



School News

Important Dates Coming Soon

Summer office hours

The Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building will operate on a summer hour schedule of 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. from June 22 to Aug. 7. Normal operating hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. resume on Aug. 10.

Holiday closure

Schools and offices are closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Lunch on Us this summer

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) invites children to "Lunch on Us" this summer from June 29 through Aug. 14. Lunch on Us is Charles County's free summer meal program for children, which is part of the state and federal summer food service programs that provide children the nutrition they need to learn, play and grow during the summer months. Lunch is free to all Charles County children ages 18 and younger, and must be consumed at the site.

There are no other restrictions, income guidelines or application forms. All lunch sites will be closed on July 3. Visit www.ccboe.com for more information.

Rent or sell items

Check out the CCPS classified section for employees located on the InsideCCPS page of the Charles County Public Schools website. Employees can post an ad for free and ads will run for 20 days. Employees who want their ads deleted before the 20-day period ends must log in to InsideCCPS and manually remove their ad. Directions for posting ads are listed on InsideCCPS. To access InsideCCPS, visit the school system website at www.ccboe.com and click on InsideCCPS link located at the lower right-hand side of the page. Staff will need to use their work email account and password to access the system.



Support staff honored June 9 by Board

The Board of Education honored six Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) employees with Outstanding Personnel Awards on June 9. Honored, from left, were: Madonna Gaume, technology facilitator, C. Paul Barnhart Elementary School; Eric McElhenny, electronic technician, CCPS Radio Station Road Annex; BiJon Trice, secretary to the principal, John Hanson Middle School; Gloria Renee Ward, head of accounts payable, Starkey Building; Victor Woodland, building service manager, Theodore G. Davis Middle School; and Nghia Dang, computer analyst, Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building. The Board each year honors exemplary staff members who provide creative and quality services that support the effective and efficient operations of the school system.

D'Ambrosio is 2015 Vice Principal of the Year

Louis D'Ambrosio, a vice principal at William A. Diggs Elementary School, is the 2015 Charles County Public Schools Vice Principal of the Year. He was selected for the annual honor for his passion for working with children and commitment to education. D'Ambrosio has served as a vice principal at Diggs since 2011. He was recently appointed as principal at Arthur Middleton Elementary School for the 2015-16 school year.

D'Ambrosio said he is honored to receive the award. "I was instantly humbled. Everyone always says that they can think of a teacher or coach or one single individual that helped them at the right time in their lives. I can list numerous influences in my life starting from first grade and up to now that have had a positive impact in my life. It truly does take a village to raise a child. I am

honored and humbled to be nominated as an important part of the village," he said.

Criteria for the Vice Principal of the Year award include a strong work ethic, commitment to the success of students and staff, and the ability to help maintain a positive learning environment. In letters written on behalf of D'Ambrosio's nomination, his peers, parents and students say that he embodies all of the qualities of a great educator who is passionate about student success.

Diggs fifth grader Brianna Tabayoyong said D'Ambrosio is always there for students when they need additional assistance, or

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D'Ambrosio**



On the cover

Pictured on the front cover are employees honored by the Board of Education earlier this school year. Pictured, from left, are Bradley Grey, science teacher, Westlake High School; Kathleen Parry, vocal music teacher, Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary School; and Megan Barrows, prekindergarten teacher, Indian Head Elementary School.

CCRSPA golf tournament

The Charles County Retired School Personnel Association (CCRSPA) is hosting a golf tournament on Friday, Aug. 21 at Swan Point Golf Course. Cost is \$100 per person and includes continental breakfast, golf cart, green fees and lunch. Registration and breakfast begin at 8 a.m. and the tee time is 9 a.m. Interested participants should contact Dale Cornette at idcornette@gmail.com for a registration form and additional details.

EACC Crab feast

The Education Association of Charles County (EACC) is hosting its annual crab feast on Friday, Aug. 21, 3:30 to 8 p.m., at the Charles County Fairgrounds in La Plata. Tickets are available for purchase on the EACC website, www.teameacc.org, and are \$20. Ticket price increases to \$30 after June 20, and tickets must be preordered by Aug. 14. Tickets will not be sold at the gate. Attendees must have their Charles County Public Schools badge and ticket with them upon entering the gates. Attendees may also bring one guest, but must purchase a ticket for their guest. The event is for adults only. Call 301-392-0150 with questions or for more information.

Airing now

Airing now on Comcast 96 and Verizon FiOS Channel 12 is a new episode of Newsbreak. This episode features the Class of 2015 and highlights a celebration that occurred a day before graduations – the Parade of Honor.

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National Board Certified Teachers

JoAnne Shelak



Generalist/Middle Childhood

Position held: Science teacher at Theodore G. Davis Middle School

Years of teaching experience: 24

Years with Charles County Public Schools: 18

Education:

Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Secondary Mathematics, State University of New York College at Cortland

Master's degree in Reading and Education, Long Island University

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positive emotional support. In her letter of recommendation, she said D'Ambrosio is a role model for students. "When you're feeling down, he is there. Mr. D'Ambrosio always has something positive to say. He is always there for you if you need him," Tabayoyong wrote in a nomination letter.

D'Ambrosio's nomination includes several recommendation letters from Diggs grade-level teams that highlight his ability to connect with not only students, staff and parents, but the entire school community. Members of the third-grade team said his ability to connect with students and strong work ethic make D'Ambrosio a standout leader.

"From the moment he joined the William A. Diggs staff he has maintained a positive attitude and strong goal-oriented work ethic. He is a creative and original thinker. He is committed to his staff and student growth and establishes positive partnerships with the community by being involved in several school programs," wrote the Diggs' third-grade team of teachers Tracey Crawford, Jennifer Krex, Stephanie Mooneyham and Corrie Wutka.

As a vice principal at Diggs, D'Ambrosio is visible in school hallways and classrooms. He makes it a point to visit each classroom daily and serves as a mentor for struggling learners. He assisted with the

creation of the school improvement plan and student learning outcomes, and helps to develop the master schedule and testing calendar annually. He also delegates bus coordinator duties and manages the school website.

Diggs Principal Sandra Taylor said D'Ambrosio is an exemplary part of her administrative team. "I have had the pleasure of working with Lou D'Ambrosio as my vice principal for the past four years. His leadership and administrative qualities have been invaluable. I truly believe there is no better candidate to receive this accolade," Taylor wrote in an award nomination letter.

D'Ambrosio began his career with Charles County Public Schools as a special education teacher at Milton M. Somers Middle School in 2001. In 2006, he was named as vice principal at Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary School, and then transferred to vice principal at Indian Head Elementary School in 2007. D'Ambrosio served as the vice principal at Indian Head until 2011 when he took a vice principal position at Diggs. On July 1, D'Ambrosio starts his appointment as the new principal at Middleton.

D'Ambrosio was honored by the Board of Education on June 9. The Board honors one outstanding vice principal annually.

Board of Education honors retirees for service to children, school system

The Board of Education honored several Charles County Public Schools employees at a June 11 retirement ceremony. Honored were employees who have retired since June 30, 2014, and those who have already announced their retirements at the end of this school year. Retirees are listed below by name, last position held, location and years of service.

- James Adams, building service worker, T.C. Martin Elementary School, 24;
- Bonnetta Adeeb, special education teacher, Thomas Stone High School, 34;
- Linda Adgate, Maryland's Tomorrow coordinator, La Plata High School, 29;
- Garnet Anderson, school counselor, John Hanson Middle School, 48;
- Constance Anderson, kindergarten instructional assistant, Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School, 16;
- Cynthia Baker, director hearing officer and court liaison, Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 41;
- Dorothy Bannister, building service assistant manager, Starkey, 20;
- John Borge, special education instructional assistant, Westlake High School, 26;
- Maryann Bourassa, content specialist for gifted education, Starkey, 39;
- Mary Bowman-Proctor, food service worker, Stone, 24;
- John Breedlove, alternative school teacher, Robert D. Stethem Educational Center, 40;
- Elizabeth Brown, pupil personnel worker, Starkey, 43;
- Agnes Bugin, business education teacher, La Plata, 19;
- Stephen Butcher, auto/heavy equipment mechanic, Radio Station Road Annex Building, 43;
- Carol Cairns, literacy instructional assistant, Piccowaxen Middle School, 33;
- Wanda Chesley, building service worker, J.P. Ryon Elementary School, 35;
- Ruth Cline, food service manager, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer Elementary School, 26;
- Edwina Conley, reading middle school instructional assistant, Theodore G. Davis Middle School, 21;
- Beverly Dawkins, English as a second language teacher, Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Elementary School, 12;
- Levi Dent, building service manager, Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary School, 33;
- Swee Kin Dressick, food service manager, Mattawoman Middle School, 7;
- Maurita Edwards, special education teacher, Martin, 34;
- Virginia Etter, kindergarten instructional assistant, Martin, 20;
- Nancy Ewing, special education teacher, North Point High School, 28;
- Shirley Farren, secretary in supporting services,

- Radio Station Road Annex I Building, 39;
- Claudia Finley Bowalick, instructional specialist, Arthur Middleton Elementary School, 39;
- Barbara Fitch, food service manager, Mary H. Matula Elementary School, 22;
- Betty Fuller, secretary in supporting services, Radio Station Road Annex I Building, 42;
- Joanne Good, computer programmer, Starkey, 40;
- Susan Heath, secretary to the principal, Stethem, 33;
- Sheila Heatley, school counselor, Davis, 44;
- Dan Henry, vice principal, Maurice J. McDonough High School, 20;
- Linda Hodgson, third-grade teacher, J.C. Parks Elementary School, 26;
- Victoria Hoffmaster, secretary, Starkey, 22;
- Betty Horton, first-grade teacher, Dr. Thomas L. Higdon Elementary School, 36;
- Judith Howell, mathematics teacher, La Plata, 36;
- Mark Howell, social studies teacher, Westlake High School, 36;
- Dorothy Jefferson, Reading Recovery teacher, Parks, 37;
- Dorothy Jenifer, job coach for the Adult Independence Program (AIP), Stethem, 14;
- Drew Jepsky, director of instructional assessment, Starkey, 36;
- Elizabeth Regina Johnson, fourth-grade teacher, C. Paul Barnhart Elementary School, 5;
- Aly Khan Johnson Sr., coordinator of student activities, Starkey, 43;
- Jeanette Kaufmann, special education teacher/individual education plan (IEP) facilitator, F.B. Gwynn Educational Center, 25;
- Pamela Kelly Flowers, physical education teacher, Westlake, 32;
- Brenda Kiker, preschool instructional assistant, Jenifer, 24;
- Margaret Kolbe, media instructional assistant, Benjamin Stoddert Middle School, 14;
- Diane Laveglia, vice principal, Gale-Bailey Elementary School, 29;
- Webster Lee, building service manager, North Point, 33;
- Edna Livingston, food service worker, Westlake, 20;
- Thomas Lyles, building service assistant manager, Malcolm Elementary School, 35;
- Donna Maki, speech therapist, Berry Elementary School, 31;
- Roslyn Malloy, print shop manager, Starkey, 34;
- Nancy Mathena, special education instructional assistant, Henry E. Lackey High School, 32;
- Floria Mathis, technology facilitator, Eva Turner Elementary School, 8;
- Michael Mazzeo, social studies teacher, La Plata, 34;
- Toni Melton-Trainor, principal, Gale-Bailey, 30;
- Ramona Millar, special education instructional assistant, Dr. James Craik Elementary School, 28;
- Diane Morgan, language arts teacher, Hanson, 40;

- James Morrow, pupil personnel worker, Mattawoman, 42;
- Vivian Nelson, special education teacher, Stone, 37;
- Penny Nye, principal, William B. Wade Elementary School, 43;
- Linda Petersen, school counselor, Higdon, 26;
- Brenda Peterson, first-grade teacher, Martin, 16;
- Jerome Petty, vice principal, Milton M. Somers Middle School, 37;
- Janet Porter, home economics family and consumer science teacher, Stone, 39;
- Patricia Price, special education teacher, Higdon, 30;
- Dorothy Radvany, food service worker, Higdon, 26;
- Touissaint Rhone, building service worker, Matula, 6;
- Lucile Rice, instructional specialist, Piccowaxen, 40;
- Wanda Scott, secretary in instruction, Starkey, 31;
- Mary Seremet, gifted education resource teacher, Starkey, 40;
- Anthony Silva, instructional specialist, Starkey, 44;
- Dell Simmons, building service manager, Ryon, 38;
- Michelle Sirna, secretary, Martin, 27;
- Christine Smith, instructional specialist in science, Starkey, 44;
- Barbara Staebler, psychologist, Starkey, 32;
- Sherella Swann, secretary in instruction, Starkey, 35;
- Katherine Sweney, special education teacher, Jenifer, 43;
- Deborah Taylor, mathematics teacher, Mattawoman, 40;
- Kim Debora Taylor, kindergarten teacher, Wade, 36;
- Charles Thompson, painter, Radio Station Road Annex, 40;
- Renee Tolliver, home economics family and consumer science teacher, McDonough, 33;
- Elaine Tubb, government resource teacher, Starkey, 36;
- William Walter, physical education teacher, Malcolm, 43;
- Charlotte Weirich, specialist in world language/English for speakers of other languages (ESOL), Starkey, 29;
- Helen Welch, secretary to the principal, Martin, 45;
- Cynthia Wells, pupil personnel worker, Piccowaxen, 35;
- Deborah Williams, school counselor, Wade, 36;
- Olivia Willis, second-grade teacher, Brown, 36; and
- Catherine Wills, building service worker, Westlake, 16.

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CCPS staff support Special Olympics

Several Charles County Public Schools students and staff members participated in the Charles County Sheriff's Office Annual Special Olympics Torch Run held in La Plata on June 4. Two CCPS staff members, Nancy Burch, pictured left, a physical education teacher at Thomas Stone High School, and Keri Mona, a literacy instructional assistant at Piccowaxen Middle School, pictured right, carried the torch during the run which covered a 3.5 mile route through the town of La Plata. Charles County's torch run was one of several held in Maryland during the first week of June that converged at Towson University on June 5 to mark the opening of the Special Olympics Maryland Summer Games. More than \$40,000 was raised in the Charles County run. Several groups of students from high school JROTC programs also participated in the run.

Personnel

Apply for positions online at www.ccboe.com/jobs/currentopenings.php.

Job Openings

Content Specialist for Gifted and Differentiated Services, grades 6-12 – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Master's degree in education, advanced professional certificate and five years teaching experience required. Apply by June 21.

Supervising Specialist in Transportation – Charles County Public Schools Annex I Building, 12-month position. Master's degree, experience as a bus coordinator and a Maryland Teaching Certificate required. Apply by June 26.

Administrative Assistants – Openings at St. Charles, Thomas Stone, La Plata and North Point high schools, and Benjamin Stoddard and General Smallwood middle schools, 11-month positions. Standard Professional Certificate and three years of teaching experience required. Apply by June 26.

Secretary to the Principal – T.C. Martin Elementary School, 12-month position. Apply by June 26.

In-School Retention Program Instructional Assistant – Mattawoman Middle School, 10-month position. Apply by June 26.

Secretary – Mattawoman Middle School, 10.5-month position. Apply by June 26.

Secretary for Supporting Services – Annex I, 12-month position. Apply by June 26.

Building Service Worker – Thomas Stone High School, 12-month position. Apply by June 29.

Job Placement Coordinator – North Point High School, 10-month position. Apply by June 30.

Extra pay positions

La Plata High School has the following opening:

- Head varsity swimming coach

Contact Cliff Nagle, athletic director, at 301-753-1754 to apply.

Henry E. Lackey High School has the following openings:

- Cheerleading coach
- Assistant boys' soccer coach

Contact Tony Mast, athletic director, at 301-743-5431 to apply.

North Point High School has the following openings:

- Assistant coaches for golf, cheerleading, boys' and girls' lacrosse, track, football and boys' soccer and basketball

Contact Andy Shattuck, athletic director, at 301-753-1759 to apply.

Westlake High School has the following openings:

- Assistant girls' soccer coach
- Head coaches for varsity softball, varsity boys' soccer, junior varsity cheerleading and field hockey

Contact Dominic Zaccarelli, athletic director, at 301-645-8857 to apply.