



Charles County Public Schools hosted the first tri-county PBIS training seminar this week at North Point High School. Pictured, from left, are: Dr. Cindy Anderson, director of the school psychology program, University of Oregon; Milt McKenna, specialist, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities, Maryland State Department of Education; Dr. Elsa Velez, school psychologist, CCPS; Keith Grier, director of student services, CCPS; and Dr. George Sugai, co-director of the National Center for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, University of Connecticut.

County hosts tri-county PBIS training seminar

Dr. George Sugai, co-founder of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program was one of four nationally known speakers who presented on student achievement and behavioral interventions to more than 350 administrators and teachers during a two-day, tri-county PBIS seminar.

Charles County Public Schools hosted the first PBIS Southern Maryland Regional Summer Training on Aug. 1 and Aug. 2 at North Point High School. PBIS is a voluntary state program that helps schools create better climates, spend less time on discipline and more time on teaching and learning. There are 30 Charles County schools participating in the program, and many of them were awarded as Exemplar on Aug. 1 by the Maryland State Department of Education.

Sugai is the director of the Center for Behavioral Education and Research and Co-Director of the National Center on Positive

Behavioral Interventions and Supports. His primary areas of interest are positive behavior support, system changes, teacher training, emotional and behavioral disorders and social skills instruction. He will speak to the group about response to intervention and schoolwide positive behavior support.

Other speakers were Dr. Cindy Anderson of the University of Oregon, Dr. Crystal Kuykendall, an author and former elementary and secondary public school teacher, and Dr. Courtland Lee of the University of Maryland.

"PBIS focuses on changing behavioral expectations within our schools. Today's school cultures are continuously evolving, making way for not only higher academic achievement, but for conducive learning environments that are essential for Maryland's nearly 900,000 school-aged students," said Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick, State Superintendent of Schools.

Subscribe to receive news

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) is making it easier for parents and the community to review and receive school news as well as send items to relatives and friends.

The public can access all Charles County Public Schools press releases with the following direct link, www.ccboe.com/pr, or by visiting the CCPS home page at www.ccboe.com. Improvements include:

- Press releases appear in all text, so readers do not need a PDF reader like Adobe Acrobat to view releases. A PDF version of the press release is still available for those who prefer it.

- Readers can email articles.
- Readers can use popular social bookmarking tools del.icio.us and Digg It! Readers can bookmark a particular release on their personal bookmarking pages with ease.

- Press releases are available as an RSS feed. A user can use popular feed readers such as Google Reader, Live Bookmarks, Bloglines, My Yahoo!, etc. to subscribe to the CCPS feed. Whenever CCPS updates press releases, the feed reader of choice will automatically read it.

- A new tool allows readers to search through CCPS press releases by keyword.

- Readers have the ability to send the communications department story ideas. If the public has an idea for a story, simply fill out the web form that links to the communications department.

- Readers can subscribe to the CCPS email list. Press releases will be delivered directly to the user's inbox whenever there is an update. Additionally, any user who subscribes to the CCPS email list will receive any additional messages we send out.

Notebook

Wineland honored

Charles Wineland, assistant superintendent for supporting services for Charles County Public Schools, was named a Melvin Jones Fellow on July 18 by the Lions International Foundation. Wineland was recognized for his commitment to serve the community.

The fellowship is the foundation's highest honor and is named after Jones, who founded the Lions Clubs International. Wineland is a past president of the Waldorf Lions Club and has been a member since 1980.

2007 Handbook/Calendar

Copies of the 2007-08 Parent Handbook/Calendar will be distributed directly to schools by the time veteran teachers return on Aug. 20. A copy of the complete calendar will be posted on the Charles County Public Schools website, www.ccboe.com beginning on Aug. 6.

A Back-to-School guide for parents will appear in the *Maryland Independent* on Aug. 8. The guide will list open houses and orientations as well as let parents know what is new for the upcoming school year.

The 2007-08 Code of Student Conduct will be distributed to all students the first week of school. The new booklet is posted on the school system website.

On the cover

Pictured on the front page are employees from Mary H. Matula Elementary School. Pictured from left, are: Andrew Churchill, special education teacher; Adrian Datcher, second grade teacher; Michael Walters, physical education teacher; and Katrina Garvey, secretary.



Karen Peters, Paige Ackelson and Kelli Townsend, employees in the research and assessment department of Charles County Public Schools, load bins of Maryland School Assessment (MSA) results to be mailed to parents.

Board of Education agenda - August 14, 2007

The Board of Education of Charles County has released its tentative Aug. 14 meeting agenda.

The meeting begins with executive session at 4:30 p.m. and the public portion of the meeting opens at 5:30 p.m. Public Forum is at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is held at the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building on Radio Station Road in La Plata.

Agenda items

Executive session - 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Call to order – 5:30 p.m.

- Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes

Reports of Officers/Boards/Committees

- Correspondence/Board member updates
- Education Association of Charles County update
- Student Board Member update
- Superintendent's Report to the Board
- Information item: School nurses update
- Information item: Overview of the alternative program
- Curriculum briefing: Summer programs
- Information item: CIP update
- Report: State CIP 2009
- Report: Full-day kindergarten schematics for C. Paul Barnhart, T.C. Martin, Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy, and Gale-Bailey elemen-

tary schools

- Information item: Teacher recruiting update

Public Forum – 6:30 p.m.

Reports of officers/boards/committees

- Recurring resolutions: Health Careers Month; American Education Week; American Freedom Week; *Washington Post* Distinguished Educational Leader; African American History Month; Career and Technical Education Week; National School Counseling Week; Read Across America; Women's History Month; Fine and Performing Arts; Month of the Young Child; National Student Leadership Week; Teacher Appreciation Week; Professional Secretaries Week; Salute to School Food and Nutrition Service Personnel; National Physical Education and Sport Week; *Washington Post* Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award; Charles County Teacher of the Year; Employees' Retirement

Action item

- Personnel

Unfinished business

New business and future agenda items

- New business
- Future agenda items

Adjournment

Personnel

Apply for positions at www.ccboe.com/hur, or in writing to the personnel office. Positions are open until filled unless otherwise noted. All teaching positions require a bachelor's degree and MSDE certification requirements.

Job openings

Video Production Technician – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, Office of Communications; full-time position. Bachelor's degree in video production or related field required. Open until filled.

Food Service Workers – Openings at North Point High, William A. Diggs and William B. Wade elementaries and Theodore G. Davis Middle School; three-hour positions.

Food Service Driver – Robert D. Stethem Educational Center. Open until filled.

English as Second Language Adult Education Teacher – Lifelong Learning Center; bachelor's degree required. Apply by August 6.

Kindergarten Instructional Assistant – Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary School; 10-month position. Apply by August 7.

Kindergarten Special Education Instructional Assistant – Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary School; 10-month position. Apply by August 14.

Elementary Reading Instructional Assistant – William A. Diggs Elementary School; 10-month position. Apply by August 7.

Guidance Secretary – Benjamin Stoddert Middle School; full-time position. Apply by August 7.

Special Education Instructional Assistant, Life Skills – Openings at Gale-Bailey and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer elementary schools; 10-month positions. Apply by Aug. 8 for Gale-Bailey; Aug. 14 for Jenifer.

Special Education Instructional Assistant – Openings at North Point and Thomas Stone high schools and Indian Head Elementary School. Apply by August 9.

Instructional Assistant – Stay Program, F.B. Gwynn Educational Center, 10-month position. Apply by August 14.

Adult Education Teacher – Lifelong Learning Center, part-time position. Bachelor's degree required. Apply by August 9.

Specialist, Library Media – Jesse L.

Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Master's degree required and five years experience preferred.

Certified School Psychologists – All age levels. Full-time position. Must be eligible for MSDE certification.

Vice Principals – Eleven- or 12-month positions available. Master's degree and certification required.

Instructional Specialists – Positions open at elementary and middle school levels; 11-month positions. Open until filled.

Specialist in Early Childhood Education – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, master's degree required. Open until filled.

Title I Instructional Specialist for Early Childhood Education – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building; bachelor's degree and five years experience required. Open until filled.

Occupational Therapists – All age levels. Bachelor's degree required.

Speech Language Pathologists – Openings at all age levels.

Reading Resource Teachers – Openings at county middle schools; Master's degree required.

Guidance Counselors – Openings at all age levels. Master's degree required.

NJROTC Instructor – Westlake High School; 11-month position.

Special Education Teacher of the Emotionally Disturbed – Openings at Theodore G. Davis Middle School, Westlake, North Point and Henry E. Lackey high schools; 10-month positions. Bachelor's degree required.

Reading Recovery Teacher Leaders – Openings at county elementary schools.

Teachers, Three-year-old Program – Openings at Title I schools.

Teaching positions

Charles County Public Schools is seeking teacher candidates who meet the certification requirements established by the Maryland

In memoriam

Donna DeVitis, a secretary in the transportation office, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 2, 2007. Mrs. DeVitis worked in the transportation department

from January 2001 to the present. She has been employed with Charles County Public Schools since May 1981.

Previously, Mrs. DeVitis worked at the Pomonkey Annex, Henry E. Lackey High School, Benjamin Stoddert Middle School and Thomas Stone High School.

Funeral arrangements were not available at the time of publication. Complete information will appear in the Aug. 17 edition of *School News*.



Donna DeVitis

State Department of Education (MSDE) for the following areas:

- Mathematics
- Family & Consumer Science
- Business
- English
- Library & Media Specialists
- Spanish and French
- Science
- Pre-K & Kindergarten
- Biology and Chemistry
- Music and Art
- Special education
- Computer science

Extra pay positions

Thomas Stone High School has the following opening:

- Head varsity softball coach

Contact Principal L.C. Martin at 301-753-1756 for details.

Maurice J. McDonough High School has the following opening:

- Junior varsity girls field hockey coach

Contact Principal Jervie Petty at 301-753-1755 for details.

Pictures from the last issue

Names for the employees featured in the July 20 *School News* were inadvertently omitted. All four are bus drivers for Charles County Public Schools. Pictured, from left, are: Amos Gross, Sandra Pickeral, Satomi Willford and Robert Higgs.



Registration open for certified professional development courses

The Office of Program Support is accepting registrations for certified professional development courses. Participants enrolled in CCPS courses can receive CPD credit(s). Additionally, Charles County Public Schools has partnerships with local universities and colleges. Available courses are listed below.

To register for CCPS courses, complete the registration on the school system website at http://www2.ccoeb.com/staffdev/courses/cpd/cpd_register.cfm. For more information, contact Barbara Palko at 301-392-7501.

Gratz College/Regional Training Center

Course: Assessment Techniques: Assessing for Student Learning

Dates: Oct. 5, 6, 7, 20, 21

Time/Location: 6–9:15 p.m., Fridays; 8 a.m.–4:45 p.m., Sat. /Sun.

John Hanson Middle School, Sunday location TBA

Course: Brain-Based Teaching and Learning

Dates: Oct. 26, 27, 28; Nov. 10, 11

Time/Location: 6–9:15 p.m., Fri.

8 a.m. – 4:45 p.m., Sat. and Sun.

Hanson, Sunday location TBA

Course: Dealing with ADHD Type Behavior in the Classroom

Dates: Nov. 2, 3, 4, 17, 18

Time/Location: 6–9:15 p.m., Fri.

8 a.m.–4:45 p.m., Sat. and Sun.

Hanson, Sunday location TBA

McDaniel College

Graduate Courses

Course: Reading in the Content Areas – Part I, RDG532SM

Dates: Oct. 11, 18, 25; Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29; Dec. 6

Time/Location: 5-9:30 p.m., Thomas Stone High School

Course: Curriculum Design, CUR511SM

Dates: Aug. 29; Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26; Oct 3, 10, 17

Time/Location: 5–9:30 p.m., Stone

Course: Reading Processes & Acquisition, RDG521SM

Dates: Aug. 30; Sept. 6, 8, 13, 20, 22, 27

Time/Location: Thursdays, 4:30–9 p.m., Stone

8:30 a.m.–4 p.m., Hanson

Course: Monitoring and Aligning Curriculum Instruction and Assessment, CUR509SM

Dates: Aug. 27; Sept. 10, 17, 24; Oct 1, 8, 15, 22

Time/Location: 4:30–9 p.m., Stone

Course: Classroom Management: Orchestrating a Community of Learners, EDU529SM

Dates: Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29; Oct. 6; Nov. 17

Time/Location: 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Hanson

Course: Introduction to Educational

Administration, ADM501SM

Dates: Aug. 28; Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9, 16

Time/Location: 5–9 p.m., Stone

Course: School Law, PSI527SM

Dates: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31; Nov 7, 14, 21, 28

Time/Location: 4:30–9 p.m., Stone

Bowie State University

Graduate Courses

Course: Introduction to Research

Dates: Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15

Time/Location: 4:55–9:55 p.m., Stone

Course: Human Growth & Development

Dates: Jan. 30; Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6, 13

Time/Location: 4:55–9:55 p.m., Stone

Course: Career Counseling & Development

Dates: March 28; April 4, 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16

Time/Location: 4:55–9:55 p.m., Stone

Course: Test & Measurements

Dates: March 27; April 3, 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14

Time/Location: 4:55–9:55 p.m., Stone

Course: Drug & Alcohol Counseling

Dates: March 29; April 5, 12, 19, 26, 30; May 3, 10, 17

Time/Location: 4:55–9:55 p.m., Stone

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