

Amherst County Public Schools Family Newsletter

April 28, 2023



A Message from the Superintendent

April has come to an end and we are quickly approaching the end of the school year. Although the end is in sight, we have to get everyone through the next twenty-five days of school. I encourage our students and families to take care of yourselves and keep a positive outlook on life as we work through the many stressors that are associated with this time of year.

Many of our schools will be hosting end of year events for our students and families. Although we try to not schedule multiple events on the same night, it is impossible for us to not have some conflicts. I encourage you to attend as many of these events as possible. The biggest event will be our ACHS graduation ceremony which will be held at 7:00 PM on May 26, 2023 at the Vines Center on the campus of Liberty University. This event is open to the public and I encourage members of our community to attend and support our graduates.

At the regular April School Board meeting the board agreed to modify the school calendar to make June 2, 2023 the last day of school for students and to make June 5 and 6 teacher workdays. The School Board agreed to the modification as a result of not missing school for winter weather. Teachers will be taking grades, administering SOL tests, and taking attendance through the last day of school. Schools will also have several end of year activities for students to participate in. It is important that your students attend school this month so they can take advantage of all of the activities as well as completing the end of year requirements for their classes.

On April 20, 2023, the School Board held a special meeting to interview applicants for the vacancy that was created with the resignation of Mr. John Grieser. The School Board interviewed three applicants in open session and went into closed session to discuss the candidates. The School Board came back into open session and appointed Lori Saunders to the School Board. We welcome Lori to the ACPs family as a member of the Amherst County School Board.

I had the pleasure to conduct the trout release and macroinvertebrate searches on Pedlar River with all of our elementary schools this month. These Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences (MWEE's) have proven to be an effective way to expose our elementary students to science in a hands on, real world environment. This year, as part of the Trout in the Classroom Project, our students have raised and released approximately 700 trout. I want to thank all of our students, teachers and staff for their role in the process. I truly enjoyed the leading the MWEE activities with our elementary students. I hope the students enjoyed the activities as much as I did. I want to say a special thank you to our transportation department for all of their help in transporting the students to and from the river.

This is a very busy time of year for our students, families, teachers and staff. I encourage our students and families to continue to # Show Up to school these last 25 days. We are all in this together and it takes all of us moving in the same direction for the students, schools and school division to be successful. I hope you all have a great month of May.

Sincerely,

William

UPCOMING EVENTS



MAY 1

INTERIMS

MAY 26

TEACHER WORK DAY (STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND)

MAY 26

GRADUATION!

MAY 29

MEMORIAL DAY-NO SCHOOL FOR STAFF OR STUDENTS

JUNE 2

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Spring testing is coming up! SOLs and End of Course testing will begin in early May.

Please be on the lookout for information from your student's school. You can also find up to date testing calendars on each individual school website. Please contact your student's school if you have any questions.

TIPS TO PREPARE FOR TESTING



GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP



EAT A HEALTHY BREAKFAST



COME TO SCHOOL ON TIME



HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE





On Thursday, April 20, 2023, during a Special School Board meeting, the ACPS Board appointed Lori R. Saunders to the vacant District 1 School Board seat for the remainder of the unexpired term. The term for the position is effective May 4, 2023 and expires December 31, 2023.

**AMHERST
COUNTY
SCHOOL
BOARD**

**DISTRICT 1
LORI SAUNDERS**

CALENDAR CHANGES

During the Regular School Board meeting on April 6, the ACPS School Board approved a revision to the 2022-2023 School Calendar. The last day of school for students has been revised from Thursday, June 8th to Friday, June 2nd.

Monday and Tuesday, June 5th and 6th, will now be Teacher Workdays. The updated calendar has been added to the ACPS website and you can access the calendar below!



[**Click here to view the revised
2022-2023 School Calendar**](#)



EDUCATOR APPRECIATION WEEK



During the month of May we recognize and thank our incredible educators who help the children of Amherst County to reach their limitless potential, teaching, guiding, nurturing, correcting, and encouraging them each day. Educators are vital, preparing the way for our society's future success. Let's thank them for all of their hard work and dedication to our children!



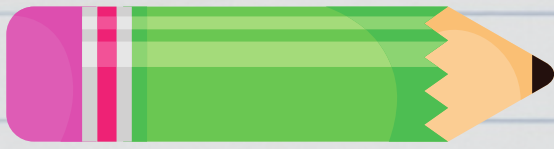
In April, we celebrated National School Librarian Day! We are thankful to have 9 dedicated individuals who provide access to information in a variety of formats. They promote a love of reading, manage technology, and encourage inquiry across curriculum. ACPS is thankful for the work they do each day!
#TeamAmherst



Month of the Military Child

Appreciating the Sacrifices of the Children

April was the month of the Military Child. The purpose of this month is to appreciate and support all of the military children in our community that deal with frequent moves, separations, deployments, and the possibility of injured parents. We see you in our schools, and we care! Thank you for your sacrifice to our country.
#TeamAmherst



On April 26 we celebrated and appreciated our administrative professionals! We are thankful for their support, organization, helpful attitudes, and welcoming presence. We could not be #TeamAmherst without them!



Amherst County Public Schools is in the process of developing the next five year strategic plan and wants to know how students, parents, and staff perceive the division's current performance in a variety of areas and what they think the division should prioritize moving forward. An announcement will be made when the survey is open and available for completion. Your responses will help the division understand your needs so we can best serve you.

In April we celebrated Public School Volunteer Week. We want to thank the individuals who willingly serve on committees, complete tasks in our schools, and mentor our future generation. It truly takes a village, and we are thankful for those in #TeamAmherst who partner with us to maximize our potential in Every Child, Every Day.

Public School Volunteer Week

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

HELEN KELLER



Amherst County Public Schools

[Want to get involved? Click here to learn how!](#)



AUTISM AWARENESS DAY - APRIL 2

Amherst County Public Schools joined the global community in celebrating World Autism Awareness Day on April 2, 2023!

AUTISM AWARENESS DAY
..... 2ND APRIL



GRADUATION



Amherst County High School Graduation is Friday, May 26 at 7:00 pm. Graduation will take place at the Vines Center at Liberty University.

Join Team Amherst

PROFESSIONAL:

Imaging Technology Teacher
School Nurse

Secondary English Teacher
Elementary Teacher

English Learners Teacher

CLASSIFIED:

Instructional Assistant - SPED
Instructional Assistant - ISD
School Health Assistant
Child Nutrition Assistant (Part-time)
Custodian
Bus Driver
Bus Assistant



Questions?
Contact HR @
434-946-9376 or
hr@amherst.k12.va.us

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Registration for the ACPS Summer Academies 2023 is now open. The summer academies are for elementary (rising 3,4 and 5 grades), middle (rising 6, 7 and 8 grades), and high school students. Please take special notice of the information in section 1 of each form. If you have questions, please contact your child's school.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Welcome to the ACPS Summer School 2023 registration and information page. Registration will open from March 31, 2023 to May 8, 2023. Please click on the summer academy icon of interest to register. Please read the introduction information prior to completing the form. Thank you.



Middle School Summer Academy Registration 2023

This summer academy is for rising 6th, rising 7th and rising 8th grade students.



ACHS Summer Academy 2023 - Course Registration

Registration for new courses closes on **Monday, May 8, 2023** and credit recovery closes on **June 13, 2023**.



Power Scholars Summer Academy Registration

This summer academy is for rising 3rd, rising 4th and rising 5th grade students.

[Click here to register for the Summer Programs!](#)

ACPS Kindergarten Registration 2023-2024



It's not too late to register
your child for kindergarten

Children must be age 5 on or before September 30, 2023

**Contact the school in which your child resides to
set up an appointment to complete the
screening process.**

Online registration forms can be completed at
<https://ecollect.accelaschool.com/Amherst>

Additional information about entrance requirements can be found on the
[ACPS Website](#) under Families



Inscripción en el jardín de infancia Curso escolar 2023-2024

Aún está a tiempo de matricular a su hijo
en la guardería

Los niños tienen que tener 5 años de edad en o antes del 30 de septiembre de 2023

**Póngase en contacto con el centro escolar en el que
reside su hijo para concertar una cita y completar el
proceso de detección.**

Los formularios de inscripción en línea se pueden
completar en <https://ecollect.accelaschool.com/Amherst>

Encontrará más información sobre los requisitos de acceso en [el sitio web
de ACPS](#), en la sección Familias

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Lea Gray, Principal
Phone: 528-6498

Central Elementary School
Derek Adam, Principal
Phone: 946-9700

Madison Heights Elementary School
Jeremy Hutchinson, Principal
Phone: 846-2151

Amherst Elementary School
Amanda Cassise, Principal
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**LYNCHBURG
HILLCATS**

ACPS EDUCATION
FOUNDATION INC.
**FUNDRAISER NIGHT
AT THE BALLPARK!**



GAME DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 30TH

GAME TIME: 6:30 PM

PROMOTION: 2 FOR TUESDAY

PROMO CODE: ACPS

*A PORTION OF THE TICKET PROCEEDS THROUGH THIS QR CODE WILL BE DONATED TO
ACPS EDUCATION FOUNDATION INC.!*

MOVIES ON THE FIELD



FREE

COMMUNITY EVENT
 PRESENTED BY

THE AMHERST WOLVERINES

with

Amherst County Recreation & Tourism

Event begins at 5:30pm Movie begins at Dusk

123 Dulwich Drive Amherst, VA 24521

BOUNCE HOUSE ● CORN HOLE ● CONCESSIONS

NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS, NO TOBACCO USE, NO ALCOHOL, NO WEAPONS

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ACPS Parent Resource Centers

Did you know that a Parent Resource Center is offered to all parents at each of our elementary schools? These resource centers contain supplemental materials to be used at home to further meet student needs.

Since your elementary student is enrolled in Amherst County Public Schools you have access to these resources!

Materials range in difficulty and relate to various content areas in grades K-5. These materials include items, such as:

- thematic backpacks with books and activities
- board games to reinforce various
- reading and math concepts
- leveled books
- and many other interactive materials

Contact your child's school today to find out more about the Parent Resource Center!

In addition, we have many resources available on our webpage. Visit the ACPS webpage and search for "Parent and Family Literacy Links" or scan the QR code to check it out!



SCAN ME



ACPS Padres Centros de recursos

¿Sabía usted que un Centro de Recursos para Padres se ofrece a todos los padres en cada una de nuestras escuelas primarias? Estos centros de recursos contienen materiales complementarios que se pueden utilizar en casa para satisfacer mejor las necesidades de los alumnos.

Dado que su estudiante de primaria está matriculado en las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Amherst, ¡tiene acceso a estos recursos!

Los materiales varían en dificultad y se relacionan con diversas áreas de contenido en los grados K-5. Estos materiales incluyen artículos, tales como:

- mochilas temáticas con libros y actividades
- juegos de mesa para reforzar diversos conceptos de lectura y matemáticas
- libros nivelados
- y muchos otros materiales interactivos

Póngase en contacto con la escuela de su hijo hoy mismo para obtener más información sobre el Centro de Recursos para Padres.

Además, tenemos muchos recursos disponibles en nuestra página web. Visite la página web de ACPS y busque “Parent and Family Literacy Links” o escanee el código ¡código QR para comprobarlo



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The Amherst County Public Schools Education Foundation, Inc. hosts the

20th Annual Captain's Choice

Golf Tournament

Friday, June 16th

Winton Golf Course

AM Flight: 8am

PM Flight: 1pm

Lunch for both flights at NOON

\$90 per player includes:

Lunch & On-Course Snacks/Drinks

Golf Cart

One Mulligan per player

Great Sponsor Swag!

REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!

To register, contact the
Education Foundation at
434-316-3900, email
educationfoundation@amherst.k12.va.us
or **REGISTER ONLINE** at
www.ACPSEducationFoundation.org

GREAT PRIZES IN EACH FLIGHT!

**Swing for a great cause and
support Amherst County
Public Schools!**

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$2,000 Platinum TITLE

Sponsor

Title sponsor recognition!

Golf tournament entry for EIGHT players!

Large sponsor sign at golf tournament registration

Winter luncheon attendance

Exposure at all annual events

Public recognition in newspaper twice per year

\$1,000 Gold Sponsor

Golf tournament entry for FOUR players!

Large sponsor sign at golf tournament registration

Exposure at all annual events

Public recognition in newspaper twice per year

\$500 Silver Sponsor

Small sponsor sign at golf tournament registration

Hole sponsor sign on the course

Exposure at all annual events

\$250 Bronze Sponsor

Small sponsor sign at golf tournament registration

Hole sponsor sign at golf tournament

\$200 Hole-in-One Sponsor

Sponsor the designated \$5,000 Hole-in-One on the

course (selected by Winton management)

Small sponsor sign at designated hole

\$200 Longest Drive Sponsor

Sponsor the designated Longest Drive prize hole

(selected by Winton management)

Small sponsor sign at designated hole

\$100 Hole Sponsor

Hole sponsor sign on the course

\$50 Green Sponsor

A green sponsor sign in honor or memory of a
teacher, bus driver, etc.



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Blue Ridge Area
FOOD BANK
Everyone should have enough to eat.

A member of
**FEEDING
AMERICA**

How to ...

FIND FOOD

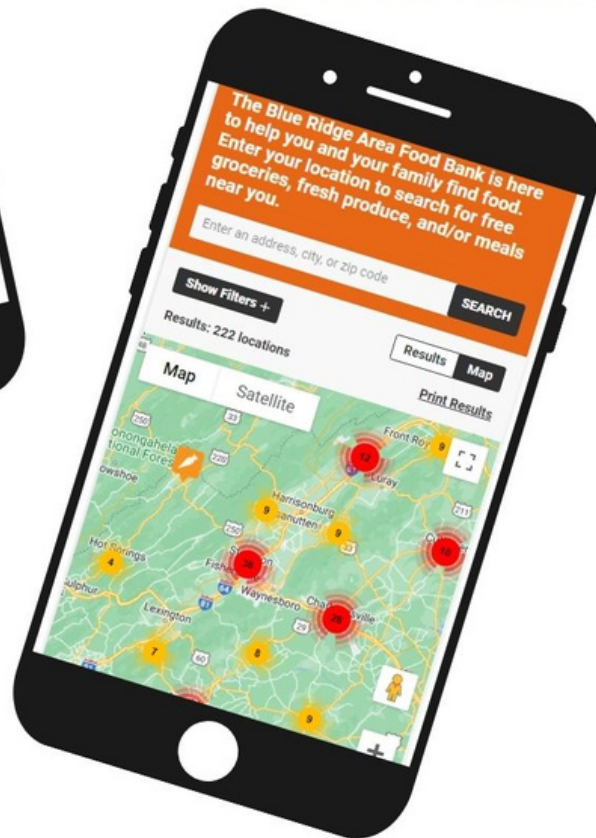
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Enter your location
to search for free
groceries, fresh
produce, and/or
meals near you.

2



3



Once you've picked a nearby food pantry,
call them for details.



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FOOD BANK
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Cómo...

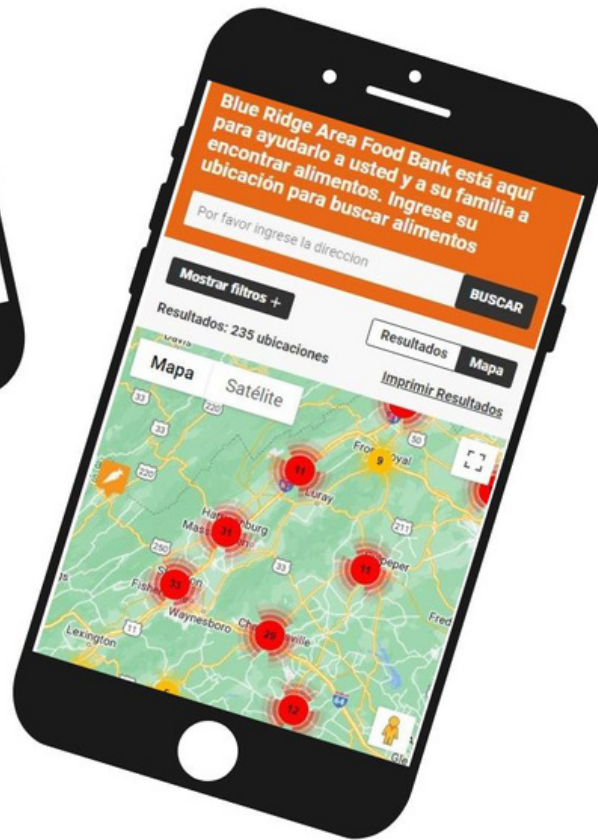
ENCONTRAR ALIMENTOS

1



2

Ingrese su ubicación para buscar comestibles gratuitos, productos frescos y / o alimentos cerca de usted.



3



Una vez que haya elegido una despensa de alimentos cercana, llámalos para más detalles.