



Welcome to a new school year at North Canton Elementary School!

We hope everyone had a relaxing and safe summer! We have many new staff members at NCE who are featured on the back of this newsletter. We want to welcome our new students, as well as the familiar smiles. We are planning a busy and fun-filled school year. Please look for upcoming events, and encourage your child to participate.

PTA News & Events

- Check out square1art.com. Our students will be creating art with our wonderful new art teacher Mrs. Flinchum. PTA will send the artwork to Square 1 Art by October 23. Our school will receive custom catalogs with each child's art on the front to send home the beginning of November. There will be many different items you can order with your child's art work! Orders will need to be sent in by November 13 so we can receive products and have them sent home before Christmas. These will make awesome Christmas presents!!
- NCE Fall Festival will be Friday, October 30. We hope to have Trunk-or-Treat in our parking lot. Please let us know if your church or organization is interested in doing Trunk-or-Treat. We will have a costume contest, as well as lots of games. Our book fair will also run during Fall Festival. We will also have inflatables by Whoops Bouncing.
- PTA will send home a letter soon letting you know when our first meeting will be.
- Be on the lookout for the rescheduled date of our first dance.

McHenry's Music Notes



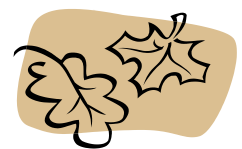
Music and literacy strategies go hand in hand. In each newsletter, I will highlight some ways that music can reinforce reading and literacy skills. Our first musical connection deals with rhythm. Figuring out the rhythm of the words is a direct connection to the number of syllables each word contains. Students in first through fifth grades are working with this connection as we write rhythms using craft sticks, clap and play different rhythm patterns, and create our own rhythms based on the number of syllables we have in our names or other favorites. The next time your child sings a favorite song, have him or her clap "the way the words go" as they sing. Not only will they be clapping the rhythm of the music, but will also be reinforcing some great reading skills in figuring out how many syllables each word contains!

And now, for coming attractions: Our music programs will also tie into our language and literacy skills. I am excited as the following grades prepare these great musical learning programs to share with everyone. (Dates to be announced later!) 4th & 5th grades will present: "Grammar Rocks!" 2nd & 3rd grades will take us on "An Aesop Adventure." Kindergarten & 1st grade will tell us the story of "The Littlest Christmas Tree."

Fall Pictures	Sep. 24
Softball Game Early Dismissal	Oct. 2
Teacher Workday - No School	Oct. 5
Fall break-No School	Oct. 26 -27
Fall Festival	Oct. 30

The book fair will run
Oct. 22-Nov. 3.

Please help your child
memorize their lunch
number.



The New Staff Faces at NCE

Pre-K: Katie Sinchuk: I am from Charlotte, NC, but I have lived in New York for the past 18 years. My family and I just recently moved to Clyde. I am married to my wonderful husband and we have a precious almost 2 year old son.

P.E.: Chad Carver: I grew up in Bethel where I attended Bethel Elementary, Bethel Middle School and then graduated from Pisgah High School in 2002. In high school, I was a multi-sport athlete, playing football, baseball and wrestling. After I graduated, I entered the U.S. Army where I was an MP (Military Police). I married my best friend Molly and we have been married now for a little over 4 years and have a beautiful little girl named Lola, who is 3. The past 4 years, I have taught in Jackson County. My hobbies include spending time with my family, riding four wheelers at Wind Rock, fishing, hunting, coaching slow pitch softball, and running my small business. I look forward to the 2015-2016 school year here at NCE.

1st grade: Stephanie Copen: I have been married to my best friend for 27 years and decided to become a teacher while volunteering in my child's kindergarten classroom. I have 2 beautiful daughters who inspire me and have always been my biggest cheerleaders. I am a teacher because I want to make a difference. It sounds like a cliché, but this was not my life's dream until I volunteered.

3rd grade: Jackie Deitz: I'm newly married and hale from Wake Forest, NC. I went to school at WCU where I met my husband. I majored in Elementary Education, but my love of books also inspired me to get a minor in English Literature. I love listening to music and being outside. I'm a huge animal lover and football fanatic!

3rd grade: Kymberly Riley: I am enjoying my first year teaching third grade at North Canton Elementary! I completed my degree at Fort Hays State University in Fort Hays, Kansas in 2013. I did my student teaching in Dallas, Texas and taught first grade in Georgia before moving to North Carolina with my husband and our two dogs a few weeks ago. So far, we have thoroughly enjoyed the gorgeous views here in the mountains and hope to build our family here.

4th grade: Katie Nice: I am from Jacksonville, Florida. I am so excited to be a North Carolina resident! I graduated from Florida State University in the College of Education. I started teaching the week after I graduated. I taught at the same school for 12 years in Jacksonville. I have taught 2nd and 3rd grade. I am so excited to be in 4th grade at North Canton this year! My husband and I are outdoor, music lovers. We love spending time hiking and camping. We try to base our summer vacations around National Parks to visit and concerts to attend. We have even traveled to Europe to see one of our favorite bands! I also enjoy running! I love running 5ks, but have done eight 15ks and 2 half marathons. I had the ambition of running a marathon this year, but running in the mountains is much different than running in the flat lands of Florida, so I think that dream is on hold for a bit.

5th grade: Melanie Norton: This is my first year teaching in Haywood County and my first year teaching in North Carolina. I have 15 years of experience teaching in Tennessee. I have taught Pre-k all the way to 8th grade. I graduated from Carson-Newman in 1998 with a Bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education with Elementary Education. I graduated from Carson-Newman again in 2002 with a Masters degree in Education. I have been married to my husband, Roger, for just 2 1/2 months. I have four sons and two step-sons. My oldest son Harrison is in 9th grade this year at Pisgah, my twin sons, Will and Avery, are in 7th grade at Canton Middle, and my youngest son, Joseph, is a 6th grader at Canton Middle. My two step-sons John and Ryan live in Eastern North Carolina. John is a 9th grader and Ryan is a 7th grader.

5th grade: Fox Trowbridge: Hello! I am delighted to be teaching fifth grade at North Canton Elementary. I grew up near Washington D.C., often visiting family and camping in North Carolina. This led me to attend Warren Wilson College near Asheville. After a couple of years teaching hands-on science to kids here and in Washington State, I returned to working in schools in Western North Carolina in 2014.

Title 1: Jane Maurer: She recently relocated to Haywood County with her husband and two dogs from Indianapolis, IN where she worked for Indianapolis Public Schools for 10 years. She has been a 3rd grade teacher, Title I teacher and a Literacy Coach. Living in NC brings her closer to the things she and her husband (JJ) like to do including rock climbing, mountain biking, hiking and being in nature. Jane also enjoys gardening, traveling and trying to cook. Jane LOVES to talk about teaching children how to read. Feel free to stop by room B-6 to chat if you have time.

