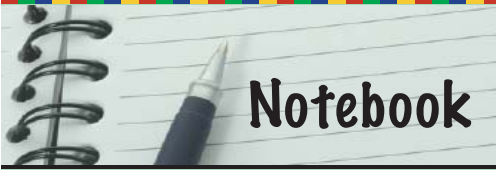




School News



Notebook

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Pictured above are Charles County Public Schools teachers honored by the Board of Education at their May meeting. Pictured are Debra Patterson, left, kindergarten teacher, Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School; and Jacqueline Plante, right, teacher, Robert D. Stethem Educational Center.

EACC crab feast

The Education Association of Charles County's (EACC) annual crab feast is 3:30 to 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20, at the Charles County Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased by July 31. The event is open to all employees and space is limited. Call 301-392-0150 for more information.

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 features Henry E. Lackey High School's Admiral's Leadership Academy, a robotics and engineering camp and highlights from students enrolled in Summer Academy courses. The show airs on Comcast Channel 96 and Verizon FiOS Channel 12, and is also available as a video on demand on the school system Web site.

Tax free-shopping week

The Maryland General Assembly approved Shop Maryland, a tax-free week, to be held Aug. 8-14. Shoppers will receive a 6 percent tax break for qualifying clothing and footwear priced \$100 or less. These items include sweaters, shirts, pants, jeans, dresses and shoes. A complete list of exempt and taxable items is available on the Comptroller's Web site at www.marylandtaxes.com.

Summer Academy Fun

More than 725 CCPS middle school Summer Academy students participated in the Battle of the Classes held July 8 at Maurice J. McDonough High School. Teams competed in events such as a jump rope and partner relay race challenges. The event is held to reward students for their hard work. Also featured was a balloon pop race in which students, such as John Hanson Middle School student Bradley Basden, right, attempted to pop balloons provided by Summer Academy teachers, such as John Hanson's Michael Enrico, right, by jumping on them while seated in a chair.



Schools continue to close academic gap on MSAs

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) reading and mathematics scores on the Maryland School Assessment (MSA) continued to move forward to reach yearly benchmarks set by No Child Left Behind (NCLB), according to results released this week by the Maryland State Department of Education. Most schools met adequate yearly progress (AYP) and overall school goals. Six of 29 elementary and middle schools missed making AYP in one or more subgroup areas. High school data will be released later this summer.

Composite MSA reading proficiency at the elementary level has risen 21.3 percentage points since 2003, and composite elementary mathematics proficiency has increased by 20.6 points. Composite middle school reading proficiency has increased 17.1 percentage points since 2003, while composite middle school math proficiency has risen 27.8 points.

Overall, said Superintendent James E. Richmond, results are good and students are achieving at a higher level. "The most positive news is at the subgroup level where we continue to see a steady elimination of the achievement gap."

The academic achievement gap between African-American students and white stu-

dents in elementary reading has decreased from 25.7 to 9.7 points. The gap in elementary math has been reduced from 27 to 13.2 points. At the middle school level, the reading gap has decreased from 24.9 to 11.7 points, and math has gone from a 28.2 to 18.9 point difference. Similarly, the achievement gap in the Free and Reduced Meals (FARMS) subgroup is also closing. The achievement gap improvement is being accomplished with all students in all subgroups improving.

Mattawoman and General Smallwood Middle Schools did not meet annual measurable objectives, causing both to miss making AYP as schools and to be in school improvement status. Mattawoman remains in school improvement, and Smallwood enters school improvement. The schools must meet AYP for the next two school years to exit school improvement. While both schools experienced overall improvement, it was not high enough to reach the Annual Measurable Objective (AMO) set by the state. Other schools missing AYP in one or more subgroups this year are: C. Paul Barnhart, Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy and Eva Turner elementary schools and Benjamin Stoddert Middle School.

School system announces new principal, vice principals

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Robert Babiak has been appointed as acting principal of Benjamin Stoddert Middle School, effective immediately. Babiak replaces Sue Delacruz, who is taking a position as a pupil personnel worker. Babiak's appointment, announced earlier this week by Superintendent James E. Richmond, must be approved by the Board of Education, which meets next on Aug. 10.

Babiak moves to Stoddert from Matthew Henson Middle School, where he has served as a vice principal for the past six school years. Babiak also served as a vice principal at Mattawoman Middle School from 2001 to 2004. He began his career in education in 1987 as a teacher at Stoddert, where he taught social studies and mathematics and also served as the eighth-grade team leader. He transferred to Mattawoman in 1995 and was promoted to vice principal at Stoddert in 2000. Babiak also served as a vice principal during summer school in 2001 and 2002.



Robert Babiak

Babiak's appointment is the first of several administrative changes made this week for the upcoming 2010-11 school year. Richmond also named three acting vice principals pending Board approval. They are: Troy Barnes as acting vice principal at C. Paul Barnhart Elementary School; Daphne Burns as acting vice principal at Mary B. Neal Elementary School; and Brenda Tillotson as acting vice principal at General Smallwood Middle School. Additionally, Richmond announced the following vice principal transfers:

J.T. Hanley from Mattawoman to Henson; Desann Manzano-Lee from Neal to John Hanson Middle School; Steven Miller from Smallwood to Mattawoman; Diane Laveglia from Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary School to J.P. Ryon Elementary School; Natalie Marston from Ryon to Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy; and Cynthia Panizzi-Williams from Barnhart to Dr. James Craik Elementary School. All new assignments begin immediately. Visit the Charles County Public Schools Web site at www.ccboe.com for more information.



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

General Maintenance Worker – Maintenance Shop, 12-month position. Apply by July 29.

Building Service Assistant Manager – F.B. Gwynn Educational Center, 12-month position. Apply by Aug. 2.

Communications Multimedia Assistant – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Bachelor's degree in communications or similar field required. Apply by July 29.

Switchboard/Mailroom Communications Clerk – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Experience operating a public switchboard preferred. Apply by Aug. 3.

Special Education Instructional Assistant – Gale-Bailey Elementary School, 10-month position. Apply by July 29.

Technology Facilitator – Dr. Thomas L. Higdon Elementary School, 10-month position. Apply by July 29.

Maryland Tomorrow Program Coordinator – Maurice J. McDonough High School, 10-month position. Classroom management experience and a minimum of 60 college credits required. Apply by July 29.

Early Childhood and Family Liaison – Dr. Mudd Elementary School, 12-month position. Apply by July 29.

Automotive Instructional Assistant – Robert D. Stethem Educational Center, 10-month position. Apply by July 29.

Building Service Workers – Openings at North Point High School and T.C. Martin Elementary School, 12-month positions. Apply by Aug. 2.

HVAC Teacher – Robert D. Stethem Educational center, 10-month position.

Special Education Teachers for Science – Openings at Maurice J. McDonough and Westlake high schools, 10-month positions.

Pre-K Special Education Inclusion – Dr. James Craik Elementary School, 10-month position.

In-School Retention Instructional Assistant – Indian Head Elementary School, 10-month position. Apply by July 29.

Theatre Arts Teacher – High school level, 10-month position.

Extra pay positions

Westlake High School has the following opening:

- Head varsity softball coach

Contact Principal Chrystal Benson, 301-753-1758, to apply.

Maurice J. McDonough High School has the following openings:

- Head varsity boys' basketball coach
- Junior varsity field hockey coach

Contact Jason Bursick, athletic director, 301-934-2944, to apply.