

School News



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Superintendent pushes for science, math programs

Superintendent of Schools James E. Richmond continues to push local and state officials for support of the science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, programs within Charles County Public Schools. On Monday, Feb. 11, Richmond and Judy Estep, assistant superintendent of instruction, along with staff from the Space Foundation, traveled to Capitol Hill to seek additional support for



County science teachers Jason Walent, of Milton M. Somers Middle School, left, and Wynelle Templeton, of Benjamin Stoddert Middle School, right, practice using their Goddard rocket during the Space Foundation in service held Feb. 12 at Lackey.

these programs from Maryland officials, such as Sen. Barbara Mikulski and Sen. Ben Cardin. "We went with members of the Space Foundation to highlight what we are doing in the county to enhance the focus on STEM programs. We discussed technology and its impact on the future," Richmond said.

To further develop the STEM programs in the school system, CCPS has developed a partnership with the Space Foundation, a Colorado Springs based nonprofit organization that supports space activities, space professionals and education. Richmond said the Space Foundation has partnerships with school districts across the country and chose to showcase their partnership with Charles County Public Schools. "Through our partnership with the Space Foundation, we continue to work with the county and the state to enhance our STEM programs to turn kids on to math and science

programs," Richmond said.

The Space Foundation continued its efforts to further develop the partnership with the school system on Tuesday, Feb. 12, by holding an in-service workshop for 140 science teachers of grades kindergarten through twelve. The session was held at Henry E. Lackey High School and was conducted by

Space Foundation Senior Aerospace Education Specialist Bryan DeBates. Hands-on activities in astronomy, earth systems science, biological and physical research, and space technologies were featured by DeBates, including a rocket lesson. Teachers were shown how to create straw and "Goddard" rockets, using materials such as straws, rubber bands and foam, to use with their students.

Tracy Travers, a science teacher at William A. Diggs Elementary School, said she plans to incorporate the straw rocket into a lesson. Joe Rubilotta, a science teacher at Mary H. Matula Elementary School, said the rocket project ties the STEM programs into the curriculum. "I thought the Space Foundation in-service was excellent. It is great to find ways to incorporate space science at all levels. Students love space science and they would love to see it throughout the year," he added.

Turner teacher gets technical

A. Woody DeLauder, a science teacher at Eva Turner Elementary School, recently attended the EduCon 2.0 Conference in Philadelphia Jan. 25 and 26. The conference was held at the Science Leadership Academy, a new public high school that focuses on science and leadership.

The conference was divided into sessions that examined how to teach students 21st Century literacy skills. The conference also focused on the importance of integrating technology into curriculum. For information, visit <http://educon20.wikispaces.com>.

Annual Report published

Charles County Public Schools recently published its 2008 Annual Report on the school system website, www.ccboe.com.

The report is linked to the public information/media tab located on the left-hand side of the home page, under the publications section. The report contains student and faculty accomplishments, school system budget information and a partial calendar for the 2008-09 school year.

Law requires school systems to publish an annual report. The direct link to the report on the CCPS website is www2.ccboe.com/PDF/2007-2008-annualreport.pdf.

Schools/offices closed

Schools and offices are closed on Monday, Feb. 18 for President's Day.

Read Across America

The Education Association of Charles County and Old County Buffet are sponsoring a Read Across America celebration on Wednesday, March 5 from 5 -7 p.m. at the restaurant. Call 301-392-0150 for information.

Meet the Board of Education on Channel 96

The Board of Education of Charles County is being featured on a "Meet the Board" segment on the school system's educational television station, Channel 96. Visit www.ccboe.com/publicinfo/channel96/ for a copy of the programming schedule.

Notebook

Central office staff honored

Christine Mais, executive assistant to Deputy Superintendent Ronald G. Cunningham, recently received an Award of Excellence from the South Atlantic Division of the American Cancer Society (ACS). The award is presented to outstanding volunteers who demonstrate exceptional work.

The award also recognizes those who are instrumental in activities that impact the ACS mission delivery outcomes in the Charles County community. She was also recognized for her work with the ACS Reach to Recovery program, which provides one-on-one contact to women diagnosed with breast cancer with other breast cancer survivors. Mais played a key role in establishing the Charles County Relay for Life and continues to support the annual Daffodil Days, another ACS campaign.

Sherrod breaks records

Margaret Sherrod, a physical education teacher at Benjamin Stoddert Middle School, set state track records in 2007 in the 400 and 800 meter races. She also set state records for running the fastest mile and the fastest five-mile race in 2007. She ran the 400 meter in 69 seconds and ran the fastest mile in 6 minutes, 5 seconds.

On the cover

Pictured on the front cover are employees from Henry E. Lackey High School. Pictured, from left, are: Kwame Smith, social studies teacher; Cathy Richards, instructional assistant; Gail Slaughter, food service worker; and Joseph Brawner, building service worker.



Polar plunge, anyone?

More than 25 Mary H. Matula Elementary School faculty, staff and community members, pictured above, participated in the Special Olympics “Shiver in the River” plunge on Saturday, Jan. 26 at Sandy Point State Park. The event requires participants to “plunge” or jump into the Chesapeake Bay, which reportedly had a water temperature of 28 degrees that day. Participants raised more than \$2,500 for the cause. This was Matula’s third year participating in the event.

February 19 Board agenda

The Board of Education has released its tentative agenda for Feb. 19. The public portion of the meeting begins at 4:30 p.m. with recognition in the Board room at the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building.

Executive Session – 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Call to order – 4:30 p.m.

• Pledge of Allegiance – Henry E. Lackey High School JROTC

Recognition

• Employees

- Nancy A. Murphy, pre-kindergarten teacher, Berry Elementary School;
- Joan M. Stup, Reading Recovery teacher, Eva Turner Elementary School;
- Zarina Ameen, guidance counselor, J.P. Ryon Elementary School; and
- Sharron M. Prairie, science teacher, La Plata High School.

• Students

- Julian Castrence, fifth grade, academic achievement, Berry;
- L’Nia Browne, fifth grade, personal responsibility, Turner;
- Thomas Jones, fifth grade, career readiness, Ryon; and
- Shijie Shen, senior, academic achievement, La Plata.

• Resolutions

- Read Across Charles County;
- Women’s History Month;
- Dana Sturdivant, Benjamin Stoddert Middle School, Charles County’s Outstanding Educator Using Technology;
- Aparna Joshi, Benjamin Stoddert Middle School, Charles County Outstanding Technology Leader in Education; and
- Fine and Performing Arts.

Superintendent’s update to the Board Approval of minutes

Reports of officers/boards/committees

- Correspondence/Board updates
- Education Association update
- Student Board Member update

Public Forum – 6:30 p.m.

Reports of officers/boards/committees

- Middle school programs
- CIP update
- Workers’ compensation policy statement
- Legislative update

Action items

• Personnel

Unfinished business

New business and future agenda items

- New business
- Future agenda items

The Board of Education is changing its meeting times in March. Starting March 11, the public portion of the meeting begins at 1 p.m.

Board to honor employees for 40, 35, 30 and 25 years of service to system

The Board of Education will honor more than 65 Charles County Public Schools employees on Feb. 21 ceremony who served the school system for 40, 35, 30 and 25 years.

40 years of service

- Dorothy E. Bush, food service manager, Dr. James Craik Elementary School; and
- John P. Nalborczyk, carpenter, Radio Station Road, Annex I.

35 years of service

- Arlene L. Bennof, special education teacher, T.C. Martin Elementary School;
- Penny Berg Nye, principal, Dr. James Craik Elementary School;
- Judith W. Chandler, guidance counselor, Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary School;
- Dennis M. Gavin, elementary teacher, Gale-Bailey Elementary School;
- Bonnie L. Guthrie, Reading Recovery teacher, Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Elementary School;
- Nancy S. Houston, science teacher, Mattawoman Middle School;
- Mary A. Johnson, elementary teacher, Dr. James Craik Elementary School;
- Darleen D. Kahl, health resource teacher, Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building;
- Janis M. McGeehan, reading resource teacher, C. Paul Barnhart Elementary School;
- Jimmy Morton, elementary teacher, Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School;
- Mary Anne Paesch, media specialist, La Plata High School;
- Mary R. Quesada-Embid, media specialist, Dr. Thomas L. Higdon Elementary School;
- James W. Sullivan, building service worker, Indian Head Elementary School;
- Dorothy R. Swann-Cole, guidance counselor, J.C. Parks Elementary School;
- Kay B. Thompson, mathematics teacher, Thomas Stone High School;
- William J. Walter, physical education teacher, Malcolm Elementary School; and
- Helen M. Welch, secretary to the principal, T. C. Martin Elementary School.

30 years of service

- Marianna E. Albrittain, computer teacher, Mattawoman Middle School;
- Richard S. Andrews, elementary teacher, Arthur Middleton Elementary School;
- Toni M. Bateman, physical education teacher, Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary School;
- Garth E. Bowling, Jr., principal, La Plata High School;
- Virginia N. Bridges, speech therapist, F. B. Gwynn Educational Center;
- Linda R. Brumberg, vocal music teacher, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer Elementary School;
- Polly P. Callahan, social studies teacher, Thomas Stone High School;
- Cynthia W. Corbett, special education teacher, John Hanson Middle School;
- Judith L. Downing, elementary teacher, Berry Elementary School;
- Cheryl L. Ervin, Reading Recovery teacher, William A. Diggs Elementary School;
- Joanne R. Fisher, gifted education teacher, Eva Turner Elementary School;
- Betty S. Fuller, secretary, supporting services, Radio Station Road, Annex I;
- Kathy A. Gabrielsen, special education teacher, Indian Head Elementary School;
- Charles E. Glaeser, Jr., physical education teacher, John Hanson Middle School;
- Kenneth B. Goldring, general maintenance worker, Radio Station Road Annex;
- Joanne T. Good, computer manager, Jesse L. Starkey Building;
- Janice C. Hall, food service manager, Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School;
- Natalie M. Hart, kindergarten teacher, Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary School;
- Roy R. Jenkins, instrumental music teacher, Mattawoman Middle School;
- Jane M. Larivee, special education teacher, Thomas Stone High School;
- Charles E. Larkin, elementary teacher, Mary H. Matula Elementary School;
- Jeritza N. Montgomery, special education teacher, Thomas Stone High School;
- Marcellus A. Pailen, instrumental music teacher, Matthew Henson Middle School;
- Barbara S. Palko, instructional support teacher, Jesse L. Starkey Building;

- Dennis G. Posey, truck driver, Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building;
- James P. Ressler, English teacher, Westlake High School;
- Phyllis M. Sams, English teacher, La Plata High School;
- Margaret G. Sherrod, physical education teacher, Benjamin Stoddert Middle School;
- James A. Smoyer, electrical engineer, Radio Station Road Annex I;
- John A. Tipsword, technology education teacher, Maurice J. McDonough High School;
- Joseph W. Troy, art teacher, La Plata High School;
- Elaine A. Tubb, government resource teacher, Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building; and
- Sallie L. Wilson, special education teacher, Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary School.

25 years of service

- Jean S. Beierle, Spanish teacher, Thomas Stone High School;
- Richard S. Callahan, science teacher, Thomas Stone High School;
- Joseph E. Coombs, building service worker, F.B. Gwynn Educational Center;
- Sandra K. Hamke, science teacher, Henry E. Lackey High School;
- Kathleen G. Jenkins, resource teacher, Thomas Stone High School;
- Adam J. Livers, general maintenance worker, Radio Station Annex;
- Timothy J. Maloy, technology education teacher, Mattawoman Middle School;
- Janet E. Mathews, food service worker, Matthew Henson Middle School;
- James W. McGill, building service worker, Eva Turner Elementary School;
- Ken K. Montez, painter, Radio Station Road Annex;
- Bernard E. Montgomery, building service worker, Thomas Stone High School;
- Eileen B. Soderberg, mathematics teacher, La Plata High School;
- Dale B. Ward, technology facilitator, Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary School; and
- Sue A. Wheeler, special education teacher, Gale-Bailey Elementary School.

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

Principals – Screening for all levels; eligible for Maryland Department of Education Professional certificate with Administrator II endorsement; five years successful school experience with three in the classroom.

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.

Secretary to Coordinator of Career & Technology – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building; 12-month position. Apply by Feb. 15.

Special Education Instructional Assistant, Life Skills – North Point High School; 10-month position. Apply by Feb. 19.

Building Service Manager – Mary B. Neal Elementary School; 12-month position. Apply by Feb. 19.

Secretary to the Principal – Mary B. Neal Elementary School; 12-month position. Apply by Feb. 19.

Electrician III – Maintenance Shop; 12-month position. Apply by Feb. 19.

Building Service Worker – William A. Diggs Elementary School; 12-month position. Apply by Feb. 20.

Meeting in the Middle Instructional Assistant – John Hanson Middle School; 10-month position. Apply by Feb. 22.

Kindergarten Instructional Assistant – Dr. James Craik Elementary School; 10-month position. Apply by Feb. 26.

Special Education Instructional Assistant – William B. Wade Elementary School; 10-month position. Apply by Feb. 26.

Food Service Substitutes – All schools.

Mathematics Teacher – Mattawoman and John Hanson middle schools; 10-month positions.

Science Teacher – Milton M. Somers Middle School; 10-month position.

Special Education Teacher – Henry E. Lackey High School; 10-month position.

Fifth-grade Teacher – William A. Diggs Elementary School; 10-month position.

Gifted Education Resource Teacher – Openings at all middle schools; 10-month positions.

Music Teacher – Milton M. Somers Middle School; 10-month position.

Family and Consumer Science/Childcare Teacher – North Point High School; 10-month position.

Special Education Teacher for Science –

La Plata High School; 10-month position.

Art Teacher – William A. Diggs Elementary School; 10-month position.

Music Teacher – William A. Diggs Elementary School; 10-month position.

Library and Media Specialist – Henry E. Lackey High School; 10-month position.

Speech Language Pathologists – Openings at all age levels; 10-month positions

IEP Facilitator – Openings at all age levels; 11-month positions.

AFJROTC Instructor – North Point High School.

ESOL Teacher – Openings at all age levels.

Charles County Public Schools is seeking teacher candidates who meet the certification requirements established by the MSDE for the following subject areas:

- Spanish, for future openings
- Mathematics, high school level

Staff Notes

Affordable Housing Fair

Human Resources is hosting an Affordable Housing Fair on Thursday, March 13, at North Point High School from 5 - 8 p.m. Employees can meet with realtors and lenders and can discover housing programs. Contact Beth Thorsen at 301-392-7580 for information.

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