

November/December

School Newsletter



Happy Fall Y'all

We have had a great Fall so far. We enjoyed the weather during our softball game on Oct. 23. Our community firefighters and police officers were great sports and volunteered their time to play against our staff. The students who played put up a great fight and kept our staff running. A big thank you to all our volunteers who have helped us around the school, from organizing the book room to supervising kids during Bookoween. Everyone looked great dressed up as their favorite book characters for Bookoween! Thank you to everyone who came out for Fall Festival. We saw some awesome costumes!

This is a busy time of year for everyone, including staff and students. We are gearing up for many exciting activities and preparing for the holidays. This is a great time to be spending time with family and enjoying the beautiful state we live it before we prepare for winter. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
Nov. 5th	National Theatre for Children: Energy Time Trek	9:00 students only	School gym
Nov. 6th	Cat's Meow Reward Trip	8:15-2:30	Zoo (students only)
Nov. 10th	5th grade Camp Daniel Boone parent meeting	5:45	Media Center
Nov. 10th	4th & 5th Grammar Rocks concert	6:30	School Gym
Nov. 11th	Holiday: Veteran's Day	No School	
Nov. 18th	Make-up pictures	TBD	School Gym
Nov. 19th	Thanksgiving Meal	Grades- 4th, 2nd, K	Cafeteria
Nov. 25-27th	Thanksgiving Break	No School	
Early December	White Christmas Food Drive		
Dec. 4th	School Dance	5-8 PM	School Gym
Dec. 7th	Zaxby's night	5-Close	Waynesville
Around Dec. 10th	Christmas Meal	1st, 3rd, 5th grades	Cafeteria
Dec. 15th	K & 1st "The Littlest Christmas Tree" program	6:30	School Gym
Dec. 21-Jan 1st	Holiday Break	No School	



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Reading Corner

Be a reading family

Did you know that children read more when their parents are readers too? Consider these ways to get your family excited about reading together:

Collect frequent-reader “miles”

A trip around the world covers almost 25,000 miles. Let one book equal 2,500 miles, and have a family race to see who will be the first to read her/his way “around the world.” You’ll also be practicing your math skills as you tally up your miles!

Become a super-sleuth

Encourage your child to draw conclusions by reading short mysteries aloud. Try a book like *Five Minute Mini-Mysteries* (Stan Smith), or read online at kids.mysterynet.com. Before revealing the solution, let each person make a prediction and tell what clues tipped him or her off.

Reading Q & A

Read it again...and again?

Q: My son/daughter likes to read the same books over and over. How can I get him to try new ones?

A: Reading the same book repeatedly is actually good for your child. Each time he reads, he’ll notice new things about it. For example, a word he didn’t know the first time might become clear on the second reading. Or a part he might not have understood before may make sense when he rereads. Rereading is also the best way to practice fluency.

Music

Tuesday, November 10th, at 6:30 p.m., you are ALL invited to our 4th & 5th grade "Grammar Rocks" program in the NCE gym. These students have worked hard learning many different styles of music that incorporate fun lyrics surrounding important grammar facts! Come hear the Sha Na Na Na Nouns, the Incredible Crazy Contractions, Troublesome Word Blues, and more!

Kindergarten and 1st grade parents, mark your calendars now for Tuesday, December 15th as your children will share the story of "The Littlest Christmas Tree." This music program will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the NCE gym.

Every time your students pick up their music textbooks or read the lyrics and music off the smart board, they are practicing important reading skills. For our youngest learners, they see that even in music, they must begin reading from left to right. Tracking is an important first literacy skill. Focused listening and speaking skills are a very important indicator of literacy. Your children are learning valuable listening skills and communication skills through speech and singing activities each music class.

Clothes to Kids

Clothes to Kids is a great resource in our area for kids who need school clothes. Located on the property of Lake Junaluska, it is a program that accepts gently used clothes. These clothes are then given back to Haywood County students. Families bring their kids to Clothes to Kids and are allowed to pick out a couple of outfits. To make an appointment so that your children and teens can choose their wardrobe of clothes, call: (828) 456-8990 and leave a message. The Clothes to Kids staff will call you back and make a 1 hour appointment for your family.

