

School News



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Pictured at the top of the page are employees honored by the Board of Education at its December meeting. Pictured from left are Scott Shuttleworth, instrumental music teacher at Westlake High School; Cynthia Asimenios, special education instructional assistant, Indian Head Elementary School; and Charles Ford, building service manager, Billingsley Elementary School.

Winter break schedule

Winter break for students and teachers begins Monday, Dec. 23. Students and teachers return to school on Thursday, Jan. 2. Administrative offices will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during winter break and are closed Dec. 24 and 25, and Jan. 1.

Toddler play groups

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) holds toddler play groups for children who are 18 months to 4 years old and live in Charles County. The play groups engage young children in hands-on play, story time and activities designed to prepare them to enter school. The play groups are held at Walter J. Mitchell, J.P. Ryon, Arthur Middleton and Indian Head elementary schools. In the event of inclement weather or any CCPS closings or delays, the play groups are canceled. The 24-hour CCPS weather information line is 301-934-7410 or 301-932-6656. For more information, contact jharris@ccboe.com or 301-934-7444.

Board to meet Jan. 14

The next Board of Education meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 14. The meeting begins at 1 p.m., and staff and student recognition starts at 4:30 p.m. Public forum starts at 6 p.m.



Student artists create fun, festive holiday cards

Each year, Kimberly Hill, superintendent of schools, sends holiday greetings via email to employees of Charles County Public Schools and the families of students.

The messages are accompanied by artwork featuring winter-themed scenes.

With the number of student-artists in CCPS, who better than them to create the artwork featured on the cards?

This year, the work selected was drawn by Jessica Forbes, a fifth grader at J.C. Parks Elementary School; Emma Bicknell, an eighth grader at Piccowaxen Middle School; and Mykhaela Dyer, a Maurice J. McDonough High School senior.

The works selected are printed on card stock by North Point High School's graphic communications teacher, Chris Gilbert, and produced into a stack of holiday cards the students' families can send to family and friends.



Each year, Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) students create holiday cards for Superintendent of Schools Kimberly Hill to send to staff and the CCPS community. Emma Bicknell, left, an eighth grader at Piccowaxen Middle School, drew a winter scene. Above, Maurice J. McDonough High School senior Mykhaela Dyer submitted a design featuring a chill snowman.



Jessica Forbes, a fifth-grade student at J.C. Parks Elementary School, penned a pair of penguins for the greeting card contest.

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CCPS employees raise \$5,300 for Southern Maryland Food Bank

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) hosted its first fun run last month to support the Southern Maryland Food Bank. More than 200 runners, walkers and families joined the Nov. 9 run around the La Plata High and Mary H. Matula Elementary school campuses as part of the first CCPS 5k Turkey Trot. Participants included CCPS employees.

The event raised \$5,300, which Superintendent of Schools Kimberly A. Hill provided to Brenda DiCarlo, director of the Southern Maryland Food Bank, on Dec. 5. DiCarlo said the funds would help to support several food bank programs. "This donation will be used to assist several of our food programs and provide us the ability to feed so many more families and individuals. Your event will be the reason we are able to continue the fight to ease the pain of hunger," DiCarlo said.

The registration fee helped to support event costs, but the majority covered a planned donation to the food bank. Several local businesses helped sponsor the event, including CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield, Chick-fil-A La Plata, World Gym La Plata, Crown Trophy, Foster's Grille La Plata, BJ Promotions, Inc. and Magnolia companies.

Sponsor donations included nutrition bars, water and tote bags for participants, to discounted vendor costs for 5k t-shirts, race medals and monetary dona-



Superintendent of Schools Kimberly Hill, right, congratulates runners Pam Mucciolo, left, and her daughter, Catherine Mucciolo, at the finish line of the Turkey Trot 5k.

tions. Hill, as well as Board of Education Vice Chairman Latina Wilson and Board Member Michael Lukas, handed out participant medals at the race finish line. DiCarlo said the CCPS donation would support the snack sack program, buy 12,000 pounds of food for the Charles County community, and help with dinner costs for the food bank's mobile meal truck.

Hill's executive assistant, Debbie Iverson, spearheaded the Turkey Trot planning committee. "The initial goal was to raise at least \$1,000 and we surpassed that goal by far," Iverson said.

Personnel

Apply for positions online at www.ccboe.com/jobs/currentopenings.php. All teaching positions require a bachelor's degree and MSDE certification requirements.

Job openings

School Psychology Internship — Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Applicants must be certified by an accredited university training program as eligible to complete the internship. Apply by Dec. 31.

Reading Recovery Teacher — All elementary schools, 10-month position. A degree in early childhood education, elementary education or reading is required. Applicants must have experience in providing leadership in reading. Apply by Dec. 31.

Principal's Pool — Location to be determined, 12-month position. Applicants must have a master's degree with three years teaching experiences and three years as a vice principal. Apply by Dec. 31.

ESOL teacher — All schools, 10-month po-

sition. Along with a bachelor's degree and meeting certification requirements set by the MSDE, applicants should have excellent human relation and organizational skills. Apply by Dec. 31.

School Counselor — All elementary schools, 10-month position. A master's degree in school counseling and eligibility for certification in school counseling determined by the MSDE are required. Apply by Dec. 31.

Physical Education Teacher — Location to be determined, 10-month position. Knowledge of subject matter and excellent human relations skills are required. Apply by March 27.

Language Arts Teacher — All middle schools, 10-month position. Applicants must have knowledge of the subject matter and have the ability to work effectively with students, parents and staff. Apply by March 27.

System Administrator — Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. The position is responsible for administration

for the Oracle Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Cloud system. A bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, business management or a related field required with a master's degree preferred. Position open until filled.

Special Education Instructional Assistant (IA) — All elementary schools, 10-month position. Applicants must have a high school diploma and have passed the ParaPro assessment or have at least 48 college credits. Position open until filled.

Extra Pay Positions

Title I Tutor — All elementary schools. Bachelor's degree required with professional certificate in elementary education preferred.

AVID Tutor — High school diploma or GED required. CCPS students in the work based learning program can apply with a recommendation from their principal and advisor.

Student Lab Assistant — James E. Richmond Science Center. Must be 16 or older.