

Makin' NEWS

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Back To School Is Back To Fun!

By Jake R.

At Nantahala we jump straight into academics. We welcome two new teachers this year. Mr. Eli Mauck is our new Computer Applications and Business teacher. Presently, he is teaching MS Word, Adobe Flash, and Photoshop. In Business Law, we are learning about the court system, contracts, and the legal aspects of purchasing inventory. Mr. Hunter Allen is the new high school Math teacher and is teaching us Geometry and Algebra. When I asked Mr. Mauck about the new school year and what he thinks about NHS, he replied, "I love the community aspect where K-12 students interact on a daily basis. It gives the older kids a sense of responsibility to set good examples and be role models for younger kids."

On the second school day, school counselor, Ms. Leslie, and our wonderful PTO arranged a 50's Soda Pop Sock Hop at the school. She said, "It was a way to promote camaraderie between students and teachers." The technology club continues to update the school information board. Volleyball season is underway. Go Lady Hawks! Also, our STEM project management class will present their first project to a panel of judges on October 3rd. Hope everyone has an amazing school year!

Students are SOARing at MVI

By Maggie, Tyler, and Lily

SOAR time happens every morning at MVI from 8:10 until 9:00. Every student participates in classes, which are reassigned every nine weeks. Some students are in remediation classes where they get extra attention and help in reading or math. Sixth graders, Liam and Michael say they like their math class where they are acquiring more logic and reasoning skills. Teacher, Sharon Shatley, teaches a Lindamood Bell group of 9 students. She says she loves SOAR time and has a great group of students.

Other students are in enrichment classes such as honors band, art, fitness, and Odyssey of the Mind. In Mrs. Greeble's multimedia journalism class, students are producing radio and TV shows for the morning news and electronic bulletin boards for the afternoon announcements. Student, Bradley says he is learning about speaking in front of people, which is sometimes a difficult task. Nathan likes the patriotic songs they are singing in chorus and is excited about being in the Veteran's Day parade.



Pictured above: Mrs. Weresuk's AP Biology Class recently traveled to a small part of the Little Tennessee River next to the old Fruit of the Loom plant in Dillard, Georgia. They classified the types of fish and insects living there, and saw if the pollution from the plant had affected life in the river. The students shocked the fish to make them easier to catch, and then counted how many of each species they found. They also sifted through small nets to identify the types of insects that inhabited the river.

*Emily Ritter won the
Name This Paper
Contest with "Makin' News."*
**CONGRATULATIONS
TO EMILY!**

MEC Teacher Returns from Summer in the Arctic

By Susan Steiner

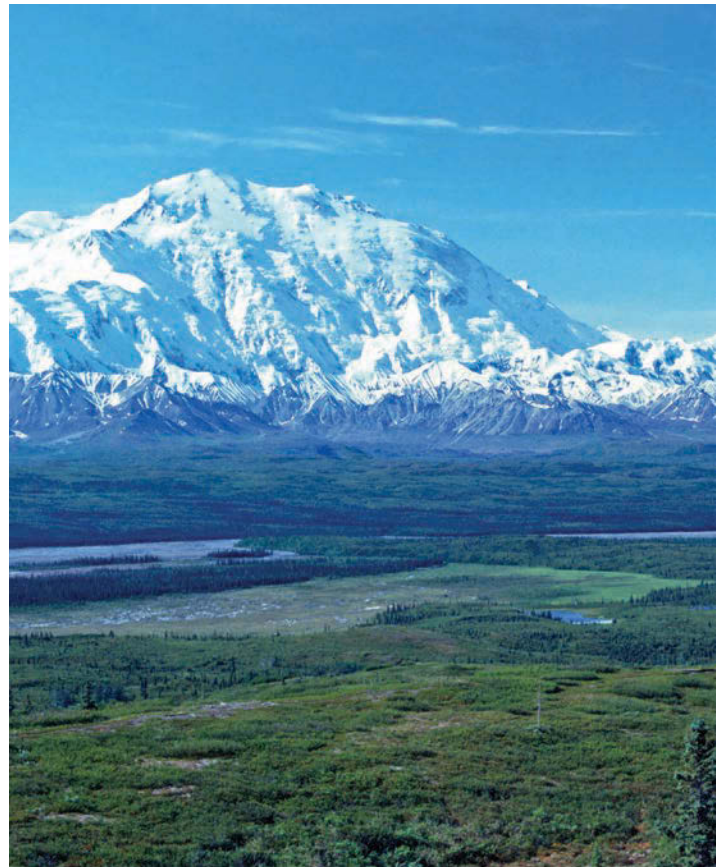
Did you have fun? What did you learn? Did you see cool animals? Was it cold? These are just a few of the questions I've had since my return from my summer in the Alaskan tundra. This summer I worked with a research scientist and his team at Toolik Field Station in northern Alaska on his project studying how interactions in the soil change as temperatures warm and the timing of seasonal growth changes. Dr. Michael Weintraub, University of Toledo, was wrapping up his third year of experimentation in tundra conditions, and made room on his team for me, a teacher accepted into the PolarTREC (<http://www.polartrec.com/>) program that pairs teachers with researchers doing science in the Polar regions.

I learned an amazing amount of information about microbes that live in the soil and their interaction with plant roots in order to make nitrogen available to the plants for growth. Nitrogen plays a key role in plant growth and its availability will change as the climate warms. Conditions in the Arctic are warming faster than anywhere else on Earth, and understanding these soil/plant interactions and their response to warming temperatures is a critical part of understanding how climate change may affect the Arctic.

I was able to work with our team and help collect all kinds of information from the experimental plots; information ranging from soil and air temperatures to notes on plant growth phases, to soil and soil water samples, as well as insect samples and plant samples. I also really enjoyed my time at



Toolik Field Station; living and working with scientists was a great way to study science! I had a room in a really comfortable trailer, ate in a wonderful dining hall staffed by cooks who prepared amazing gourmet food, and was able to take a day off every week to explore the Brooks Range; even taking a day trip up to see the Arctic Ocean! I'm already sharing the expedition and scientific processes with my students, and am excited that so much I learned can make my classes more realistic for my students. I can't begin to convey the depth and richness of this experience in a paragraph or two; but if you'd like me to come by your classroom or speak at an event or meeting you are hosting, I'd be glad to share as much of the experience as you are interested in!





Welcome Mrs. Montgomery and Mr. Shepherd

By Emme S.

Hi. My name is Emme and I am a 4th grader at Cartoogechaye Elementary School. This school year has been a year of change at Cartoogechaye. Mrs. Jan Gann, our Principal last year, has retired to spend more time with her grandchildren. I would like to welcome our new Principal, Mr. Randy Shepherd. Mr. Shepherd was our Assistant Principal last year. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Rebecca Montgomery. Mrs. Montgomery moved to Franklin this summer by way of Kilgore, Texas. She has taught elementary school in Texas and Louisiana the last 14 years. On behalf of the faculty, staff, teachers, and students of Cartoogechaye Elementary School, I would like to say welcome to Mr. Shepherd and Mrs. Montgomery. I would also like to wish Mrs. Gann a happy retirement.

Our “NEW” Iotla Valley School

By Amy T., Evan K., Colin F., and Alia C.

On the first day of this school year, we walked into a “NEW” building. Iotla Valley Elementary School is HUGE! We are not so crammed anymore. Our classes use to be so small because we were in a small building. When we got to school the first day, we were so excited! “Wow...the hallways! They are seriously long.” (Evan) They are the length of a football field. “My feet hurt when I got home because we walked everywhere!” (Amy) In our classrooms, they are beautiful and we have new chairs. We like the swirly ones the best. “I love to read on them!” (Colin) We also have new touch ActivBoards that are fun to use. The Library is Awesome! There are lots of books, the space is enormous and we LOVE the rocking chairs. The Gym is almost as big as the High School’s. We have cool blue bleachers. “When they pull out the bleachers, they are so big.” (Alia) The floor is so shiny. Our new cafeteria has a salad bar and you can choose from two lines. We get to make our own salads. Iotla Valley Elementary is a great school!

East Franklin Elementary Talks History!

By Hannah A.

Fourth grade is learning about North Carolina History starting this week. We learned that Black Beard hid treasures on the coast of North Carolina. This is very exciting and fun because we could actually go and look for the treasures and money or maybe a sword that was from his ship. We also were taught that we live in the Appalachian Mountain region of Western North Carolina and that other two regions are Coastal and Piedmont. The Appalachian Mountains is the largest range in the eastern United States.



Austin Vinson (left) and Paige Moss (right) will be job shadowing, rotating through various clinical departments for a total of 135 hours.

Welcome Highlands High School Student Interns!!

By Austin V.

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is the classroom for two C/O 2013 students interested in the medical field.

Austin and Paige will gain real life experience in the ER, Pharmacy, X-Ray, Respiratory, Rehab, Health Tracks, Living Center, and Surgery Departments. Seniors who express a sincere interest in particular fields of work can participate in the Internship program and earn high school credit. “I like to see the technology used in each of the departments, and the role each individual plays to help patients.” says Ms. Moss. Mr. Vinson’s favorite part of the program “is getting a hands on experience working with the patients and getting an overall feel for the hospital environment.”



RedOnline Has Something for Everyone

By Krash G.

The best thing about Franklin High School – apart from the amazing staff and students – is that there’s always something exciting happening. In the past couple of years, we’ve already started a variety of new clubs, teams, and organizations. From the Dance Team and the R.I.S.E. Club to FCA and the GAP Club, there’s something for everybody here at FHS. But what’s really getting some attention at Franklin High School is our brand new online news publication, RedOnline. What started out as a simple replacement for our Mountain Echo newspaper has quickly evolved into something else entirely. RedOnline’s goal is to keep our students, faculty, and members of our community up-to-date on what’s going on at Franklin High School. The site (which can be visited at www.fhsred.com) is updated on a daily basis to make sure that it is providing its readers with the most current information. At RedOnline, you can see what students are up to by checking out the Classroom Insiders section, or see what the campus as a whole is doing by checking the Franklin High News section. RedOnline also boasts a full sports schedule so you can see where and when the Panthers play next. In addition to providing news, RedOnline features interviews with students and teachers, information pages for all of our clubs and sports teams, pictures, videos, polls and more! So what are you waiting for? Head on down to RedOnline and see for yourself what all of the fuss is about!

Macon Middle Cross Country Meet

By Abigail E.

The MMS Girls Cross Country Team won first place in their first cross country meet at Canton. Maleeah L. finished in first place, Heidi S. finished fourth, Kennedy C. finished fifth, Faith B. finished seventh, and Miranda T. finished tenth. The girls faced around 40 other competitors. The MMS Boys Cross Country Team finished third overall. Top finishers were Ever D.-third, James F.- fifth, Cody H.-ninth, Nathan R.-fourteenth, and Jonas K.-nineteenth.

The cross country team practices every day. Some days the team runs two miles and other days they practice speed runs. In order to be on the cross country team, you have to have a lot of endurance and you must have good sportsmanship. When running, the young athletes have to pace themselves.

With the team already winning their first race, this sounds like a great way to begin the season for the MMS Cross Country Team!

Meleeah L of MMS wins Western Invitational Cross Meet

Meleeah L. of MMS won the Western Invitational Cross Meet on Saturday, September 8th. Maleeah competed against 10 teams and was victorious. Congratulations on an awesome victory!



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