



Oct. 3, 2011 – weekly newsletter from the office of Mrs. Eagle, Principal

Our School, Our Students, Our Team – Achieving Academic Excellence!!!

Important Dates:

- **Oct. 3** – **TE-1 Goals due** – place a hard copy in your purple instructional folders
- **Oct. 6** – Mentor/Mentee Meeting – 3:30 – Conference room
- **Oct. 8/9** – Railroad Weekend
- **Oct. 10 – 14** – Spirit Week
- **Oct. 13** – ACHS Technology Meeting with Brette, Susie and April
- **Oct. 14** – Homecoming Night
- **Oct. 17** – BLT meeting – Library – 3:30 – 5:00
- **Oct. 20** – Common Planning
- **Oct. 18 and 20** – SOL Writing Tests and **Oct 22** – ACT Testing - ACHS
- **Oct. 26 and 27** – Mid-Term Exams – Day 1 Blocks 1/3 and Day 2 Blocks 2/4 – all non-SOL
- **Oct. 27** – Common Planning with Eagle
- **Oct. 28** – Blood Drive with Nursing program – more info to come
- **Oct. 31** – Parent-Teacher Conference Day – 8:30 – 3:00 work day
- **Nov. 3** – Make-up picture day
- **Nov. 5** – SAT Testing - ACHS
- **Nov. 14** – American Education Week
- **June 4** – official graduation date at Vines Center – Liberty University

- **A BIG ACHS WELCOME BACK** to Marie Morgan and Gayle Williams who will be working in our school and with our students a few days a week in remediation.
- Planning Period Duties – Thursday's have been proclaimed DUTY FREE for our instructional staff. Most Thursday meetings will involve Common Planning and scheduled dates will be sent out. **Upcoming Differentiation Workshops - October 20th, November 10th, December 8 – Planning duty dates will be Monday and Wednesday – A Day of every week and Tuesday and Friday – B Day each week.**
- Music in education – there is much research to how music can enhance brain activity and make a great learning environment. I believe music should be used appropriately – only soft, instrumental for background music – and not used the entire class block. Some tips and resources are listed below:
 - <http://www.sedl.org/scimath/compass/v03n02/1.html>
 - Use no more than 30% of class time
 - Avoid lyrics when music is used as background.
 - See attached PDF for many ideas

“Music is good for you—physically, emotionally, and spiritually. It can strengthen the mind, unlock the creative spirit, and, miraculously, even heal the body.” – Don Campbell

- This week’s **Shout Out** goes to:
 - Brandon Mawyer - thank you for your diligence in getting the CTE Digital Bulletin Board set up and viewing each day.
 - Laura Evans – thank you for your diligence in getting the Café Digital Bulletin Boards set up for each week.
 - Peggy Staples – we appreciate your positive tone with doing announcements each day.
 - Joe Servis – for assisting in EXTRA duty each morning in monitoring the student parking lot – nice to know you are there for us!!
- **Public Relations Info** – please submit all news articles to me for review and then I will forward to Alison Paulette to log and then send to the Times VA. We will also need articles for the monthly Division Digest – please submit the great things going on here at ACHS. Alison is our coordinator to track this info for the ACPS Annual Report. We appreciate the time you take to write an article and submit pictures. Please do this by the Friday of each week if you want submission to the Times VA the following week on Monday. Remember that all pictures you submit need to be reviewed on the AUP/Media Release list by person submitting.
- Remember that students should not have FOOD and DRINKS in class. They should not have these outside the cafeteria but if they sneak by us in the halls, please keep them in line for your classes. Unless YOU set up a treat or snack time with admin approval, they should not be bringing items to class.
- The President plans to give his annual Back-to-School speech on Sept. 28. If you plan to view this speech for instructional purposes, please plan for an alternate assignment for students who do not wish to view this speech or refuse.
- Keep Your Instructional Focus – Rigor and Relevance – make it REAL!!!
- Technology Work Orders – please do not forget that if you have a technology need relating to a technical issue, put in an online work order.
- **September Employee of the Month (EOM)** – your leadership team voted on the first EOM this year - The ACHS Custodial Team- We appreciate everything they do every day to help all of us – thanks to Sue, Mike, Jeff, Donald, Kenny, and Jay!
- **Classroom WalkThrough Data** – the administrative team will be coming around at least once each nine weeks using our IPods or iPads to collect this data. Just to remind all of what data we collect in general, please open the attached.

- Differentiated Training – all instructional staff who participate in our four training sessions and complete all 14 tasks under the “required documentation” column on your TE-1 will receive 25 total points for this year. All optional items are worth 2 points each.
- **All signs in the halls** – any sign being hung or distributed to advertise an event or announcement must receive administrative approval first and then must be placed in appropriate places. We do not want signs hung on walls – only glass and bulletin boards.

Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work. -Vince Lombardi

United Way

- Please mark **October 3, 2011** on your calendar as the kick-off for Appomattox County Public Schools United Way fund-raising effort. This year's campaign will run from **October 3 through October 21**.
 - Appomattox County Public Schools cares deeply about our community and the quality of life that makes Appomattox a great place to live. United Way focuses resources to provide solutions for our community's most critical needs.
 - Through our contributions, we can make sure help is there for families, co-workers and friends. United Way assures that a broad range of services are available to help local people become independent and self-sufficient. I believe that supporting United Way is a sound investment. We will have a chance to learn more about how United Way is working in our community during our upcoming kick-off. **Please be looking for more information! Jason Bowyer (Division Rep) and Peggy Staples (ACHS Rep)**
- If you would like to send a “Shout Out” to one of our wonderful staff members – please do so. These can be based on many things like - instructional strategies, professional conduct, or Raider Spirit.

Teachers... Molders of Dreams

Author Unknown

Teachers:

*You are the molders of their dreams
The gods who build or crush
Their young beliefs of right or wrong.
You are the spark that sets aflame
The poet's hand or lights the flame
Of some great singer's song.
You are the god of the young, the very young
You are the guardian of a million dreams
Your every smile or frown
Can heal or pierce the heart
You are a hundred lives, a thousand lives.
Yours the pride of loving them
And the sorrow too.
Your patient work, your touch
Make you the gods of hope
Who fill their souls with dreams
To make those dreams come true.*

Raider
Country