

School News



Job Fair

Charles County Public Schools held its first job fair to provide interview opportunities for certificated staff on June 2 at La Plata High School. Sponsored by the Human Resources Division, the fair provided opportunities for principals and staff to interview more than 100 candidates. Pictured, from left, are Berry Elementary School Principal Darryl Evans, Vice Principal Kelly Courtney and Instructional Specialist David Hoogerheide interviewing candidate Andrew Kaminsky.

Students graduate; valedictorians and salutatorians named

More than 1,900 seniors received diplomas this week during graduation ceremonies held Monday and Tuesday at the Prince George's County Equestrian Center.

Graduate totals by school are: Henry E. Lackey High School, 331 graduates; La Plata High School, 368 graduates; Maurice J. McDonough High School, 301 graduates; Thomas Stone High School, 490 graduates; and Westlake High School, 416 graduates.

Henry E. Lackey High School has a valedictorian and co-salutatorians. Kari Kathleen Cleland of Port Tobacco is the valedictorian and salutatorians are Catherine A. Twyman of White Plains and Brandon Bikowski of Waldorf. Cleland plans to attend Austin Peay State University in Tennessee; Twyman plans to attend Virginia Tech; and Bikowski is headed to Clemson University in South Carolina.

La Plata High School's valedictorian is Kristi Preuss of La Plata and salutatorian is Melissa Loeper of La Plata. Preuss plans to

attend Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and Loeper plans to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York.

Katherine Rice of La Plata is valedictorian for Maurice J. McDonough High School, and Daniel Lubey of Waldorf is salutatorian. Rice will attend Tufts University in Massachusetts and Lubey will attend Pennsylvania State University.

Representing Thomas Stone High School are Sarah Hutton of Waldorf as valedictorian and Kelliann Wachrathit of Waldorf as salutatorian. Hutton plans to attend Temple University in Pennsylvania and Wachrathit will attend the University of Maryland, College Park.

Westlake High School's valedictorian is Nicole Marie Willis of Waldorf and salutatorian is Amy Ellen Mapes of Waldorf. Willis plans to attend The Nesbitt School of Pharmacy at Wilkes University in Pennsylvania and Mapes plans to attend the University of Maryland, College Park.

Retirement requirements

The U.S. Treasury Department is changing legal requirements effective January 1, 2008, for the administration and oversight of individual retirement accounts sponsored by employers. The school system plans to conduct an independent review of all current Tax Savings Annuity (TSA) plans over the summer and make recommendations for improvements to insure compliance with the new regulations. The review may result in changes to the vendors now used based on fees, charges, withdrawal penalties, performance benchmarks, company ratings and other criteria.

Part-time and full-time employees are eligible to contribute to a tax sheltered annuity. The list of approved vendors is available by going to <http://www2.ccboe.com/staffservices/forms.cfm> and searching the data base for the Tax Sheltered Annuity Listing.

Tuition reimbursement

Tuition reimbursement for all employees must be submitted no later than June 29 for classes completed during the 2006-07 school year, which is from July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007. If grade slips or official transcripts are not available by the deadline, requests must still be in by June 29, but reimbursement will be held until original grade slips, transcripts and documentation of tuition fees are submitted to Human Resources.

Classes starting after July 1 will be charged to the 2007-08 tuition reimbursement allotment. All course work must be pre-approved.

Certificated employees with last names beginning with A-K should call 301-934-7243 and certified employees whose names begin with L-Z should call 301-934-7241. Support employees should call 301-934-7232.



Donations for soldiers

Several Charles County Public Schools employees are collecting personal items for wounded soldiers at "Maryland House." This is a receiving area at Malcolm Grow Hospital at Andrews Air Force Base and a transfer area for less severely wounded troops who do not need to go to Walter Reed Hospital, but who are waiting for transfers to their home bases. Often, these soldiers are without personal belongings.

Donations must be new and unopened. The following items are needed:

- Travel-sized soap, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, lotions, disposable razors, toothpaste.
- Nail clippers, files, flip flops, feminine products, plastic shopping bags,
- Clothing such as sweat pants and shirts, t-shirts (all sizes men and women).
- Blankets, quilts and afghans.
- Individually wrapped food items including crackers, cookies, candies, soda, water and chips.

Donations can be dropped off at Arthur Middleton Elementary School to the attention of Debra Haan or at Good Shepherd Church.

Resignation deadline

Resignation deadline for tenured teachers is 5 p.m., Monday, July 16. Support staff are expected to give at least a two-week resignation notice.

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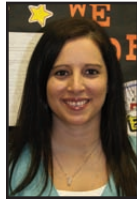
Pictured on the front page are employees from Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School. Pictured, from left, are: Cassandra Gatto, instructional assistant; Verniece Rorie, vice principal; Monica Tummino, guidance counselor; and Martin Margolis, physical education teacher.



J. Konefal



D. Simmons



J. Wynkoop



L. Campbell



D. Kuhn



M. Troise

SMECO honors math, science teachers for excellence

Six Charles County Public Schools teachers were honored in April by Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative for their accomplishments in the area of mathematics and science.

Honored as Outstanding Mathematics Teachers of the Year were Jennifer Konefal of Henry E. Lackey High School, Deborah Simmons of Milton M. Somers Middle School and Jacqueline Wynkoop of Mary H. Matula Elementary School.

Honored as Outstanding Science Teachers of the Year were Linda Campbell of Henry E. Lackey High School, Deanna Kuhn of Eva Turner Elementary School and Marissa Troise of Dr. Thomas Higdon Elementary School.

They were chosen for their outstanding performance in the areas of creativity, rapport with students, enthusiasm for teaching, professionalism and innovative teaching methods. Each teacher received a plaque and a check for \$250.

Wal-Mart, Sam's Club recognizes outstanding teachers

Three Charles County Public Schools teachers were recently honored as Wal-Mart Teachers of the Year and the Sam's Club Teacher of the Year. They were chosen by students, parents and other community members who filled out ballot entries and submitted them to voting displays in each store.

Rachel Altimus was awarded the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year award from the La Plata store. She is a sixth-grade language arts teacher at Milton M. Somers Middle School and received a \$100 gift card to use for school supplies. Somers also received a \$1,000 award, which will be used for the accelerated reader program.

Altimus has been teaching in Charles County for 10 years and began her career at Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Elementary School. She transferred to Somers in 1997.

Dennis Gavin was awarded the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year award from the Waldorf store. He is a fourth-grade teacher at Gale-Bailey Elementary School and received a \$100 gift card. Gale-Bailey also was awarded \$1,000 for educational purchases.



D. Simmons



D. Gavin



R. Altimus

Gavin has been teaching in Charles County for more than 35 years and began his career at Gale-Bailey.

Diane Simmons was awarded the Sam's Club Teacher of the Year award from the Waldorf store. She is a fifth-grade teacher at C. Paul Barnhart Elementary School and also received a \$100 gift card. Barnhart was awarded \$1,000, which will be used for the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) program.

Simmons has been teaching in Charles County since 1989 and has been at Barnhart for nine years. She also has taught classes at Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Elementary School, Mary H. Matula Elementary School, overseas in Panama and in Kansas City, Kansas.

Education association sponsoring annual crab feast for employees

The Education Association is sponsoring its Back-to-School Crab Feast for all Charles County Public Schools employees on Friday, Aug. 24, 3:30-8 p.m. Admission is limited to adults and to two tickets per CCPS employee. Tickets are \$15 and must be purchased in advance. Admission

includes all the crabs, hot dogs and sides you can eat. Space is limited and tickets are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Send checks to the EACC office to buy tickets by July 20. The event is held at the Charles County Fairgrounds, rain or shine. Call 301-645-3232 for more information.

Board to honor retirees for years of service, work with children

The Board of Education will honor employees who have retired since June 30, 2006, and those who have already announced their retirements at the end of this school year during a ceremony on June 13, 5 p.m., at the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building. Retirees are listed by name, last position held, location, and years of service.

- Gary Aukerman, science teacher, La Plata High School, 33
- Hilda Barnes, secretary to the principal, General Smallwood Middle School, 39
- Lucille Boyette, guidance counselor, Mattawoman Middle School, 37
- Jeannie Brawner, special education instructional assistant, Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School, 27
- Susan Brewer, gifted education instructional specialist, Starkey Building, 38
- Kathleen M. Brown, teacher, Indian Head Elementary School, 31
- John D. Bryce, computer teacher, Maurice J. McDonough High School, 31
- Janelle Camp, secretary to the principal, J.C. Parks Elementary School, 10
- Geraldine Cecil, food service worker, John Hanson Middle School, 30
- Richard Conley, teacher/administrative assistant, La Plata, 33
- Mary B. Corsaro, family consumer science teacher, Westlake High School, 22
- Mary Ann Crist, special education teacher, Benjamin Stoddert Middle School, 17
- Janet Curnutte, food service worker, Westlake, 9
- Patricia Davidson, psychologist, C. Paul Barnhart Elementary School, 21
- Helen Donnicks, secretary to the principal, McDonough, 16
- Barbie Evans, business insurance & benefits analyst, Starkey Building, 12.5
- Nicholas Falco, psychologist, Starkey Building, 29
- Esther Fletcher, food service manager, Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Elementary School, 18
- Carol Flewelling, language arts teacher, Mattawoman, 10
- Rachel Fowler, reading resource teacher, Smallwood, 31
- Sharon Gardiner, secretary to the assistant superintendent of instruction, Starkey Building, 33.5
- Barbara Graves, director of teacher services, Starkey Building, 39
- William Griffith, special education instructional assistant, Henry E. Lackey High School, 21
- Betty Hall, food service worker, La Plata, 29
- Margaret Harmon, secretary to the principal, North Point High School, 20

- Marie Henry, mathematics teacher, North Point High School, 31
- Karine B. Ingersoll, special education teacher, Westlake, 23
- Elvear Johnson, vice principal, Mudd, 36
- Carol Kenney, guidance counselor, Barnhart, 28
- Nancy Kenyon, teacher, Gale-Bailey Elementary School, 30
- Marci Kolitsch, home economics/family & consumer science teacher, Hanson, 30
- Marjorie Laubert, food service worker, La Plata, 12
- Gordon Lew, special education teacher, McDonough, 35
- Winifred Mahaney, guidance counselor, McDonough, 40
- Mary McManus, special education teacher, La Plata, 34
- Marie McNicholas, food service manager, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer Elementary School, 10.5
- Joyce Mills, food service manager, Stoddert, 33.5
- Linda Musial, specialist in science/environmental education, Starkey Building, 31
- Hilda Osborne, English teacher, La Plata, 32
- Maria Papanicolas, food service manager, Westlake, 24
- Mary Ann Pearson, food service worker, Hanson, 6
- Cora Peevy, business education teacher, La Plata, 29.5
- Oleta Perotti, special education teacher, Milton M. Somers Middle School, 30
- Minnie Reynolds, director of minority achievement and multicultural education, Starkey Building, 43
- Joan Richard, secretary to the director, F.B. Gwynn Educational Center, 27
- Noreen Sahakian, program coordinator teacher, Starkey Building, 31
- Alexis Schaefer, media/librarian specialist, Somers, 35
- Patricia Schwier, science teacher, Thomas Stone High School, 34
- David Shadle, pupil personnel specialist, Starkey Building, 28
- Gloria Smith, teacher, Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School, 16
- Cynthia Sondheimer, guidance counselor, Malcolm Elementary School, 31
- Jesse Kay Trotter, speech therapist, Gale-Bailey, 27
- Louise E. Trudnak, instructional specialist, Starkey Building, 32
- Laraine Tuttle, media instructional assistant, Mattawoman, 17
- Marcia Vreath, social studies teacher, Thomas Stone, 37
- Barbara Waid, food service manager, Hanson, 27
- Sharon Walker, mathematics teacher, Somers, 19.5
- Charlotte Welker-Gay, IEP facilitator, Starkey Building, 32
- Elizabeth Wern, teacher, T.C. Martin Elementary School, 41
- Sharon Young, mathematics teacher, La Plata, 34

Extra pay positions for 2007-08 school year

Thomas Stone High School:

- Head fall & winter cheerleading coaches
- Head wrestling coach
- Head indoor & outdoor track coaches
- Head varsity football coach

Call Principal L.C. Martin, 301-753-1756.

McDonough High School:

- Head varsity boys soccer coach
- Assistant football coach
- Head varsity & junior varsity volleyball

coaches

- Head varsity & junior varsity girls' soccer coaches
- Girls' and boys' soccer assistant coaches
- Pom Pons dance team coach
- Head varsity & junior varsity cheerleading coaches
- Junior varsity girls' basketball coach & assistant coach
- Freshman boys' basketball coach

Call Principal Jervie Petty, 301-753-1755.

Westlake High School:

- Assistant varsity football coaches (2)
 - Head varsity & junior varsity volleyball coaches
 - Head junior varsity field hockey coach
 - Head junior varsity girls' soccer coach
- Call Principal Chrystal Benson, 301-753-1758.

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

Early Childhood Special Education Teachers – Openings at Gwynn, Wade, Craik and Mudd.

Special Education Teachers – Openings at all elementary, middle and high schools.

Instructional Specialist – All elementary and middle schools; 11-month positions. Master's degree required.

Coordinator of Testing, Division of Instruction – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building; 12-month position. Master's degree required. Apply by June 13.

Food Service Workers – Openings at C. Paul Barnhart and Berry elementary schools, John Hanson Middle School and Westlake High School; three- and four-hour positions. Apply by June 12.

Kindergarten Instructional Assistants – Openings at William B. Wade Elementary and Mattawoman Middle schools; 10-month positions. Apply for Wade by June 13. Apply for Mattawoman by June 14.

Building Service Workers – Mattawoman and John Hanson middle schools; 12-month positions. Apply by June 14.

Secretary to the Principal – J.C. Parks Elementary School; 12-month position. Apply by June 14.

Secretary, Department of Instruction – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building; 12-month position. Apply by June 15.

Job Placement Coordinator – General Smallwood Middle School. Apply by June 18.

Secretary to Director of Program Support – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building; 12-month position. Apply by June 19.

Food Service Worker – Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary School; 10-month position. Apply by June 18.

Building Service Worker – John Hanson Middle and C. Paul Barnhart Elementary schools; five- and six-hour positions. Apply by June 19.

Food Service, Assistant Manager – William A. Diggs Elementary School; 10-month position. Apply by June 19.

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

Food Service Workers – Mary H. Matula, Malcolm and Dr. Samuel A. Mudd elementary schools; Westlake High School; three-, four- and five-hour positions. Apply by June 21.

Mathematics Teachers – Openings at all middle and high schools.

Occupational Therapists – All age levels.

Family & Consumer Science Teachers –

Openings at all middle schools.

Speech Language Pathologists – Openings at all age levels.

Reading Resource Teachers – Openings at all elementary and middle schools.

Reading Recovery Teachers – Openings at Dr. Samuel A. Mudd and Dr. Thomas L. Higdon elementary schools.

Business Teachers – Openings at all high schools.

English Teachers – Openings at all middle and high schools.

Library & Media Specialists – Openings at all elementary, middle and high schools.

Spanish & French Teachers – Openings at all high schools.

Science Teachers – Openings at all middle and high schools.

Pre-K & Kindergarten Teachers – Openings at all elementary schools.

Guidance Counselors – Openings at all age levels.

Title I Instructional Technology Teacher – Openings at all Title I schools; 10-month positions at elementary level. Apply by June 18.

High School Resource Teachers, Algebra and Government – Openings at all high schools. Apply by June 19.

IEP Facilitators – Openings at all non-public elementary, middle and high schools. Apply by June 21.

The Charles County public school system does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age or disability in its programs, activities or employment practices. For inquiries, please contact Keith Grier, Title IX Coordinator, or Patricia Vaira, Section 504 Coordinator (students), or Keith Hettel, Section 504 Coordinator (employees/adults), at Charles County Public Schools, Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, P.O. Box 2770, La Plata, Maryland 20646. 301-932-6610/870-3814. For special accommodations call 301-934-7230 or TDD 1-800-735-2258 two weeks prior to the event.

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