



Communities
In Schools
Northwest North Carolina



Site Coordinator Fawn Roark

Who is Communities In Schools of NWNC?

Communities In Schools is the nation's largest and most effective organization dedicated to keeping kids in school and helping them succeed in life. Communities In Schools of Northwest North Carolina has a site coordinator at Ashe County Middle School who works day to day helping bring community resources to meet needs of students and the school.

CISNWNC serves Wilkes, Alexander, Ashe, and Alleghany Counties. Currently in Ashe County, Ashe County Middle School has the only site coordinator; however, there are plans for expansion to our other schools. Last year, CISNWNC served over 15,000 students in our service area.

At Communities In Schools, we work hand-in-hand with schools, communities and families to surround our students with a caring network of support to help them stay in school and succeed in life. Working in more than 2,300 K-12 schools and community-based sites in the most challenged communities in 25 states and the District of Columbia, we have 3,800 trained professionals and 38,000 volunteers who help 1.5 million young people and their families every year.

What is a site coordinator?

Communities In Schools trains and places highly qualified site coordinators and supporting staff directly into schools. Once there, our job is to connect students and their families to basic and critical community resources that are tailored to each student's specific needs. By providing students with a one-on-one relationship with a caring adult, we create a safe place to learn and grow. We work to provide a strong start to a healthy future, a path toward marketable skills upon graduation and a chance to give back to peers and the community.

Why do we do what we do?

The mission of CIS is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

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Special points of interest

- We can come speak to your business, civic organization, club, or church!
- We can help you volunteer and have various ways you can help at our school to fill needs.
- We love to collaborate!

CISNWNC Programs at ACMS

Site Coordination

Site coordinators work with about 25 individual students throughout the year helping them set and reach their goals. The site coordinator works as an advocate and support for these students. Students are referred by teachers, principals, counselors or even a parent!

Success Study Mentors

Volunteers from our community are paired with students to visit with them at school while helping with reading, math, or other study skills. Success Study Mentors visit the student once each week for about 25 minutes in the conference room or library.

Friends of Youth

Friends of Youth is a one-on-one mentoring program for 7th and 8th graders. Volunteer mentors spend 2-4 hours each week with a child doing normal everyday activities. Monthly activities are also planned for all youth and mentors to enjoy as a group. Activities are fun and educational, as well as socially and culturally enriched.

Stuff the Bus

School supplies! Each year CIS provides school supplies to students throughout the entire school year. Book bags, pencils, paper, scissors, erasers and more are provided.

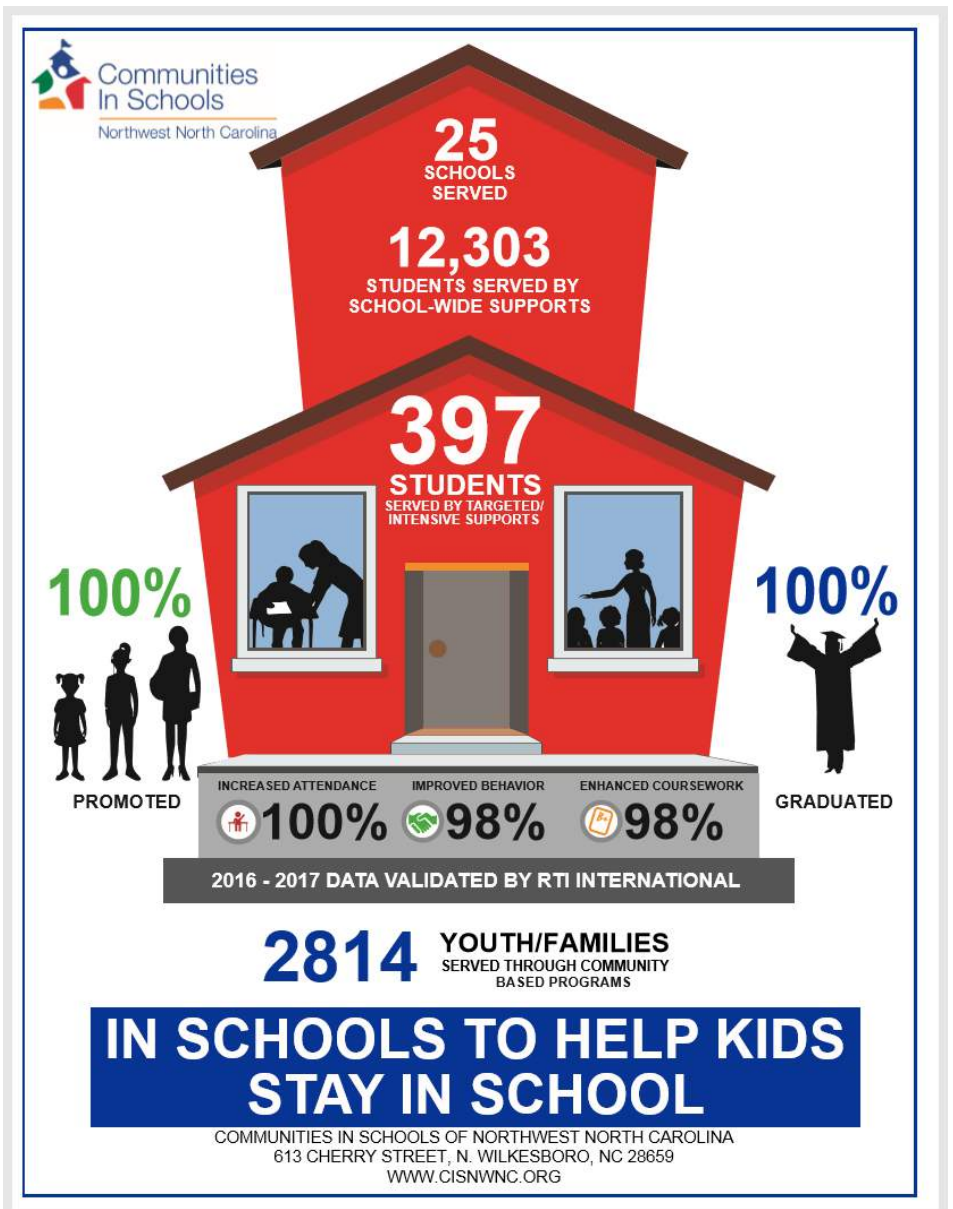
CISNWNC Needs

Volunteer Mentors: Volunteers must go through an interview process, reference checks and background checks to serve as mentors. Volunteer applications are available at <http://cisnwnc.org/volunteer> and click on "Volunteer Form".

Food: Currently we have a need for snacks for our afternoon "Snack Attack" program. Some of our students are quite hungry by the end of the day, and many do not get home until late. Others may not have a meal at home that night. Our "Snack Attack" program will kick off to take place one time each week to see how students respond to the program. Apples, bananas, granola bars, etc are needed.

Items: Thanks to donations and a regional grant that CISNWNC received, we are pretty well stocked on school supplies. We can always use binders and mechanical pencils for our students as well as towels for students who do not have any after swim class during PE.

Donations: If anyone wants to donate funds to CISNWNC, it can be done online at <http://cisnwnc.org/>



Ashe County Middle School Performs Very Well In State Testing

Ashe County Middle School 2017-18 State Assessment Data

Test	% of Students Grade Level Proficient (Level 3,4, or 5)	Ashe County School's State Ranking** (Level 3, 4, or 5)	% of Students College & Career Readiness (Level 4 or 5)	Ashe County School's State Ranking** (Level 4 or 5)
All Tests (Ashe County Schools)	71.0%	6	59.8%	8
Grade 7 - All Tests	77.5%	1	67.3%	1
Grade 7 - Math	72.5%	1	62.6%	4
Grade 7 - Reading	82.4%	1	72.1%	2
Grade 8 - All Tests	73.4%	4	63.1%	3
Grade 8 - Math	66.4%	3	57.3%	4
Grade 8 - Reading	65.4%	7	51.7%	6
Grade 8 - Science	88.1%	3	80.5%	5

Check out ACMS website for latest news and merchandise

Go to our school webpage at www.asheschools.org/acms to find out all the latest news and announcements. Also, new this year are brand new selections of Bulldog Merchandise. These items can be ordered by going to our school webpage and scrolling down til you see the graphics and link.



** Ranking in relation to the 115 Public School Systems in NC.

“I believe our scores are a direct result of the hard work our students and staff exemplified day in and day out at ACMS during the 2017-18 school year. While we implemented several initiatives at the both the district and school level that added to the success, ultimately, the majority of the credit goes to the efforts of those folks in the classroom. I am so proud of the strides we have made at ACMS, and hope that we can now sustain the success we had last school year.” - Principal Dustin Farmer

ACMS Teacher, PTO, CISNWNC & Forest Ridge Assisted Living collaborate to bring recycling program to school

Seventh grade teacher, Mrs. Sutherland, felt strongly about teaching our youth the importance of recycling. So, she visited Ms. Roark with CISNWNC and pitched her idea of implementing a recycling program at Ashe County Middle School.

A few emails later, a partnership and collaboration was quickly formed. Forest Ridge Assisted Living, the ACMS PTO, CISNWNC and Mrs. Sutherland all chipped in \$50 to get the discounted bins to start the program. Students gather the recyclables from each classroom each week.

This collaboration is just one of many that happens to enrich education opportunities at our school.



Pictured from left to right are: Anna Sutherland, PTO President Tanya Hudler, Principal Dustin Farmer, Site Coordinator Ms. Roark (front) and Director of Community Relations Heather Samudio of Forest Ridge Assisted Living.

CISNWNC Upcoming Events

CISNWNC is pleased to announce the Choice Bus will be visiting ACMS soon, which has visited many schools across the state and nation. The Choice Bus is an experience-based learning tool designed to show young people the power of education, as well as the likely consequences of choosing to drop out of school. This will be a great opportunity for ACMS students.

Ms. Roark will be working with Mrs. Lovell of ACMS and Mrs. Mackey with GEAR UP to bring parent speakers into the Career and Technical Education classes the third week of October to talk about college experiences and tips. Please let Mrs. Roark know if you would like to partner in this opportunity.

Also in the works for the next few months involves a Master Beekeeper visiting our school to share with our some of our students in Food and Ag about beekeeping. Another teacher has also expressed an interest in the beekeepers speaking to her classroom, so stay tuned!

There are many students meeting with Mrs. Roark each week to let her know about needs, and to also review their personal school success goals with her.

CISNWNC is also working to have a fundraising event this fall. Please keep your ears tuned to the radio and eyes to the newspaper so you can help us support our students.

ACMS Student Gives Back To Help Patients at Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte

Brett G. wanted to make a difference and give back. So, he did. Over and over again, according to his teacher, Mrs. Sutherland. Last year, he was in the 7th grade and told Ms. Roark with Communities In Schools of Northwest North Carolina that he wanted to donate toys that he has a special knack for winning out of quarter machines. His mom agreed that he could win one about every time when they were talking to Ms. Roark and Mrs. Sutherland one evening after school. Mrs. Sutherland said she was so proud of Brett for working with the homeless with his dad and many other service projects in his community.

Brett told Ms. Roark he had already given

several trash bags of brand new toys to a local agency that serves children. He wanted to donate more toys he had collected to a children's hospital. Ms. Roark contacted her niece, Kendra, who is from Ashe and also attended Ashe County Middle School. Kendra now works as a Registered Nurse at Levine Children's Hospital on the Panther's Floor.

Brett brought three large trash bags of brand new toys that he donated to Ms. Blevins. The student allowed his story to be shared with his class in hopes of encouraging others to make a difference too!! Let Ms. Roark know if you have ideas of how you'd like to give back.



ACMS Student Brett G. makes a difference for patients at Levine Children's Hospital by donating toys to Registered Nurse Kendra Blevins as Principal Dustin Farmer smiles proudly.

CISNWNC Receives Foundation Grant



CISNWNC received a grant in May from the Ashe County Community Foundation's Daniel Lee "Dan" Eldreth Memorial Endowment in the amount of \$500 for the Essential 55 program. The grant was used to purchase 50 copies of the Essential 55 by Ron Clark for each teacher at ACMS to read over the summer, and implement the rule and stories of success into their classroom. Clark is a nationally known award-winning educator from North Carolina. The book covers success skills that teachers can use in their classroom that change the lives of students. The Ashe Community Foundation is an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation.

CISNWNC Brings Holocaust Speakers to ACMS

Dr. Zohara Boyd and Dr. Peter Petschauer were both children in Europe during World War II, and their experiences were worlds apart. Now, their cooperation and friendship serves as an inspiring example to all, and their stories greatly affected our 7th grade students at ACMS last year.

Dr. Boyd grew up in Poland during the Nazi occupation. By obtaining the baptismal certificates and other documents of a Polish Catholic family, her Jewish parents were able to walk on the Aryan side outside the ghetto and survive the horrors of the Holocaust. Ultimately they were able to hide in plain sight.

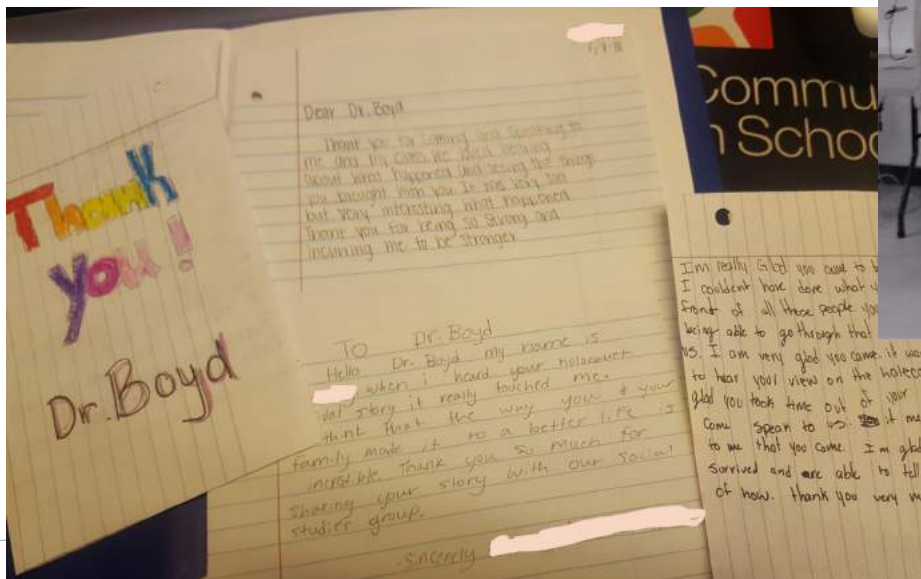
Petschauer's family lived on the other side. Born and raised in Germany, his father was an officer of the dreaded SS. As a child, he was raised under the rules of Nazi Germany and it was not until later in life that he learned to come to grips with his family's past.

Petschauer and Boyd met as academic colleagues at Appalachian State University, but now use their friendship to share their experiences of one of history's most devastating storms, telling their stories of hope and experience.

Most of the students hugged Dr. Boyd and Dr. Petschauer after the presentation. Many seemed visibly touched by the stories of survival. Some of the thank-you letters the students wrote afterwards addressed how the speakers helping them learn the gift of gratitude and how they can be more thankful. Others wrote that they would never forget Dr. Boyd and Dr. Petschauer sharing with them. Another student wrote about how she learned how to forgive. The speakers spoke to almost all of the 7th grade social studies classes either in person or via chromecasting. Students in classrooms that viewed the presentation via chromecasting sent questions to the actual presentation for the speakers to answer.



Teacher Stella Eller, Dr. Petschauer, Teacher Anna Sutherland, Dr. Boyd, and Site Coordinator Fawn Roark take a moment for a picture.



“Thank you for the chance to learn more about what it was like and being so open to us... You’ve taught us so much more about how people lived and survived.

Your memories will be cherished and retold.”

- 7th Grader



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To partner with CISNWNC or to volunteer or help with student or school needs, please email Fawn.Roark@ashe.k12.nc.us or call 336-384-3591.

A Word from our Executive Director

The mission of Communities In Schools is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. We are off to a great start in Ashe County of fulfilling our mission. Fawn Roark began serving as a site coordinator at Ashe Middle School in late November, 2017. Students and school personnel are receiving much needed additional resources under Ms. Roark's leadership, and the resources made available to her through our local, state, and national network.

The school district and the community has been an integral part of our expansion into Ashe County. They have opened their arms wide to Communities In Schools of Northwest North Carolina! We are thrilled for the opportunity to serve using our evidenced-based model. As we continue to build a foundation of brokering services into Ashe County Middle School, we are confident the entire community will reap the benefits from having Communities In Schools of Northwest North Carolina (CISNWNC) in Ashe County.

For more details about CISNWNC or to request a presentation for your business, civic organization, church or other group, contact Glendora Yarbrough at 336-651-7830 or Glendora@cisnwn.org.



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