



School News

Important Dates Coming Soon

Show time at schools

Before there was “Hamilton,” Lin-Manuel Miranda was winning accolades for “In the Heights,” and now you can see the story of the New York City neighborhood of Washington Heights at Maurice J. McDonough High School April 12 and 13. Show times are 7 p.m. for the three days with a 2 p.m. understudy matinee on April 13. “All Shook Up” at Thomas Stone High School has elements of “Footloose” with the music of Elvis Presley 7 p.m. April 12 and 13. More classic hits will be performed at Westlake High School 7 p.m. April 12 and 13 at “Smokey Joe’s Cafe: The Songs of Leiber and Stoller.” La Plata High School’s production of “Cabaret” is set to take the stage 6:30 p.m. April 25 to 27. A 2:30 p.m. show is April 27. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/y248pqnp> for a full list of dates and ticket information.

Last day of school set

The last day of the 2018-19 school year for Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) students is Wednesday, June 12. The last day for teachers is Thursday, June 13. Two-hour early dismissal days are June 7, 10, 11 and 12. The last day for students in the CCPS three-year-old program is Wednesday, June 5. The schedule is set, barring any unforeseen inclement weather circumstances. The school system used two of the four inclement weather days built into the calendar this year: Jan. 14 and Feb. 20.

Banner year at North Point

North Point High School is celebrating receiving the school’s fourth Ocean Guardian School banner through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). An event was held to commemorate the milestone while announcing the school has received Ocean Guardian School grant funding for the 2019-20 school year. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/yxsb9wyw>.



No blue bin left unturned

William B. Wade Elementary School fourth graders Alannah Christie, left, Desiree Nash and Kennedi Horn, are members of the school’s Blue Bin Recyclers Club. The group is responsible for collecting recyclables and other “green” efforts at the school. For the past several years, students and staff at Wade have implemented environmentally friendly practices as part of the school’s Go Green initiative. In fall 2018, students and staff competed in a national recycling competition, the Keep America Beautiful Recycle Bowl challenge. During a four-week collection period, the Wade school community collected 10,564 pounds of recyclable materials. Their efforts ultimately landed them with the title of 2018-19 Maryland Recycle Bowl Champion. Read more on Page 2.

Board honors employees for years of service

When Brenda Warren started working for Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) 45 years ago, the word internet was not part of her everyday vocabulary. The Gale-Bailey Elementary School media specialist has seen many changes over her career, but nothing, she said, compares with the advancement in the use of technology.

“I remember when we first got an internet-connected computer with an old-style modem with a free account donated to the school system. The first time we logged into the account and accessed the net, it took over five minutes for a single picture to load and three adults crowded around the computer eyes wide in amazement,” Warren said.

Warren began working as a program aide

for CCPS in 1973 at Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary School when it was just Mt. Hope Elementary.

She moved to Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School the next year as a classroom assistant and nine years later transferred to Gale-Bailey where she eventually became a library assistant.

In 2002, Warren went back to college to finish her degree and earn a master’s to become a media specialist. In 2006, she became the media specialist at Gale-Bailey.

Warren was one of 54 CCPS employees the Board of Education honored for 45, 40, 35, 30 and 25 years of service during its annual longevity awards ceremony on March 28.

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On the cover

The Board of Education honored employees for their outstanding work at its April 9 meeting. Honored from left were Ayesha Claytor-Stanislas, a social studies teacher at Matthew Henson Middle School; Jennifer Diaz, the registration secretary at William B. Wade Elementary School; and Brinson Lundegard, a science teacher at the Robert D. Stethem Educational Center.

Support Staff Town Hall set

A Support Staff Town Hall is scheduled for 4:15-5:45 p.m., Monday April 29, 2019, in the staff development room at the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building. The Board invites participants to discuss their job experiences and how everyone can work together to improve CCPS. The deadline to sign up is April 17, 2019. Participants will be selected by a random drawing and include 25 support staff employees. To sign up, email boardmail@ccboe.com. Please list your name, position and school/center in the email. The Board will notify those selected as participants on April 18.

Summer camp registration open

CCPS is sponsoring summer enrichment camps for students in kindergarten through Grade 9. Camps begin the week of June 24 and run through the week ending on Aug. 2. More than 40 sessions are available and camps run Monday through Friday. To register, go to <https://www.ccboe.com/index.php/summer-camps-2019>. Cost is \$90 per camp session and students should be registered by the grade level they will begin at the start of the 2019-20 school year. The majority of camps are located at Maurice J. McDonough High School in Pomfret. Most camps for kindergarten students are located at Dr. James Craik Elementary School. A walk-in registration session is set for Thursday, May 9 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building. At this session, parents can pay for camps by either cash or check. Contact Joyce Campbell at jcampbell@ccboe.com.

**In Memoriam
Cynthia Early**

Cynthia Early, a media specialist at Dr. Thomas L. Higdon Elementary School, passed away April 4, 2019, after a long illness.



Cynthia Early

Early began her career with Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) in 1998 at Dr. James Craik Elementary School. During her time with CCPS, Early taught first- and second-grade at Craik, J.C. Parks and Higdon elementary schools, and worked with students at Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy, William A. Diggs and Arthur Middleton elementary schools as a speech therapist.

“She created a first-rate program for our students and was an important part of their daily lives. We will miss Ms. Early’s positive attitude, talent and expertise,” Higdon Principal Kathy Morgan said.

Early loved to travel and vacation in Disney World. She and her family were members Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Issue, she led Higdon’s Relay for Life team and was an active member of HOPE4Nichole, an organization that supports those impacted by breast cancer. Reading Recovery teacher Nichole Garner, who founded HOPE4Nichole and is a breast cancer survivor, worked with Early at Higdon. Early and her

husband, Robbie, helped launch a golf tournament as a fundraiser for the organization and she aided the group with other outreach projects like getting Jacki Jackets in the hands of women who had mastectomies, giving out children’s books that explain breast cancer in a way youngsters understand and

supplying patient organizers that keep doctor orders, lab reports and other necessary documents together and accessible.

“She was very gentle, very kind,” Garner said of Early. “She was a soft-spoken person, but the kind of person she was ... it just spoke volumes. She was very special and if the world had more Cindys, what a great place it would be.”

Early earned two Bachelor of Science degrees in elementary education and speech pathology. She held a master’s degree in speech pathology.

She is survived by her husband, Robbie Early; daughter, Grace Ann; parents, Howard and Ann Walker; brothers, Richard Walker and Robert Walker; and cockapoo, Chevy.

Memorial contributions can be made to HOPE4Nichole at <https://www.hope4nichole.org/>.

Wade named champs in recycling contest

Joy Fisher and Lisa Hasz, instructional assistants at William B. Wade Elementary School, spearheaded the school’s Recycle Bowl efforts and are co-chairs of the school’s Go Green Club. Students who led the school in the Recycle Bowl challenge are members of the fourth grade Blue Bin Recyclers Club. At the start of each school year, each fourth-grade teacher recommends students for the blue bin recycling program. Students are chosen for demonstrating personal responsibility and a desire to help their community.

“We talked with teachers and asked them for a list of students who would be responsible. Our goal is five kids per [fourth grade] class and this year, we have a total of 24. These students are extremely responsible and are role models for our green initiatives,” Hasz said. Students in the recyclers club spend one day per week during recess collecting materials from classroom recycle bins. The club is divided in teams that rotate their recycling duties during the week. Each team has a color-coded hallway to collect from, gathers bins from classrooms and puts all materials into a larger blue bin featuring wheels that are easy for students to push. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/yy2a9xj8>.

45 years of service

- Brenda Warren, library media specialist, Gale-Bailey

40 years of service

- Butch Arbin, career & technology resource teacher, James E. Richmond Science Center
- Lee Clark Sr., mail truck driver, CCPS warehouse
- Clifford Eichel, director of accountability, Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building
- Charles Kelly, foreman-athletic fields/grounds, CCPS Maintenance Shop
- Dawn Schaeffer, coordinator of staff development, Starkey Building

35 years of service

- Joseph Brawner, building service manager, Henry E. Lackey High School
- Linda Lund, prekindergarten teacher, William B. Wade Elementary School

30 years of service

- Diane Bicknell, physical therapist, F. B. Gwynn Educational Center
- Diane Brawner, building service worker, General Smallwood Middle School
- Melanie Cole, business education teacher, North Point High School
- Armand DelaCruz, Spanish teacher, Westlake High School
- Karen Dempsey, learning resource teacher, Malcolm Elementary School
- Donna DePamphilis, special education teacher/IEP Facilitator, Starkey Building
- Ernest Downs, foreman, electrical/mechanical group, Maintenance Shop
- Carl Hamilton, carpenter II, Maintenance Shop
- Connie Harris, physical education teacher, Westlake
- Beverly Hoy, psychologist, Starkey Building
- Elizabeth Jameson, second-grade teacher, T. C. Martin Elementary School
- Larry P. Johnson, building service assistant manager, Arthur Middleton Elementary School
- Jeannie Proctor, kindergarten teacher, Berry Elementary School
- Cherie Reynolds, secretary to the principal, Piccowaxen Middle School
- Carolyn Richardson, principal, Mary H. Matula Elementary School
- George Risko, HVAC mechanic II, Maintenance Shop
- Scott Sisolak, specialist in mathematics, Starkey Building
- Constance Sorzano, administrative instructional assistant, T. C. Martin
- Glenn Stergar, computer resource teacher (CISCO), North Point
- Maureen Stewart, Spanish teacher, North Point
- Michael Sturman, physical education teacher, La Plata High School
- Ernestine Swann, guidance secretary, Milton M. Somers Middle School
- Katrina Thompson, student data technician, Lackey



Representing 80 years of service — Clifford Eichel, Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) director of accountability, left, and Butch Arbin, career and technology teacher at the James E. Richmond Science Center were among CCPS employees honored by the Board of Education for their years of service to the school system.

- Renee Ward, accounting assistant – accounts payable, Starkey Building
- Jean Washington, literacy instructional assistant, Maurice J. McDonough High School

25 years of service

- Joseph Adams, building service manager, C. Paul Barnhart Elementary School
- James Baker, general maintenance worker II, Maintenance Shop
- David Bradshaw, physical education teacher, McDonough
- John Brooks, first-grade teacher, J. P. Ryon Elementary School
- Denise Childers, English teacher, Robert D. Stethem Educational Center
- Christine Coulby, social studies teacher, Piccowaxen Middle School
- Colleen Erickson, home economics – Family & Consumer Science teacher, Thomas Stone High School
- Rebecca Franch, art teacher, Middleton
- Apryl Gray, business education teacher, La Plata
- Suzette Hahn, fifth-grade teacher, Dr. James Craik Elementary School
- Sean Heyl, English teacher, McDonough
- Anthony Jones, carpentry teacher, North Point
- James Lloyd, social studies teacher, Thomas Stone
- Connie Mattingly, learning resource teacher, Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School
- Patricia Mooring, vice principal, Malcolm
- Beverly Payne, secretary, Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Elementary School
- Mary Sadler, content specialist – middle school math, Starkey Building
- Darlene Thornton, specialist in transportation, Building 101
- Tina Warren, physical education teacher, St. Charles High School
- Lisa Wehausen, instructional specialist, William A. Diggs Elementary School
- Ann Wilhelm, SAT coordinator, Westlake.

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Bowled over

North Point High School is celebrating its third-place win in the Southern Maryland Computer Bowl. From left are seniors Caleb Griffith, Christian Parrales, North Point computer teacher and team coach Melody Stahl, Matteo Marchi and Erik Henson.

Submitted by North Point PR Liaison Jonica Gaskill.

Craik rocks their socks

Dr. James Craik Elementary School employees rocked their socks March 21 for World Down Syndrome Day. Pictured from bottom left are special education instructional assistant (IA) Albert Swann, Life Skills IA Hope Warren, Life Skills IA Valerie Trefry and special education teacher Tammie McConnell. The socks campaign is held to raise awareness about Down syndrome.

Submitted by Craik PR Liaison Katie Cooper.



Personnel

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

Building Service Worker — Arthur Middleton Elementary School, 12-month position. High school diploma required. Applicants must have a willingness to work overtime when necessary. April 18.

High School Resource Teacher — Maurice J. McDonough High School, 10-month position. A master's degree in the appropriate field and Advanced Professional Certificate are required. A minimum of five years of teaching experience at the secondary level is necessary. Apply by Aug. 26.

Business Teacher — La Plata High School, 10-month position. A bachelor's degree is required and applicants must meet certification requirements as established by the MSDE. Apply by Aug. 30.

ESOL Newcomer Interventionist — Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 10-month part-time position. A bachelor's degree is required and applicants must meet certification requirements as established by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) for certification. Apply by April 30.

Food Nutrition Services Culinary Development and Training Specialist — Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. An associate's degree in culinary arts, with minimum five years of experience preferred. Position open until filled.

Building Service Worker Floater — Location to be determined, temporary position. High school diploma required. Applicants must have a willingness to work overtime when necessary. Position open until filled.

Food Service Substitute — Location to be determined, temporary position. A high school diploma desirable or sufficient edu-

cation to have basic skills in reading, record keeping and math. Position open until filled.

Certification Authorized Partner (CAP) — Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. A minimum of a bachelor's degree is required from an accredited college or university. Applicants must have or be eligible to obtain a Certification Authorized Partner (CAP) endorsement from MSDE. Position open until filled.

Title I Tutor Degreed — Location to be determined, temporary position. A bachelor's degree is required with a professional certificate in elementary education preferred. Position open until filled.

Home and Hospital Instructor — Location to be determined, temporary position. A bachelor's degree is required. Applicants should have experience working with students and the ability to plan and implement lessons. Position open until filled.