



# Charles County Public Schools

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## **In Focus**

- The La Plata Volunteer Fire Department visited Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School Oct. 7 to help prekindergarten, kindergarten and first-grade students celebrate Fire Prevention Week. Students viewed a video on how to make fire preparedness plans in the home. The firefighters talked to students about fire safety, explained what their equipment was and how it is used, and demonstrated the stop, drop and roll procedure. Students were also given a tour of an emergency fire truck.
- North Point High School junior Jada Smith recently published a novel, titled “Touched by an Angel.” The plot includes topics such as sibling rivalries, social issues American families currently face and peer pressure. The book is available online at [www.adinahproductions.com](http://www.adinahproductions.com) or through Amazon, Borders and Barnes & Noble
- North Point High School is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Nov. 13, from 4:30 – 8 p.m. to benefit the SkillsUSA program. Italian bread and desserts will also be available for take-home purchase and carry out is available. Tickets can be purchased in advance and are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children under age six. Limited tickets will be available at the door and are \$17 for adults, \$10 for children under age six. Call 301-753-1759 or e-mail Pam Jones, [pjones@ccboe.com](mailto:pjones@ccboe.com), for more information.
- The North Point High School coed varsity golf team was awarded third place in the Class 4A/3A 2009 Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association State Golf Tournament held Oct. 21 at Potomac Ridge Golf Course. North Point junior McKenzie Cutter also received second place in the individual girls’ standings.
- Staff and students at Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary School celebrated the birthday of the school’s namesake on Wednesday, Oct. 21. Students gathered outside of the school and released environmentally friendly balloons, sang Happy Birthday, participated in a birthday parade around the school, and created cards and doctor hats in class to prepare

for the event. This is the second year the school has celebrated Brown's birthday, which is Oct. 17, 1747.

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