



## Redistricting to change elementary school zones

Elementary school boundaries will change over the next two years as Charles County Public Schools prepares to open a new elementary school off Piney Church Road in Waldorf. The school, Mary Burgess Neal Elementary School, is slated to open in August 2008. Redistricting is necessary to create an attendance zone for the new school as well as to relieve overcrowding at nearby elementary schools.

In October, a redistricting committee began developing proposals to create an attendance zone for Neal Elementary School. Affected elementary school students will change schools in August 2008. "We want to give as much time as possible for people to adjust to the change in schools for their children," Superintendent James E. Richmond said.

Attendance zones for the following elementary schools could change with the opening of Neal: Eva Turner, Walter J. Mitchell, T.C. Martin, Mary H. Matula, J. P. Ryon and Malcolm.

Public hearings are scheduled to solicit community input. The committee plans to present its proposals to the Superintendent and the Board of Education on March 13. Traditionally, the committee submits two or three options for consideration. The public hearing on the elementary proposals is scheduled for March 27, 7 p.m., at Thomas Stone

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Timeline</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>March 13</b> Superintendent's committee presents report to Superintendent and Board</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>March 27</b> Public hearing on alternatives, 7 p.m., Thomas Stone High School</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>April 3</b> Superintendent presents recommendation to Board</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>April 19</b> Public hearing on Superintendent's recommendation, 7 p.m., Thomas Stone</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>May 8</b> Board takes action on Superintendent's recommendation</p>
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High School.

Richmond will make a recommendation to the Board at its April 3 meeting. The second public hearing is to gather input on the Superintendent's redistricting recommendation. The hearing is April 19, 7 p.m., at Thomas Stone.

The Board will make its final decision on redistricting on May 8 and may make modifications to the Superintendent's recommendation based on public input.

## Legislators honor teacher

Teresa Jones, Gifted Education Resource Teacher at North Point High School in Charles County, received the Maryland History Day Teacher of the Year Award for 2006 and recently received a commendation from the Maryland House and Senate.

Jones and six Maryland students, who received national awards at the annual National History Day competition, were honored at sessions of the Maryland House and Senate on Monday, Jan. 22. The students won awards at the statewide Maryland History Day competition in April 2006 and received honors at the 2006 National History Day contest where they competed with over 2,000 students from across the country.

Maryland History Day, conducted since 1999 by the Maryland Humanities Council, is an engaging, year-long educational program in which students showcase their research through interpretive papers, dramatic performances, historical exhibits, and multi-media documentaries. 11,000 middle and high school students from 12 counties and Baltimore City participate in the History Day program.

Columbia Gas, the State of Maryland and the National Endowment for the Humanities provide support for Maryland History Day, which is open to public, private, parochial, and homeschool students in Maryland in grades 6 through 12.

The Maryland Humanities Council is a statewide, educational, nonprofit organization that is affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

## Board considers moving meeting, Public Forum times

The Board of Education is considering changing its meeting time to better accommodate the public.

In order to gather community input, the Board is conducting an electronic survey on the Charles County Public Schools homepage at [www.ccboe.com](http://www.ccboe.com). The survey link is located on the right side of the page under the "What's New" column.

The survey requests information on times

preferred for meeting attendance, Public Forum participation and student and employee recognition. The survey may only be taken once on each unique computer.

Deadline to participate in the survey is Feb. 16. The Board will review and discuss the survey results and their meeting times at a work session on Feb. 26, 7 p.m., at North Point High School for Science, Technology and Industry.





### *Hanson, Parks honored*

John Hanson Middle School and J.C. Parks Elementary School were honored with the Maryland Center for Character Education Best Practice Award in December of 2006. This recognition is awarded to schools demonstrating an outstanding character education initiative that has yielded positive results in student behavior, school climate, and academic performance. The award was presented by the Maryland Center for Character Education and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).

### *Students place at art show*

Mattawoman Creek Art Center recently hosted a youth art show to showcase the talent of young artists. All high school art teachers were invited to submit pieces of art. There are 99 works of art on display at the center. Judges were Jeanne and Peter Ulrich, artists and members of the Potomac Valley Watercolor Society. Olivia Raum of La Plata High School was the Judges' Award winner and Richard Guy of Maurice J. McDonough High School was awarded Best in Show.

First place winners were: Brandi Leininger, La Plata, photography; Derrod Toney, Henry E. Lackey High School, painting; Richard Guy, McDonough, drawing; and Emily Glessner, Thomas Stone High School, three-dimensional.

### *Cover photos*

Pictured on the cover are employees at Mary H. Matula Elementary School. From left: Mike Walters, physical education teacher; Joan Chapman, long-term substitute guidance counselor; and Barbara Bates, media instructional assistant.

## Board agenda -- February 13, 2007

The Board of Education has released its agenda for the Feb. 13 meeting. Executive session begins at 12 p.m. The public portion of the meeting starts at 1 p.m.

### **Call to Order – 1 p.m.**

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

– Henry E. Lackey High School

### **Public Forum**

### **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
- CIP update
- Technology update on video conferencing
- Curriculum briefing: MESA
- Budget update
- Calendar; day care
- Legislative update
- Policy amendments
- Communications plan

### **Action items**

- Personnel
- Superintendent's proposed operating budget for FY08

### **Unfinished business**

### **New business and future agenda items**

### **Action items**

### **New business**

### **Future agenda items**

### **Recognition**

### • Students

- Sarah Walters, fifth grade, academic achievement, William A. Diggs Elementary School
- Sarah Shumaker, fifth grade, academic achievement; Arthur Middleton Elementary School,
- Micaela Facchina, sixth grade, personal responsibility, Piccowaxen Middle School
- Briana D. Jones, senior, career readiness, Thomas Stone High School

### • Employees

- Hannah M. Barnes, building service worker, Arthur Middleton Elementary School
- Joyce A. Carter, pupil personnel worker, William A. Diggs, Elementary School
- Rebecca L. Laroque, instructional assistant, Piccowaxen Middle School
- James E. Nasso, mathematics teacher, Thomas Stone High School
- Denise F. Childers, English teacher, La Plata High School, National Board Certification
- Shelly J. Michael, Spanish teacher, La Plata High School, National Board Certification
- John Childers, government resource teacher, National Board Certification

### • Resolution

- *Read Across Charles County*

### **Adjournment**

## College of Southern Maryland offers summer opportunities

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) is looking for teachers for its summer Kids College and Teen College. The mix and match nature of the program allows teachers to create a work schedule and to work one, two or more weeks in the mornings, afternoons, or all day.

More than 100 enrichment programs will be offered to children ages 5-6 (Little Kids), ages 7-10 (Kids College), 11-14 (Teen College), and 15-up (High School) at each college campus in La Plata, Leonardtown, and Prince Frederick in the following topic areas:

- Arts and crafts
- Language arts
- Business
- Math and science

- Construction
- Personal finances
- Dance, music and theatre
- Photography
- Engineering and information technology
- Social studies
- Foreign languages
- Sports and athletics

The academic and personal enrichment classes are small (limited to 18-22 students) and emphasize investigation, discovery and creativity in a hands-on format.

To apply, go to: [www.csmd.edu/](http://www.csmd.edu/) employment. Click the Kids College link on the left side to view all vacancies and to apply online. For more information, contact John Terlesky, 301-934-7645.

## Juvenile intervention officers build positive rapport with students

*Officers educate students about early warning signs to violence, peer pressure, conflict resolution and accountability*

While it's difficult to measure the effect juvenile intervention officers have at their schools, their presence is invaluable.

"My officers have a hard time doing paperwork in their office because kids walk by, knock on their door and want to talk. There's no way to show what we have prevented, but their presence is there," said Sgt. Carl Rye, who oversees the juvenile intervention officer program.

Rye is one of eight juvenile intervention officers working on behalf of the Charles County Sheriff's Office with Charles County Public Schools to serve as law enforcement officers within the schools who also gather intelligence and present prevention and intervention strategies. They work to improve schools' strategies for securing and maintaining safe learning environments and communities.

Juvenile intervention officers' high visibility and rapport with students provides an avenue for students to solve problems that can lead to juvenile delinquency or violence.

They interact with students not only during school hours, but also at events such as sports games, proms, graduation and an annual three-on-three basketball tournament.

This direct interaction with students in a positive manner furthers the rapport juvenile intervention officers build with them as well as fosters a positive perception of the Charles County Sheriff's Office.

Additionally, juvenile intervention officers work to stop prob-



**POII Jennifer Vaino discusses the media's influence over young people in a Milton Somers Middle School D.A.R.E. class.**

lems before they begin by presenting school-based prevention programs including *Safe Schools* and *D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)*.

They also present *Truth and Consequence*, a five-day program that focuses on educating students about the early warning signs of violence, peer pressure, conflict resolution, accountability and problem solving.

During the summer, they work with a youth achievement program targeting middle school aged students who are at risk of entering the Maryland Juvenile System. In addition to tutoring, they work with these students on building social skills, enhancing their reading abilities and preventing substance abuse, violence and gang activity.

They participated in designing, implementing and helping carry out the *Youth Panels*, *Teen Court* and *Juvenile Drug Court* programs, all of which help juveniles restore relationships within their community through alternative methods.

Because of the program's success, there are plans to expand it by placing one full-time officer in each middle and high school and adding a second sergeant to help direct the program for the 2007-08 school year. Juvenile intervention officers are also looking to bring the *GREAT (Gang Resistance Education and Training) Program* to the school system.

The staff has come to depend on their officers, Rye said. "They're missed if for any reason they're out of the building," said Rye, who also noted that often they're the first people called when an incident occurs at the school.

### *Did you know?*

- There are eight juvenile intervention officers, including Sgt. Carl Rye who oversees the program, working on behalf of the Charles County Sheriff's Office with Charles County Public Schools.
- The juvenile intervention officer program plans to expand for the 2007-08 school year by placing one full-time officer in each middle and high school.
- Juvenile intervention officers teach a number of school-based prevention programs including *Safe Schools*, *D.A.R.E.* and *Truth and Consequences*.

## Personnel

Apply for positions at [www.ccboe.com/hur](http://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

**Principals** – Screening for all levels; eligible for Maryland State Department of Education Professional Certificate with Administrator II endorsement; five years successful school experience with a minimum of three in classroom teaching. Apply by March 9.

**Vice Principals** – Screening for all levels; 11- or 12-month positions; master's degree and Advanced Professional Certificate by the Maryland State Department of Education. Must be eligible for the MSDE Administrator I certificate and have three years of successful teaching experience. Apply by March 9.

**Food Service Managers** – Positions available at Maurice J. McDonough High School, Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Elementary School and John Hanson Middle School; 10-month positions. Apply by Feb. 8.

**Program Analyst/Project Manager** – 12 month position; Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building.

**Payroll Accounting Analyst** — Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building; 12-month position; associate's degree required; bachelor's degree in accounting preferred.

**Food Service Assistant Manager** —

Theodore G. Davis Middle School; 10-month position. Apply by Feb. 7.

**Food Service Assistant Manager** — Mattawoman Middle School; 10-month position. Apply by Feb. 9.

**Food Service Assistant Manager** — John Hanson Middle School; 10-month position. Apply by Feb. 9.

**Food Service Assistant Manager** – La Plata High School; 10-month position. Apply by Feb. 9.

**Guidance Secretary** — Theodore G. Davis Middle School; 11-month position. Apply by Feb. 12.

**Food Service Driver** — Robert Stethem Educational Center; 12-month position. Apply by Feb. 6.

**Building Service Assistant Manager** — John Hanson Middle School; 12-month position. Apply by Feb. 7.

**Web Developer/Television Producer** — Jesse Starkey Administration Building; 12-month position. Bachelor's degree required. Apply by Feb. 7.

**Food Service Worker** — John Hanson Middle School; four-hour, 10-month position. Apply by Feb. 9.

**Food Service Worker** – La Plata High School; five-hour, 10-month position. Apply by Feb. 9.

**Food Service Worker** — J.P. Ryon Elementary School; three-hour, 10-month position. Apply by Feb. 9.

**Instructional Assistant-Secondary** – La Plata High School; 10-month position. Apply by Feb. 9.

**Secretary to the Principal** – Mary H. Matula Elementary; 12-month position. Apply by Feb. 15.

**Mathematics Teachers** – Positions available at La Plata High School, Mattawoman Middle School and Robert D. Stethem Educational Center.

**Occupational Therapists** – Positions open at all age levels.

**Family and Consumer Science Teacher** – John Hanson Middle School.

**Power Reading Teacher** – General Smallwood Middle School.

**Kindergarten and Prekindergarten Teacher** – Indian Head Elementary School.

**Speech Language Pathologists** – Positions available at all elementary schools.

**Reading Resource Teacher** – Dr. James Craik Elementary School.

**Reading Recovery Teacher** – Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Elementary School.

**Business Teacher** – La Plata High School.

**Special Education Teachers** – Positions available at Thomas Stone, La Plata and Henry E. Lackey high schools.

**IEP Facilitator** – William A. Diggs Elementary School.

**English Teacher** – Robert D. Stethem Educational Center.

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