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# Athol-Royalston Regional School District Highlights



Athol-Royalston students supported the American Legion this year in planting flags at the local veteran's gravesites.

## Memorial Day Ceremonies Big Hits!

On Friday, May 25, 2018, the district had the honor of paying tribute to our lost soldiers at each school. The ceremonies began at the high school at 8:00 AM to the middle school at 9:30 and the two elementary school at 1:30 and 2:15 PM. Teachers and students alike were covered in red white and blue and the soft playing of TAPS was ever-present during several of the ceremonies. I want to thank each school for their work in this area as for many communities the veterans feel as though they have been forgotten. This has not been the case in this district. The ritual of paying homage to those who have passed is one of the many ways our district supports our mission and vision of creating responsible citizens who are civically responsible. This could not be more evident than when students from the high school not prompted came down to shake the hands of our veterans.



### Superintendents Calendar

**6/4/2018**

- AHS Teacher Focus Group
- RCS Teacher Focus Group

**6/5/2018**

- ARMS NJHS Induction

**6/6/2018**

- ACES teacher focus group
- Principals Meeting
- CAPS Board meeting

**6/7/2018**

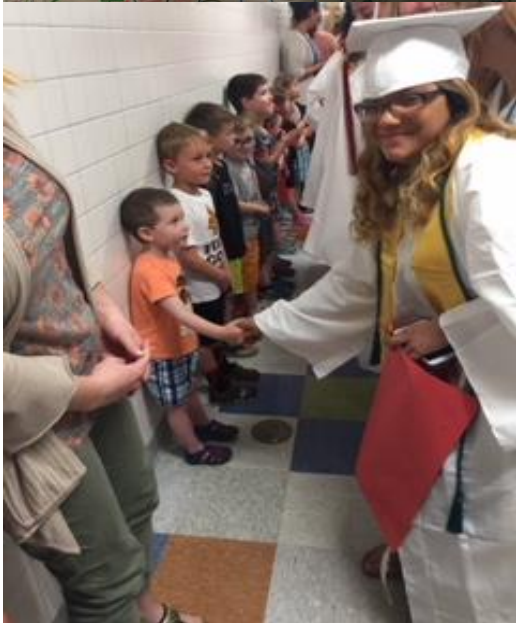
- ARMS teacher focus
- ACES Kindergarten Rhymes Program

**6/8/2018**

- Complete DSAC grant report

## Pictures of The Week

AHS National Junior Honor Society Ceremony Held!  
POPS concert held at AHS to display the musical talents of our students!



Graduating seniors from Athol High had a chance this week to tour ACES and RCS schools to receive applause and high fives from all the elementary students. This is a tradition that was started by the administration at the high school. It is a great way to build community and inspire our younger students to graduate!

### Closing of School Year

June 21 will be the last day of school for all students in the district with the exception of our senior. Both June 20 and June 21 will be half days. June 20 is a half-day, as one of our snow days was slated as a half day. Teachers and staff will be treated to a cookout at the ACES school along with an end of year assembly to celebrate all their accomplishments. Thank you to everyone for your support of our Athol-Royalston students.

## Students Voice

Over the last two weeks, each school has randomly selected students to talk to about their experiences in their schools. The results were extremely positive.

### AHS

Took part in things they never thought they would do.  
Thought pride wall and pride group were very positive.  
Loved the Starrett's program.  
Feel teachers are devoted and want to help.  
Loved upgrades of the school building.  
Love advisory because it is more structured.  
Teachers are there for us.  
Love to have more technology.  
There is more respect between students and staff.  
Would love a new track.  
Bring back study hall.  
Celebrate students who do not play sports.



### RCS 4th grade

Math is going well. They feel like they are learning more.  
Classes are under control.  
More team connection.  
Like the tools posted around room.  
Able to figure more things out on their own.  
Need WIFI to be better.

### ACES 4th grade

Behavior Think Sheets helpful.  
Behavior is better.  
Feel teachers are very helpful.  
Love new science class.  
School is under control.  
Teachers are more supportive.  
More choices in class.  
Strategies have changed for better.  
Classes are more interesting and fun.  
Learning to be safe and respectful.

### ARMS Grades 5-7

Proud of grades. Feel they are doing much better.  
Loved the opportunity to support community causes.  
Teachers are nice everywhere.  
Loved science and hands-on experiences.  
Feel work is harder but they like it.  
Feel they are safe in the school.  
Like the drills help to know what to do.  
Love more time for band.  
Want more hands-on activities.  
Longer passing time between classes.

