



ACPS Staff Newsletter

December 15, 2023

The events at Central Elementary School this past week have affected all of us deeply. I am thankful that all of our students and staff are safe. This incident could have been so much worse. I want to thank everyone for their support as we have worked through the events of this week. It was not easy, but I feel we handled everything as well as we could. I especially want to thank Ms. Erica Maddox, School Health Assistant at CES, for recognizing something was wrong and starting to put the pieces of the puzzle together. I also want to recognize the efforts of Officer Brandon Payne and Lead Nurse Blair Payne for their assistance in the case. Furthermore, we need to recognize Dr. Hoden, Mr. Roakes, Mr. Proffitt, and Ms. Pinn for their actions and diligence. Lastly, I want to thank the Amherst County Sheriff's Office and Amherst County Public Safety for all they did during the incident and the subsequent investigation. It was definitely a team effort and demonstrated how "Team Amherst" comes together during a crisis.

As we start our Christmas and New Year Holiday break, I want to take a moment to thank you for all you have done thus far this year and to wish everyone in our school community a Merry Christmas and joyous holiday season. I hope everyone is able to spend time with family and friends over the holidays.

The weather on Monday morning gave us a little taste of winter and although we did not have to alter our schedules there was a decent amount of snow in the mountains. Hopefully Mother Nature will provide us with a few more opportunities for snow during the winter season.

As we move into the holiday break, I encourage you to slow down and take some time to relax. We all need to take a break from the stressors associated with our profession every now and then.

Utilize this time to get away, regroup, and enjoy time with family and friends.

I hope you all have a great holiday season and a prosperous new year. I look forward to seeing everyone return on January 2, 2024.

Sincerely,

William



Upcoming Events

December 18-January 1

School closed for Winter Break

January 12

Grading Period Ends

January 15 - Holiday

No school for staff/students

January 16-Teacher Work Day

No school for students

January 19

Report Cards Go Home

December // Snow!



#ShowUpAmherst

Second Annual Community Dinner



January 25, 2024

Doors open at 5:30 PM
Madison Heights Community Center
424 Woody's Lake Road, Madison Heights

Join us for a FREE family style meal and board games at our community dinner event! We promise food and fun for all who attend! Please RSVP by January 10, space is limited to the first 200 registrants.

RSVP



Canned food donations for Neighbors Helping Neighbors appreciated