Daniella Hodges, Agricultural Educator at Appomattox Middle School received the 2017 "Teachers Turn the Key" professional development scholarship from the National Association of Agricultural Educators.

CONGRATULATIONS

Appomattox Elementary School is proud to announce that teacher, Melanie Ranson, has won the Southside Virginia Regional Technology Consortium Instructional Technology Support Award for Appomattox.

CONGRATULATIONS

“LEARNING TODAY, LEADING TOMORROW”
Superintendent’s Message

The 2017-18 Annual Report for Appomattox County Public Schools (ACPS) is produced to provide the public with information about our school division. You will find School Board Members, Central Office Staff, and Principals contact information. We have included Standards of Learning (SOL) data, school division information, and finance figures. You will also see many school division successes highlighted during 2017-18.

We enroll approximately 2200 students among our four schools, which are Appomattox Primary (grades PK-2), Appomattox Elementary (grades 3-5), Appomattox Middle (grades 6-8), and Appomattox County High School (grades 9-12). We employ 400 full and part-time staff.

Our theme is "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow." Our goal is to engage every student in rigorous and meaningful academic work with high expectations. We aim to prepare our students to be life-ready upon graduation.

Appomattox County Public Schools is proud to announce that all of its schools are fully accredited by the Virginia Department of Education based on performance of students on Standards of Learning (SOL) assessments in English, math, science, and history during 2017-18. Appomattox County Public Schools is proud to have all schools fully accredited for the fourth consecutive year.

For a school to earn full accreditation, students must achieve adjusted pass rates of at least 75 percent in English and at least 70 percent on assessments in math, science, and history. High schools must also meet a benchmark for graduation and completion.

Having all schools fully accredited for the fourth year is a shining reflection of the daily dedication of all teachers and staff of Appomattox County Public Schools to our students. We appreciate and acknowledge parent and community support of our students in this accomplishment.

Visit our school division website at www.acpsweb.net for more information about the exciting learning activities occurring daily at ACPS.

Annette A. Bennett, Ed. D.
Appomattox County School Board

From left to right: Rev. Alfred L. Jones III, Dr. Wendy Hageman Smith, Mr. Bobby K. Waddell, Dr. Annette A. Bennett, Mr. Gregory A. Smith and Ms. Cynthia L. Hall

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Appomattox River District
Appomattox Primary School Highlights 2017-2018

- Began Responsive Classroom Program with Morning Meetings in Pre-K - 2nd grade classrooms
- Back to School PTO with Food Trucks and a Family Scavenger Hunt
- Hosted Weekly STEAM clubs
- New Playground installed with slides, swings, balance beam
- Hosted Teachers for Tomorrow from ACHS to partner with our classrooms
- Learned about solar eclipses and their effects
- Focused on building communities in our grade levels by hosting grade level events
- Participated in in-school field trips like the visit from bearded dragons, corn snakes and mountain king snakes, a visit with park rangers from James River State Park and hosted representatives from Farmer’s bank to learn about economics
- Used ClassDojo to recognize students for their positive contributions to the classroom and share class stories with parents.
- Celebrated students for their outstanding citizenship
- APS went on a kindness adventure and raised over $2100 to build wells in Africa
- Participated in a Holiday Card Exchange with children from around the world
- Participated in an hour of code event
- Participated in a Turkey Steam Event
- Served 54 Prek students helping to build foundational math and literacy skills
- Hosted a Holiday Sing-a-long
- Fostered a love of learning by hosting theme days to support literacy instruction
- Celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday by wearing bright colors and creating Truffula Trees school wide.
Appomattox Elementary School
176 Kids Place, Appomattox, VA 24522
(434) 352-7463

Appomattox Elementary School Highlights 2017-2018

- Increased Global awareness through multiple classroom Skype opportunities with scientists, educators, entrepreneurs, teachers, and students in other states and countries. Also participated in global collaboration through the use of Edublogs, Flipgrips, and Padlets.
- Participated in “Virginia Reads One Book,” partnering with the Virginia Reading and Economics Education Councils, the Washington Redskins, and local celebrity readers. Participated in the “Global Read Aloud,” with follow-up participation in the Children’s Book Festival to meet book authors.
- Continued more Global awareness through “Ned’s Kindness Adventure,” an anti-bullying assembly involving a virtual field trip to Kenya.
- Increased awareness of Computer Coding opportunities through “Hour of Code” and frequent coding experiences in labs.
- Created a S.T.E.A.M. center for hands-on science, technology, engineering, art, and math experiences, Teachers and students utilized the media center as a hub for engineering adventures, including the use of Keva planks, Ozobots, and Coding Mice.
- Had a fifth grade winner in the Virginia 529 Scholarship “Reading Makes ‘Cents’” contest, sponsored by the Virginia Council of Economic Education (one of 14 winners, statewide).
- Had a fifth grade student selected for and participate in the Harvard University Youth Ambassadors’ program.
- Participated and had recognized winners in regional competitions, including Science Fair, Public Speaking, Presentations, “Young Authors,” “Why My Family is Special” essay, Stock Market, Marketing & Entrepreneurship, and Spelling Bee.
- Hosted two Family Math/Literacy Nights, as well two nights of musical programs performed by our students.
- Continued with After-School Clubs (led by volunteers) and After-School tutoring for students.
- Selected teachers participated in a year-long course, “Inspiring Teachers for Engaged Learners.”
- Had a teacher selected as the recipient of the Southside Virginia Regional Technology Support Award.
- Served in “McTeacher Night” as a staff to raise funds for S.T.E.A.M. lab equipment and resources.
- Hosted a PTO sponsored end-of-year family Carnival.
- Partnered with the Appomattox Sheriff’s Department for D.A.R.E. lessons for all fifth graders, with a culminating “DARE Fair.”
- Served as the site for the First Responders Active Shooter Training Scenario, partnering with area first responders and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

Raider-Aide Projects

- Participated in several additional charitable needs, including “Jump for the Heart,” Gleaning for the World, “Jeans for Genes,” “Relay for Life”, water wells in Africa, local food pantry, and the local animal shelter.
- Held a “Lemonade War” Family Night competition among grade levels, with an emphasis on Reading, Math, and Economics to raise money for our local animal shelter.
- Initiated “Raider-to-Raider Mentoring,” partnering ACHS role model students with students in Grades 4 and 5.
- Participated in the Virginia Department of Transportation’s “Paint a Plow” program.
Maintained full accreditation status from the Virginia Department of Education.

Participated in the watching of the Total Solar Eclipse after training the entire student body how to do so safely.

Motivated students to make positive choices and pursue their dreams through motivational speaker Chris Skinner.

Inspired students with the story of Kevin Hines, suicide survivor and activist.

Inducted 32 new members of the National Junior Honor Society.

Hosted a Veteran’s Luncheon on Veteran’s Day organized and led by SCA sponsors and officers.

Celebrated Black History Month with a presentation by Rev. Al Jones on African American struggles and victories during the Civil War.

Competed and placed in FFA events including FFA Forestry Fall Day, HUB Federation Dairy Judging, FFA Quiz Bowl, Food and Fiber, and Agriscience Technology Mechanics.

Introduced Coding classes at all grade levels.

Began a new weekly program, Raider Responsibility Leadership Council, to help students learn skills and traits to better prepare them for world citizenship.

Honored students receiving a perfect score on a SOL test with induction into the AMS “600 Club” during a luncheon with their parents as invited guests.

Collected and donated more than 600 non-perishable food items to the tornado victims of Campbell County.

Recognized students for positive contributions to the AMS community with “Positive Office Referrals”.

Placed in community and regional levels in the Piedmont Regional Young Writers Contest.

Competed in MathCounts competition, Lego League competition, Scripps Spelling Bee competition, and Carton to Garden competition.

Celebrated the success and growth of all AMS students with a daylong SOL Celebration complete with games, teacher performances, and cool treats.
Appomattox County High School
198 Evergreen Avenue,
Appomattox, VA 24522,
(434) 352-7146

Appomattox County High School Highlights 2017-2018

- ACHS graduated 191 seniors • ACHS had 54 honor graduates • 11 students earned the Governor’s Certificate of Recognition for the Early College Scholar’s Program • 2 student enlisted in the military • Seniors were accepted to 39 different colleges/universities • 61 students will attend a two-year college • 87 students will attend a four-year college • 6 students will attend a vocational school
- 6 students earned their GED • 3 students completed Central Virginia Governor’s School • 97 students graduated with an advanced diploma
- SkillsUSA Entrepreneurship Team won Back to Back to Back Virginia State Championships and finished 7th in the nation
- 6 FFA Students received their State FFA Degree
- 2 FFA students received their American FFA Degree
- 8 Auto Mechanics seniors earned the Virginia State Inspector’s License
- The FFA was recognized as a 3 Star National Chapter and 1st place in the Southeastern Chapter Award Contest
- 3 FFA students won state FFA proficiency award for their SAE programs
- 1 FFA Student was State Champion in the AgriScience Fair in the Plant Systems division
- FFA team finished as State Champions in Agricultural Mechanics, advancing to the National Finals in October 2018
- 1 FFA student had the Grand Champions Market Goat at the 2018 Central Virginia Livestock Show
- 1 FFA student was the Senior Novice Swine Showmanship Champion at the 2018 Central Virginia Livestock Show
- The Varsity Football Team was Back to Back to Back 2A/Class 2 State Champions
- The Golf Team – Dogwood District Champion, Region 2C Champion, and Class 2 State Champion
- The Girls’ Soccer Team – Region 2C Champions and Class 2 State Runner-up
- Wrestling – Region 2C Champions, 6 wrestlers qualified for the Class 2 State Wrestling meet and the team finished in the top 10
- Girl’s Indoor Track – Region 2C Champions
- Boy’s Indoor Track – had an individual State Champion in 2 events
- Boy’s Outdoor Track – Had an individual State Champion.
- Volleyball – Co-District Regular Season Champion, District Tournament Champion, and Region 2C Semi-Finalist
- Girls’ Swim Team – 200m Freestyle Relay Region 2C Champion
- Softball – Region 2C Champion and State Quarter-finalist
- Baseball – Region 2C Runner-Up and State Quarter-finalist
- The 2016-2017 yearbook, themed “Focus”, received a rating of second place from the Virginia High School League in the Publications category.
- FOR Club spent 180 hours working on projects and education to decrease bullying in the school
- 15 Students participated in Hampden-Sydney College’s Model United Nations Conference. The student named “Best Delegate” was from Appomattox.
- 10 students participated in the NPS Volunteer Program and three students who were Park Service Volunteer Guides have been hired by the Park to be Seasonal Park Service Guides. One teacher has been hired as an instructor for the “Teacher-Ranger-Teacher” program and volunteers at the park.
- 7 students achieved half CompTIA A+ certification

The ACHS RaiderAid Projects:
- Blood Drive – 82 Units (and qualified to award a $500 scholarship to a graduating senior)
- Relay for Life – $1000.00
- FCCLA collected enough coats, hats, gloves and a toy for 23 students
## 2018-2019 ACPS Budget Projections
(As of June 15, 2018)

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### Budgeted Expenditures 2018 - 2019
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# Achievement Data

**Appomattox County Schools 2017-2018**

**Assessment Summary**

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Source: Detailed FAMO Report

All Students
2017-2018 Enrollment = 2278 Students

- Kindergarten: 169
- 1st Grade: 175
- 2nd Grade: 155
- 3rd Grade: 165
- 4th Grade: 175
- 5th Grade: 173
- 6th Grade: 164
- 7th Grade: 162
- 8th Grade: 149
- 9th Grade: 188
- 10th Grade: 169
- 11th Grade: 148
- 12th Grade: 189

Gender
- Boys: 1170 (51%)
- Girls: 1108 (49%)

Student Population
- General Education: 2039 (90%)
- Special Education: 239 (10%)

Meal Benefit Status
- Paid Lunch: 1114 (50%)
- Free/Reduced Lunch: 1132 (50%)

Ethnicity
- White: 1510 (60%)
- Black: 583 (30%)
- Hispanic: 70, 3% (70, 3%)
- Asian: 11, 1%
- Other: 4, 0%