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Athol Royalston



Highlights

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!

ACES Principal Selection

The ACES interview committee for the principal has selected two candidates to move on to final interviews. They include current ACES Interim Assistant Principal Yolanda Burnett and John Diorio. The next steps in the vetting process will be half-day visits to the school district on May 16, 2018. Both candidates will tour classrooms, interview with directors, take part in a parent forum, teacher forum and school committee forum. At the teacher and parent forum, feedback will be solicited from participants. The candidates will each have an hour interview with the superintendent, as well. A special thank you goes out to all the committee members who took part in the search process. The candidate selected for the position will be announced by May 18, 2018.

People in the United States started celebrating National Teacher Day in 1953 when Eleanor Roosevelt persuaded Congress to set aside a day to recognize educators. It didn't become a national day until March 7, 1980, after the National Education Association (NEA) along with its Kansas and Indiana state affiliates and the Dodge City, Kan., local chapter lobbied Congress. People continued to celebrate the day in March until 1984 when the National Parent Teacher Association designated the first full week of May as Teacher Appreciation Week. The following year, the NEA voted to make the Tuesday of that week National Teacher Day.

The NEA describes National Teacher Day as "a day of honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to our lives." Students and parents typically show their appreciation for teachers by [writing thank-you cards](#) and sharing small [treats](#) and [gifts](#).

Superintendents Calendar

5/7/2018

- ACES Early Childhood Director Interviews

5/8/2018

- Teacher Licensure Audit

5/9/2018

- AHS Student Focus Groups
- ARMS Visit
- Healthy Kids phone conference
- Public Relations & Budget Subcommittee

5/10/2018

- Directors Meetings
- Teachers for Teachers

5/11/2018

- Literacy Group Planning

Pictures of the Week

Aces students take part in a service learning project. Here they help build a trail in the woods.

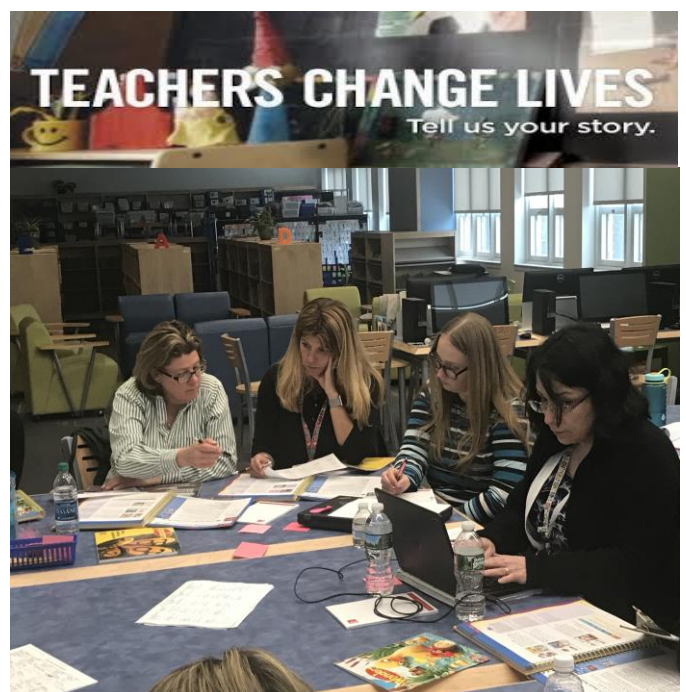


Athol-Royalston Teacher ROCK!

Athol-Royalston teachers continue to work hard. This year, every week teachers met to review and design new curriculum, common assessments, and data routines to ensure all students in the district are receiving a top quality rigorous education. The quality of the work being done has been incredible. Teachers have come to the table open to new ideas, willing to try new things, and most importantly bringing their own expertise to the table.

What is the purpose of the District Instructional Leadership Team?

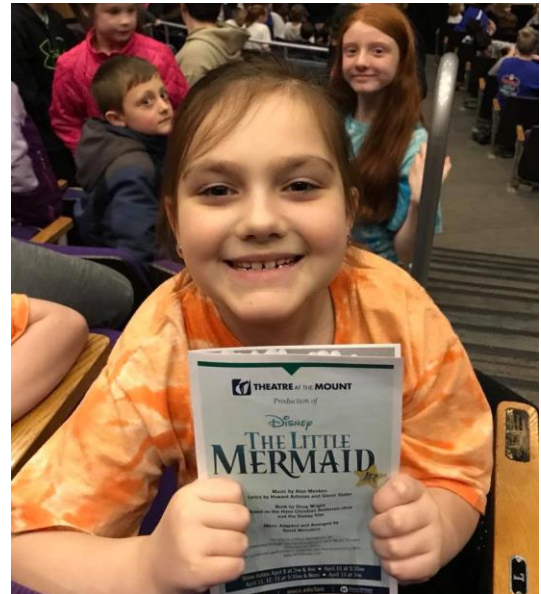
The District Instructional Leadership Team consists of the Instructional Leader teams from each school and District Directors. The purpose of the team is to oversee the district strategic plan and school improvement plans or turnaround plans. In overseeing these documents they monitor the progress of initiatives, through analysis of district and school data, anecdotal data from teachers, parents, students, and staff. They also make recommendations for changes in objectives, goals, and activities from the results of their analysis of progress. In addition, the team is after seeking feedback from teachers and staff will make recommendations for professional development in their building. This year the major role of the DILT has been to review the entry plan from the superintendent, make recommendations for changes to the district strategic plan, and support the objectives, initiatives, and activities laid out in the strategic plan. The DILT has done an outstanding job this year.



District News

Unified Arts

- Spring concerts are underway. AHS Spring concert will be held on May 22, 2018.
- Critical Thinking through the ARTS and STEAM PD are being reviewed for next years half PD days.
- AHS digital media class held a film night to allow students to show off what they have produced.
- ACES students performed the Little Mermaid. It was a great success.



Curriculum

- Teachers receive PD in launching the Wonders Curriculum, grades pre-K to 5.
- Teachers for Teachers continue supporting teachers in developing writing prompts.
- Literacy Planning team will further review Best Practices to focus on for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Keys to Literacy to visit and support literacy planning team.



ELL Program

- Comparative data review is underway where department is looking at a cohort of student data on MCAS, ACCESS, and common assessments
- State supports students displaced by hurricane. District receives over \$13,000.00 from the state which will be used to continue translation.

