 and middle school French teacher here in Haywood County. I love to read, garden, and walk in these beautiful mountains...especially this time of year! I'm originally from Western Pennsylvania, but I have now lived in WNC longer than my hometown. My only claim to fame is that I went through my entire (K-12) school career with Joe Montana! Who's that? Think football!

Calendar of events

November 20th: K, 2nd, 4th Grade Thanksgiving meal	
November 20th: Family Math Night	5:00- 6:30pm
November 26, 27, 28– Thanksgiving break	No School
December 2nd: Ms. Arty Pants	After school
December 4th: The NED anti-bullying program for students	1-2:30pm
December 8th: Zaxby's Night	5-close
December 9th: 1st & 2nd Grade Christmas Music Program	
December 12th: Christmas Meal for 1st, 3rd, 5th grade	6:30pm
December 12th: PTO Dance	6:00 pm

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Have you ever wondered what your children are studying in music class? LOTS! This year we are focusing on our 9 National Music Standards. These are:

- 1- To **SING** alone & with others many different kinds of music.
- 2- **READ & NOTATE** music.
- 3- **PLAY** on instruments alone and with others many kinds of music.
- 4- **LISTEN** to, analyze, & describe music.
- 5- **COMPOSE** and arrange music in a variety of ways.
- 6- **IMPROVISE** melodies, variations, and accompaniments.
- 7- **EVALUATE** music & musical performances.
- 8- To understand music as it relates to **HISTORY**.
- 9- To make **CONNECTIONS** between music, other arts, and other subjects.

By participating in music classes every week, your child reinforces learning that is taking place in the regular classroom as well as in art, media, and physical education. Stay tuned for more music information in upcoming newsletters and *SAVE THIS DATE*:



December 9th: 1st & 2nd Grade "It's Christmas Everywhere"
Program at 1:45 & 6:30 p.m.

AROUND THE SCHOOL NEWS

Save your blood!!

In January or February, NCE will be working with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive. Students will be able to participate in a child friendly program, and adults will be given the opportunity to donate.

Zaxby's Night

Come join us for Zaxby's Night on Dec. 8th in Waynesville. School staff will be working from 5-7, taking orders and frying chicken. Your last Zaxby's Night was a great success with 10% of the profits going to North Canton. Please help support our school on Dec. 8th!

Book of the Month

NCE now has a book of the month. Mrs. Trantham gives clues to the students every week to see if they can guess what the book is. Each classroom teacher receives a new book every month to keep in their classroom library. They read the book to their classes and are supplied with activities to go along with the book. Our first book was The Incredible Book Eating Boy by Oliver Jeffers.



PTO News

* We have our PTO meetings every 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 PM. Our next meeting will be Dec. 8th. We encourage all parents to attend. We discuss past and upcoming events, as well as talk about any ideas or concerns. On Dec. 2nd, Ms. Arty Pants will be at NCE after school to help children make Christmas presents. We will also be showing a movie and snack will be offered. Details coming soon. Our Christmas dance will be on Dec. 12th.

- Your child can purchase basic school supplies at our school store every Friday morning. We also have our NCE t-shirts for sale at the school store for \$12. Don't forget to order a hoodie for \$20 or a long sleeve tee for \$18. you can send the money to school with your child.

Clothes to Kids

If your child is in need of quality used clothing (pre-k-12th grade), is enrolled in Haywood County Schools, and currently receives free and reduced price lunch, please contact Clothes to Kids at 456-8990 (leave a message).