



School News

Important Dates Coming Soon

Payday on CCPS holiday

The March 30 payday falls on a Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) holiday. Paychecks will be mailed March 29 to employees' addresses on file with Human Resources. No exceptions will be made. All CCPS employees are encouraged to sign up for direct deposit.

Schools, offices closed

CCPS schools and offices are closed from Friday, March 30 to Tuesday, April 3 for the Easter holiday and Spring Break.

SECAC noms being sought

The Special Education Citizen Advisory Committee (SECAC) is accepting nominations for the 13th annual SECAC Staff Appreciation Award. Nominations must be made by a parent, guardian or the student, not by other staff members. The categories are individual teacher or aide; child's team of two or more staff members who work directly with the student; related services staff; and support staff/administration. Nominations are due by April 6. Email charlescountysecac@gmail.com or call 301-593-9102. An awards ceremony will be April 27. For more information, go to <https://goo.gl/Lxt-Gzr>.

Report cards issued

Report cards will be issued April 9 to elementary school students and mailed to students in middle and high school.

Concert rescheduled

The JustMusicians Grand Jam is 7 p.m. April 24 at North Point High School. The event is being organized by North Point senior Addy Hebou, who is collecting old or used instruments for his Eagle Scout project, Scouting for Music. The collection of used instruments will go to middle schoolers from low-income families who want to be part of their school orchestras.



Only a drill

Amber Dutton, left, a volunteer with the Every 15 Minutes program, adds final touches to Thomas Stone High School senior Alexander Richards's makeup for the program that brings awareness to the consequences of impaired and distracted driving. The Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department and other agencies coordinated to bring the program to Stone and North Point High School on March 26 and 27.

Nominate volunteers for 'Be the Difference' awards

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) is looking for outstanding volunteers who support children by contributing time and resources to schools and the school system.

The Outstanding Volunteer of the Year "Be the Difference" awards program is new for 2018 and recognizes outstanding school volunteers for their valuable contributions to schools, students, staff and CCPS.

There are five award categories: elementary school parent volunteer, middle school parent volunteer, high school parent volunteer, Charles County business volunteer and community organization volunteer.

Nominees should be individuals, parents, businesses or community organizations who volunteer to give their time, energy or expertise to CCPS or a particular school that results in positive experiences for children.

Volunteers are defined as people who give assistance to the CCPS community and receive no compensation for their efforts.

Any CCPS teacher, staff members, student or parent can submit nominations. The nomination deadline is April 1.

Nominations must include a brief description of the nominee, and the type and quality of service by the volunteer.

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On the cover

Pictured on the front cover are CCPS staff members honored by the Board of Education at its March meeting. From left are Marilyn Muss-er, a world languages teacher at the Robert D. Stethem Educational Center, where she currently teaches Spanish; Brandon Simpson, the food nutrition manager at St. Charles High School; and Hope Warren, a special education instructional assistant at Dr. James Craik Elementary School.

Spring into the theater

CCPS high schools are warming up for spring plays. Maurice J. McDonough High School is performing "High School Musical" from April 12 to 14; Henry E. Lackey High School's "The Pajama Game" is set for April 19 to 21; North Point High School's show, "The Addams Family," is slated for April 19 to 21; "Sister Act" will be performed April 26 to 28 by Westlake High School's theater department; and La Plata High School goes under the sea with "The Little Mermaid" from May 3 to 5.

Game officials needed

The Washington District Football Officials Association is looking for high school football game officials and clock operators. Applicants must be 18 and older. Call 877-777-1667 or go to www.wdfoa.org.

Sign up for summer camp

Registration is open for Charles County Public Schools Summer Enrichment camps. Camps are for CCPS-enrolled students and residents of Charles County in kindergarten through ninth grade, according to the student's 2018-19 school year grade level.

Camps are offered in the mornings from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and afternoons from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Students staying for morning and afternoon sessions can be enrolled in the Lunch Activity Time session from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for \$10 a week. Lunch includes supervision and a meal.

The cost per camp session is \$90 per week with some camps requiring an extra \$10 fee to cover the cost of materials. Financial assistance is available for families who qualify. Go to <http://www.ccboe.com/index.php/summer-camp-2018>.

In Memoriam James Sullivan

James Sullivan of Indian Head passed away March 23, 2018. He was a building service worker at Indian Head Elementary School. On March 29, Sullivan would have been recognized for 45 years of service to Charles County Public Schools (CCPS).



James Sullivan

Sullivan, known as Jimmy, began working for CCPS in January 1972, and spent his career with Indian Head elementary.

He lived in the town and was known by some as "the mayor of Indian Head," said Louis Butler Jr., building service manager at the school, who worked with Sullivan for seven years. "He had been here so long; he knew everything about the school. He knew everything about a person." Sullivan was so in tune with how the town ran, if it was late to pick up the trash at Indian Head elementary, he would make a phone

call to find out when the garbage would be collected, Butler said.

Butler said Sullivan welcomed him to the school and pitched in. "He was a good worker," Butler said. "He told me, 'I'm never going to retire.'"

Indian Head Principal Tim Rosin echoed Butler's

words about Sullivan.

"Jimmy Sullivan was a hard worker," Rosin said. "He always arrived to work on time and made sure that he took care of all his assigned duties."

"He enjoyed listening to his hand-wound weather radio to get the latest weather forecasts and could be frequently seen walking out in the community when he wasn't working," Rosin added. "He will be greatly missed by everyone in the Indian Head community."

National Board Certified Teachers

Kathryn Jenkins



Certification area: Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Position held: Mathematics Teacher, La Plata High School

Years of teaching experience: 15

Years with Charles County Public Schools: 15

Education:

Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics, State University of New York at Geneseo
Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction, McDaniel College
Administrator I Certification, McDaniel College

Memorable Moment: "My most memorable moments come from my students who have passed my class, graduated and then returned, just to tell me how my class has helped them in their future endeavors. Those are the best!"

Starkey staff donates snacks, funds to The Arnold House's Backpack Program

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) central office staff at the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building held a contest — each department forming a team — to benefit The Arnold House's Backpack Program.

The nonprofit's Backpack Program provides food for around 800 CCPS students for weekends and school breaks. For each snack donated, the team received a point; for each dollar donated, the team received four points.

At the end of the competition, 31,508 snacks were donated and \$5,366 collected for the Backpack Program.

The third-place team with 4,014 points

Cliff Eichel, director of accountability for Charles County Public Schools, wheels in last minute donations for The Arnold House.

was Arnold's Angels of the Deputy Superintendent's Office. Soup-A-Stars of Fiscal Services came in second with 4,265 points and HR Food Fighters gathered 6,005 points to nab first place.

To donate or learn more, go to www.thearnoldhouse.org. For a list of needed items, go to <http://www.thearnoldhouse.org/backpack-program/>.



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Submissions must not exceed 300 words. Nominations must include two letters of support, no longer than one page each.

Letters may not be used to serve as both a letter of support and the nomination. Letters must be submitted by two individuals other than the nominator, and a letter by a relative is not admissible.

Award winners will be recognized at the Board of Education's May 8 meeting.

A separate recognition ceremony for all finalists and award winners will be held at a later date and include volunteers, school principals, nominators and volunteer's families.

The goal of the awards program is to increase awareness of the importance of parent and community involvement in public education. The Board of Education and CCPS recognize contributions

made by school volunteers and launched the program to highlight supporters.

A Board of Education subcommittee will judge and select the finalists and award winners. CCPS employees and their families, as well as members of the Board of Education, are not eligible for nomination. Nominations must be submitted to Kessandra Stubblefield, executive assistant to the Board of Education, by April 1, 2018. No late entries will be accepted. Go to <http://www.ccboe.com/index.php/be-the-difference-volunteer-nomination-form> for an electronic copy of the nomination form. The downloaded nomination form can be sent electronically by email to kstubblefield@ccboe.com or sent by mail to Kessandra Stubblefield, c/o Be the Difference Award Subcommittee, P.O. Box 2770, La Plata, MD 20646.



Celebrating Black History Month

Benjamin Stoddert Middle School held a Black History Month event after school on Feb. 26. Students and staff celebrated accomplishments African-American men and women have achieved over the years. Every morning in February during the announcements, Kelley Perry, a special education teacher, spotlighted an African American who was successful.

Submitted by Stoddert PR liaison Brooke Trivett.

Ryon Rocketry Club blasts off

Students, parents, staff and volunteers at J.P. Ryon Elementary School took to the skies recently when its Rocketry Club met at the school. Students, with the help of volunteers, built rockets before launching them outside.

Submitted by Ryon PR liaison Laura Metz.



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Members of North Point High School's Computer Bowl teams include Brianna Sibley, left, Caleb Griffith, Matteo Marchi, Brian Levesque, Omar Poole, Addy Hebou, Christian Parrales and Sarah Shay. The team's are coached by Melody Stahl, North Point's computer teacher.

North Point's Computer Bowl teams place in Top 10

North Point High School hosted the 29th annual Southern Maryland High School Computer Bowl on March 17.

A North Point team placed fourth in the competition that tests competitors' knowledge of computer history, hardware and software. Team members must also solve problems using computer programs.

The Computer Bowl team is open to anyone interested, said Melody Stahl, North Point's coach and computer teacher. Two teams from the school took part this year.

"They attended in-school practices and even worked outside of the classroom to prepare," Stahl said. "I am proud of the effort each student put forth, as both teams place in the Top 10; which

only one other Charles County Public Schools team did." The fourth-place team was made up of Christian Parrales, Brian Levesque, Matteo Marchi and Omar Poole.

North Point's other computer bowl team, which placed eighth, includes Caleb Griffith, Addy Hebou, Sarah Shay and Brianna Sibley.

Northern and Huntingtown high schools in Calvert County won first and second place in the competition. Great Mills High School in St. Mary's County took third place. Sponsors for the annual competition are Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO), the College of Southern Maryland, Booz Allen Hamilton, and the public school systems of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties.

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

Staff Relations Case Manager — Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, human resources or a related field, and three years of experience as an investigator. Prior experience with workplace investigations and in a union environment is preferred. Excellent analytical, problem-solving and troubleshooting abilities required. Apply by March 30.

Principal's Secretary — Thomas Stone High School, 12-month position. A high school diploma is required. Experience with Quicken or QuickBooks desirable and experience with budgets, payroll and cash handling preferred. Applicants should have considerable knowledge of effective office practices and proce-

dures and excellent organizational skills. Apply by April 2.

Building Service Worker Floater — Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, temporary. Applicants must have the ability to read and write effectively and be physically capable of performing manual labor. Good communication and human relations skills are required. Position open until filled.

Director of School Safety and Security — Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or equivalent in criminology, law enforcement, emergency management, educational administration or related fields. Law enforcement and security training is preferred. Knowledge of procedures and practices for ensuring the safety and welfare of others is required. Position open until filled.

School Psychologist — Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 10.5-month position. Applicants must have or be able to obtain

School Psychology certification in Maryland and Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) credential is preferred. Apply by June 30.

Director of Student Services — Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Applicants must have a Master's degree, APC and A&S certification and a minimum of three years of experiences as a school administrator or a minimum of five years of related leadership experience in coordinating and supervising area. Apply by June 30.

Payroll Accounting Analyst — Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Five years of significant experience in a high volume payroll or accounting environment is required, preferably in a large educational organization. Applicants should have an associate's degree or American Payroll Association certification and have knowledge of payroll accounting and processing procedures required. Position open until filled.