



School News

Important Dates Coming Soon

Summer camps open

Charles County Public Schools (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. To register, go to <https://www.ccboe.com/index.php/summer-camps-2019>. Cost is \$90 per camp session.

Other camps include Naturally Creative from June 24 to 28 and Nature Inventor's Workshop from Aug. 19 to 23 at the **Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Center**. Camps are open to kids who will be in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades in the 2019-20 school year. Contact Tim Emhoff at temhoff@ccboe.com or 301-743-3526.

Lackey Summer Youth Camp is open to kids entering second grade in the 2019-20 school year through those who are 13 years old. Week 3 — July 1 to 5 — is the only week still accepting campers. There will be no camp on July 4. Contact Don Layton at 301-743-5431, Ext. 153702.

Boys Basketball Camp at North Point High School is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 24 to 28 and July 1 to 5. One session of camp is \$200, both sessions are \$300. Before- and aftercare is available for a flat fee of \$50. The camp is for kids 8 to 14 years old.

The James E. Richmond Science Center has camps running through Aug. 16. Camp hours are 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Before-care begins at 6:30 a.m. with aftercare from 3 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.ccboe.com/sciencecenter.

AlphaBest is holding a seven session summer camp — Going Places Summer Camp — at Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer Elementary School. Any child between 5 and 12 can attend. For more information, go to www.alphabest.org/charlescountymd.

For information on all CCPS summer camps, go to <https://www.ccboe.com/index.php/summer-camps-2019>.



Starkey helps stock pantry shelves

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) staff from the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building recently joined together in the name of service to support an on-site emergency food pantry in need of supplies. The Charles County Department of Social Services (DSS) launched an on-site pantry and partnered with local businesses and organizations, such as CCPS, to stock its shelves. Starkey staff donated 5,620 food items and \$372 in cash and checks. This is one of several food drives CCPS staff has participated in this school year. Spring Dell brought over a truck along with employees to help load the donations. Ramona DiBenedetto, left, helps Pastor John Lewis and Seth Veilleux, director of transportation and facilities at Spring Dell, with a cart load of donations for the pantry.

Board of Education celebrates 73 CCPS retirees

The first day on the job for Concitta Walls was Sept. 5, 1969, and she was 18. William Diggs — the namesake of a Waldorf elementary school — stopped by her house over the summer. He knew her mother had health concerns and Walls, who had just graduated high school, would be looking for a job. She started at the F.B. Gwynn Educational Center and stayed there until 1986.

From there she moved to the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building to work for the Training for Effective Transition, a program that helped support special education students, teaching them job coaching and other skills they could use after they left

school. For the past 26 years, Walls has been the college and career advisor at Henry E. Lackey High School where she worked from 1992 to 2019, when she retired after 50 years of service to CCPS. She's helped students apply for college, enlist in the military, get apprenticeships and enter the workforce. Other times, she lent an ear. "Students, teachers ... All they want you to do is just listen," she said. Walls was among the 73 CCPS employees recently honored by the Board of Education at a recent retirement ceremony held June 6.

Retirees are listed by their name, last position and last location where they served.

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Notebook

On the cover

Pictured on the front cover are employees nominated by their schools for the 2019 Teacher of the Year award program. From left are Tracy Bell, a third-grade teacher at Mary H. Matula Elementary School; Elaine Coombs, a special education teacher at Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer Elementary School; and John Lush, an English/AVID teacher at Henry E. Lackey High School. Lush was named a finalist in the Charles County Teacher of the Year and *The Washington Post's* Teacher of the Year programs.

Lunch on Us starts Monday

Charles County Public Schools, in partnership with several agencies and organizations, is offering a free summer lunch program for Charles County children 18 and younger. The program will run from June 24 to Aug. 16 at various locations around the county. For a listing of times and locations, go to <https://www.ccboe.com/ss/summer-meals/>.

Next Board meeting Aug. 13

The Board of Education is not meeting in July. The next Board meeting is Aug. 13, starting at noon. Public Forum begins at 3:30 p.m.

Golf tourney set

Charles County Retired School Personnel Association is holding a golf tournament Aug. 23 at Swan Point Yacht & Country Club in Issue. Registration and a continental breakfast are 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Tee time is 9 a.m. The \$100 cost per person includes breakfast, cart rental, green fees and lunch. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100. To register or for more information, contact Dale Cornett at 301-934-9483 or idcornette@gmail.com.

Crab feast

The Education Association of Charles County (EACC) is holding its crab feast 3:30-8 p.m. Aug. 30 at the Charles County Fairgrounds. Tickets are only available online at <https://teameacc.org/>. Tickets are \$25 until June 25 and \$35 through Aug. 23. Guests must bring their CCPS identification badge and ticket. They can bring one guest who is not a CCPS employee. Guests must enter with the employee, there is no will call. This is a 21 and older event.



Board honors outstanding support staff

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) annually honors outstanding support services personnel in the areas of instructional assistant, secretary, information technology, maintenance, food service, central office support staff and building services. The awards program was established to recognize the roles employees have in supporting the effective and efficient operations of the school system. Honorees for 2019 include Ronald Brawner Jr., general maintenance worker, Annex I, left; Tammy Dudley, instructional assistant, J.C. Parks Elementary School; Marie Woodland, assistant building service manager, Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building; and Ronald Cave, computer analyst II, Matthew Henson Middle School, and J.C. Parks and Gale-Bailey elementary schools. A secretary and food service worker were not nominated this year. Read more at <https://tinyurl.com/yxby9fen>.

Henson's Carroll named Vice Principal of the Year

Some students may find it hard to connect to their school administrators, especially at the middle-school level. But not at Matthew Henson Middle School, where the administrative team goes out of its way to connect with students.

Part of this team is Anthony Carroll, a vice principal at the school for the past four years. Teachers say his ability to maintain relationships with students is "magical" and built on mutual respect. Carroll shows kindness, commitment and respect in all that he does. Carroll has been a vice principal since 2015. He is known among his colleagues as an administrator that is kind yet firm, strives to be a team player and genuinely cares for children. Carroll is a constant presence in school hallways.

Carroll said he was drawn to a career in education and truly enjoys going to work each day.

"The joy of working everyday with children has not eroded an ounce since I started 19 years ago," Carroll said. He began his career in education in 2000 as a teacher with Prince George's County Public Schools.

He joined CCPS in 2011 as an instructional resource teacher at Henson, and also spent two years at General Smallwood Middle School before taking on an administrative position.

For these qualities, Carroll was named the Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) 2019 Vice Principal of the Year. Read more at <https://tinyurl.com/yx7v7l6>.



Anthony Carroll

RETIREEES

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- Anthony Adams, building service worker, Maurice J. McDonough High School;
- Joseph Adams, building service manager, C. Paul Barnhart Elementary School;
- Hassan Adeeb, social studies teacher, Westlake High School;
- Jamie Anderson, job coach — AIP program, Robert D. Stethem Educational Center;
- Hannah Barnes, building service worker, Arthur Middleton Elementary School;
- Kimberly Bean, first-grade teacher, William A. Diggs Elementary School;
- Jennie Berry, full day kindergarten instructional assistant, Middleton;
- William Bingham, science teacher, Stethem;
- Brenda Bivins, preschool instructional assistant, William B. Wade Elementary School;
- Gail Bussell, social studies teacher, Westlake;
- James Campbell, social studies teacher, North Point High School;
- Joyce Campbell, gifted education resource teacher, Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building;
- Ellen Carlsen, special education teacher, Indian Head Elementary School;
- Sandra Carr, print shop technician, North Point;
- Cellinna Childers, kindergarten teacher, Diggs;
- Anthony Clemons, social studies teacher, Matthew Henson Middle School;
- Joeann Cooper, building service assistant manager, Mattawoman Middle School;
- Kathleen Davis, high school resource teacher, Maurice J. McDonough High School;
- Karen Dempsey, learning resource teacher, Malcolm Elementary School;
- Brenda Diggs, kindergarten instructional assistant, Barnhart;
- Donald Elliott, food service manager, Westlake;
- Colleen Erickson, home economics — family and consumer science teacher; Thomas Stone High School;
- Frederick Farley, special education instructional assistant, Henry E. Lackey High School;
- Linda Foshee, food service manager, Arthur Middleton Elementary School;
- Karen Fowler, pupil personnel worker, Starkey;
- Patricia Gajda, business education teacher, North Point;
- Kelly Gammon, accounting assistant in food service, Starkey;
- Kathie Gerrity, vocal music teacher, J.P. Ryon Elementary School;
- Lori Gibson, pupil personnel worker, Starkey;
- Pamella Gingerich, reading recovery teacher, Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School;
- Willia Golston, special education teacher — IEP facilitator, Starkey;
- Dorothy Grimes, secretary to the principal, Dr. James Craik Elementary School;
- Melissa Gross, secretary to the principal, Ryon;
- Steven Hawkins, building service worker, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer Elementary School;
- Sheila Hillman, second-grade teacher, T.C. Martin Elementary School;
- Eileen Holden, third-grade teacher, Berry Elementary School;
- John Holmes, high school test coordinator, La Plata High School;
- Elizabeth Jameson, second-grade teacher, Martin;
- Diane Jenkins, instructional specialist for English, Starkey;
- Vicki Jenkins, literacy instructional assistant, Milton M. Somers Middle School;
- Linda Keyton, third-grade teacher, William B. Wade Elementary School;
- Barbara Kilpatrick, administrative instructional assistant, Jenifer;
- Michelle Lee, three-year-old Even Start teacher, Barnhart;
- Elizabeth Loeper, Title I learning interventionist, Indian Head;
- Linda Lund, prekindergarten teacher, Wade;
- Susan McDermott, secretary — 12 months, North Point;
- Amy Miller, reading interventionist, Mattawoman;
- Janis Milman, science teacher, Stone;
- Margaret Monroe, full day kindergarten instructional assistant, Eva Turner Elementary School;
- Mary Montgomery, fifth-grade teacher, Mitchell;
- Steven Moyer, instrumental music teacher, Diggs;
- Jane Murphy, food service manager, Dr. Thomas L. Higdon Elementary School;
- Joseph Perriello, learning resource teacher, Wade;
- Patricia Pitonyak, special education teacher, Henson;
- Mandell Proctor Sr., building service worker, North Point;
- Miriam Ratcliffe, special education teacher, F.B. Gwynn Educational Center;
- Carolyn Sienkiewicz, ESOL teacher, Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Elementary School;
- Sheila Smith, building service worker, La Plata;
- Jane Spearbeck, kindergarten teacher, Parks;
- Erica Strass, elementary science teacher, Berry;
- Earl Taylor, building service worker, Westlake;
- Joseph Thomas, language arts teacher, Henson;
- Joy Thompson, language arts teacher, Somers;
- Paula Trinch, speech language pathologist, Martin;
- Debra Van Roon, language arts teacher, Mattawoman;
- April Walker, special education preschool instructional assistant, Mary H. Matula Elementary School;
- Concitta Walls, college and career advisor, Lackey;
- Anne Ward, English teacher, Stone;
- Brenda Warren, library media specialist, Gale-Bailey Elementary School;
- Blanche Washington, special education instructional assistant, Mattawoman;
- Wanda Welch, college and career advisor, McDonough;
- Ann Wilhelm, SAT coordinator, Westlake; and
- Thadine Wright, principal, Ryon.

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Random, on-going criminal history screening of employees starts in July

Beginning in July, the Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) Office of School Safety and Security and Human Resources are expanding the school district's on-going criminal history screenings of employees.

Screenings will be completed randomly and on a revolving basis.

Starting this summer, the Office of School Safety and Security will screen approximately 1,200 employees each year and notify selected employees by email prior to conducting the background check.

CCPS has required all employees to submit to criminal background checks as a condition of employment dating back to the 1980s.

Prior to 2018, CCPS relied on fingerprint iden-

tification technology to conduct initial and ongoing background screenings.

However, criminal justice reforms over the last two decades have challenged the comprehensiveness of the fingerprint-based screening.

To fill the gap, CCPS has contracted with a company that will complete additional background screenings on employees.

CCPS has a self-reporting policy of any arrest and/or criminal charge within five days.

Employees who have questions about the new process may contact Jason Stoddard, director of school safety and security, at 301-934-5550 or jstoddard@ccboe.com.

Summer toddler playgroups set for county children 18 months to 4 years

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) will hold toddler playgroups this summer at four elementary schools.

The playgroups are open to Charles County children 18 months to 4 years old and will include hands-on play, story time and school readiness activities.

Playgroups will be held once a week from July 2 to Aug. 14 at J.P. Ryon, Dr. Gustavus Brown and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer elementary schools.

At Ryon, the group will meet Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays at Dr. Brown and from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesdays at Jenifer.

On Wednesdays from July 17 to Aug. 14, the playgroup meets 9 to 10 a.m. at Indian Head Elementary School.

For more information, contact Beth Sorsby at 301-934-7380 or bsorsby@ccboe.com.

Personnel

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

Reading Interventionalist — J.C. Parks Elementary School, 10-month position. A high school diploma is required with an associate's or bachelor's degree preferred. Experience working with children is preferred. Apply by June 24.

Reading Interventionalist — Arthur Middleton Elementary School, 10-month position. High school diploma is required with associate's or bachelor's degree preferred. Experience working with children is preferred. Apply by June 25.

Certification Authorized Partner (CAP) — Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. A minimum of a bachelor's degree is required, and applicants must have or be eligible to obtain a CAP endorse-

ment from Maryland State Department of Education. Position open until filled.

Instructional Specialist for Fine and Performing Arts — Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. A bachelor's degree in music, art or theater education is required, along with a master's degree in education, curriculum or administration/supervision. Applicants should have a minimum of five years of successful teaching experience and at least two years of experience in a related leadership role. Apply by June 25.

Pupil Personnel Worker — Location to be determined, 11-month position. Applicants must have a master's degree in pupil personnel, counseling, guidance services, early childhood, elementary or secondary education, human growth and development, sociology, social work, psychology, special education or administration and supervision. Apply by June 25.

CTE Admissions Officer — North Point High School, 11-month position. A bachelor's degree is required and applicants must meet certification requirements as established by the Maryland State Department of Education. A master's degree or APC preferred. Apply by June 26.

Business Teacher — La Plata High School, 10-month position. A bachelor's degree is required along with meeting certification requirements as established by the Maryland State Department of Education. Other experience as established by Maryland Law and Board of Education policy is required. Apply by Aug. 30.

Building Service Worker — Location to be determined, 12-month position. High school diploma required. Applicants must have a willingness to work overtime when necessary and be physically capable of performing manual labor. Position open until filled.