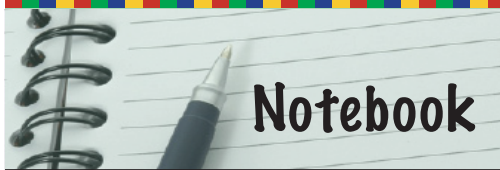


School News



Notebook

On the cover

Pictured on the cover are Charles County Public Schools staff members who participated in the Space Discovery Institute offered by the school system in conjunction with the Space Foundation. Pictured, from left, are: Molly Simpson, kindergarten teacher, Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Elementary School; Marcia Bennett, substitute teacher; and Nicole Joly, first-grade teacher, J.C. Parks Elementary School.

New teacher orientation

New teacher orientation is Aug. 15-17 at North Point High School, and will feature activities designed to acquaint newly hired teachers with Charles County Public Schools. Activities include content/grade level work and human resources sessions, as well as a guided bus tour hosted by the communications department.

Summer hours reminder

The summer hour schedule of 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ends for schools and centers on Monday, Aug. 22.

11-month start date

The contracted start date for 11-month certificated employees is Monday, Aug. 8.

Now showing ...

Airing this week is a new episode of *NewsBreak 96*, a monthly show produced by the communications department that highlights school system events. This episode takes a look at the Space Discovery Institute, the Educational Exchange and the Charles County Youth Achievement Program. The show airs on Comcast Channel 96 and Verizon FiOS Channel 12, and is also available as a video on demand through the school system Web site. Visit www.ccboe.com for a programming schedule.



Superintendent of Schools James E. Richmond, pictured right, welcomes guest speaker Chirag Parikh, director of space policy for the National Security Council, pictured center, and Elliott Pulham, chief executive officer of the Space Foundation, pictured left, at the fifth Educational Exchange held July 26 at North Point High School.

Educational Exchange features Director of Space Policy

The question of the day on July 26 for Chirag Parikh, director of space policy for the National Security Council, was "What does the future hold for space exploration?" Parikh was the featured speaker at the Charles County Public Schools Educational Exchange held at North Point High School. More than 100 students, teachers, school administrators and community members were invited to attend the event, which serves to educate the community on efforts the school system is making in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education.

Superintendent of Schools James E. Richmond welcomed guests and emphasized the importance of integrating STEM education into programs for students in grades prekindergarten through 12. "Our goal is to infuse science, technology and mathematics into programs for students of all ages and at all grade levels. We are focused on providing students with the skills necessary to advance in the future," Richmond said.

Parikh, who is responsible for reviewing and writing White House space policies, talked about the impact environmental surroundings have on children and their learning styles. "Kids are influenced by their environments. In policy discussions, we talk about space STEM policies and the importance to use data that supports the focus," he said.

Parikh also talked about the next phase of the space exploration program, which he described as the second major shift in U.S. space program history. He described the Apollo program and the shift to the space program, and a new focus on trying to send humans to places in space such as Mars and the Moon. "We are working on the next generation of space technology and transportation," he added.

In addition to hearing Parikh speak, attendees participated in a question and answer session. Mattawoman Middle School student Aaron Green asked Parikh if there were plans to change the design of vehicles used in space. Parikh said there are plans to incorporate existing spacecraft designs into future vehicles with upgraded technology.

John Hanson Middle School special education teacher Sharon Mudd asked Parikh if he thought the space program is the next technology to fuel the economy and the next "way of life." Although Parikh acknowledged the importance of space technology on future generations, he said he is not sure if the program will be the next focus to help shift the economy.

The exchange, the fifth hosted by the school system, was held in partnership with the National Space Foundation and in conjunction with the Space Discovery Institute offered to county teachers.

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Board of Education announces August 9 agenda

The Board of Education's next meeting is Tuesday, August 9, at the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building on Radio Station Road in La Plata. The public portion of the meeting begins at 11 a.m. The meeting is televised live on Comcast Channel 96 and Verizon FiOS Channel 12, and is rebroadcast throughout the week. Program schedules for Channel 96 and Verizon FiOS Channel 12 are available on the Charles County Public Schools Web site at www2.ccboe.com/publicinfo/channel96/schedule.cfm.

Executive session – 10:00 a.m.

Call to order – 11 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent's update

Reports of officers/boards/committees

- Correspondence/Board member updates
- Education Association of Charles County update
- Student Board Member update
- Oral update on preparations for opening of schools; student transfers
- CIP Update
- Report item: State FY2013 CIP State and Local CIP Program
- College prep English; Study Island
- Report item: new office 2010 textbooks
- Oral update on staffing

- New ethics policy
- Communications update
- Resolutions – *American Education Week; American Freedom Week; African-American History Month; Career and Technical Education Month; National School Counseling Week; Read Across America; Women's History Month; Fine and Performing Arts Month; Month of the Young Child; National Student Leadership Week; Teacher Appreciation Week; Administrative Professionals' Week; Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week; National Physical Education and Sport Week; Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leader; Charles County Teacher of the Year; Employees' Retirement; Washington Post Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award*

Unfinished business

New business and future agenda items

- New business
- Future agenda items

Public Forum – 3:30 p.m.

Action items

- Minutes
- Personnel
- New policy #5118 Elementary and Secondary: gang activity

Adjournment



Personnel

Apply for positions online at www.ccboe.com/hur. Positions are open until filled unless otherwise noted. All teaching positions require a bachelor's degree and MSDE certification requirements.

Job Openings

Assistant in Operations – Maintenance Shop, 12-month position. Applicants must have a minimum of 10 years of experience in building service. Apply by Aug. 5.

Special Education Instructional Assistant – J.C. Parks Elementary School, 10-month position. Apply by Aug. 5.

Media Instructional Assistant – North Point High School, 10-month position. Apply by Aug. 8.

Building Service Worker – Matthew Henson Middle School, 12-month position. Apply by Aug. 12.

Special Education Instructional Assistant, Life Skills – Westlake High School, 10-month position. Apply by Aug. 11.

Secretary – Openings at Mary B. Neal and William B. Wade elementary schools, 10.5-month positions. Deadline to apply for Neal is Aug. 8; deadline for Wade is Aug. 11.

Secretary, Human Resources – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Apply by Aug. 12.

Spanish Teacher – Theodore G. Davis Middle School, 12-month position. Apply by Aug. 12.

Technology Education Teacher – Henry E. Lackey High School, 10-month position.

Computer Teacher – Mattawoman Middle School, 10-month position.

Pharmacy Technician Instructor for the Academy of Health Professions – Robert D. Stethem Educational Center, 10-month position. Position is part-time and paid at an hourly rate.

Pupil Personnel Worker – Location to be determined, 11-month position. Master's degree and three years of teaching experience required.

Language Arts Teacher – Mattawoman Middle School, 10-month position.

Life Skills Teacher (Moderate, Severe and Profound) – Henry E. Lackey High School, 10-month position.

Special Education Life Skills Teacher – Gale-Bailey Elementary School, 10-month position.

Teachers for the Emotionally Impaired – F.B. Gwynn Educational Center, 10-month positions.

Special Education Inclusion Resource Teacher – Dr. James Craik Elementary School, 10-month position.

Supervising School Counselor – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Master's degree and a minimum of five years of experience are required.

Instructional Resource Teachers – Openings at all elementary schools, 11-month positions. Master's degree and five years of experience are required.