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School system recognized for Relay for Life efforts

Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) staff and Superintendent of Schools James E. Richmond were recently recognized by the American Cancer Society for their fundraising efforts and contributions to the 2008-09 Relay for Life campaign.

During the 2008-09 school year, the school system raised more than \$133,331 for Relay for Life. CCPS also had 100 percent participation in the schools with representation from each school and center.

The top three fundraising schools/centers were: Dr. James Craik Elementary School - \$10,225 total donation; Westlake High School - \$9,645 total donation; and C. Paul Barnhart Elementary School - \$7,568 total donation.



Cristina Vandroff, event co-chair for Relay for Life of Charles County, left, presents Dr. James Craik Elementary School Principal Penny Nye, right, with a certificate on June 18 to recognize the school's \$10,225 donation to Relay for Life. Craik was the top donor in the 2008-09 school system's campaign.

Representatives from the American Cancer Society presented recognition certificates to principals from Craik, Westlake and Barnhart on June 18. Superintendent Richmond also received an award to recognize the school system for its participation.

Additionally, Relay for Life teams from all schools and centers participated in a

regional event held June 12 at Regency Furniture Stadium. The team from the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building received a trophy award for "Most Fun Camp Site," and a team from North Point High School received a trophy award for "Most Spirited Team."

For more information on Relay for Life, visit www.charlescountyrelay.org.

Schools, centers operating on summer schedule

Charles County Public Schools has changed summer office hours in selected schools and centers. The changes affect all CCPS locations that do not have extended day or community services programs. These locations are being placed on a 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. schedule. The schedule remains in effect until August 17.

The following schools will follow the summer schedule: Arthur Middleton Elementary School; C. Paul Barnhart Elementary School; Berry Elementary School; Dr. James Craik Elementary School; William A. Diggs Elementary School; Gale-Bailey Elementary School; Dr. Thomas L.

Higdon Elementary School; Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer Elementary School; Indian Head Elementary School; Malcolm Elementary School; Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Elementary School; Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary School; Mary B. Neal Elementary School; Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School; and Eva Turner Elementary School.

Offices at Piccowaxen and General Smallwood middle schools, North Point High School, the Robert D. Stethem Educational Center and the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building will also close at

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Register for the Space Institute

Space is still available for teachers interested in participating in the 2009 Charles County Public Schools Space Discovery Institute. The institute is available only for CCPS teachers and certificated staff. The institute includes six, weeklong sessions on astronomy, biological and physical research, Earth systems science, lunar/mars exploration, rocketry and space technologies in the classroom. Participants can sign up for more than one session.

The sessions are as follows: Biological and Physical Research, July 20-24; Earth Systems Science, July 20-24; Astronomy Principles for the Classroom, July 27-31; Space Technologies in the Classroom, July 27-31; Rocketry, Aug. 3-7; and Lunar/Mars Exploration/Base Construction, Aug. 3-7.

All courses will be held at North Point High School and taught by Space Foundation staff. Call 301-934-7327 for more information.

Additional retirees honored

A listing of retirees honored June 12 by the Board of Education was published in the June 5 edition of *School News*. Missing from the list was: Linda Flanagan, specialist in English and language arts; Joanne Fisher, gifted education teacher; Shirley Harris, school counselor; and Gladys White, social studies teacher.

Pictured above . . .

Pictured above are staff from Thomas Stone High School. Pictured, from left, are: Sharon Chalmers, English teacher; Fred Bell, food service manager; Marsha Dawes, instructional assistant; and Donald Mayer, instructional assistant.

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

Food Service, Assistant Manager – Location to be determined, 10-month position. Apply by July 7.

Kindergarten Instructional Assistant – T.C. Martin Elementary School, 10-month position. Apply by July 7.

Purchasing Analyst – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Bachelor's degree in business administration or related field required. Apply by July 2.

Building Service Worker – Milton M. Somers Middle School, 12-month position. Apply by July 10.

Computer Analyst II – Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. Bachelor's degree in information technology or related field required. Apply by July 7.

Instructional Assistant, secondary – Benjamin Stoddert Middle School, 10-month position. Apply by July 10.

Pre-K Instructional Assistant, Title I – C. Paul Barnhart Elementary School, 10-month position. Apply by July 10.

Media Instructional Assistant – Matthew Henson Middle School, 10-month position. Apply by July 14.

Secretary - Henry E. Lackey High School, 11-month position. Apply by July 13.

Special Education Teachers – Openings at all age levels, 10-month positions.

Family and Consumer Science Teacher – North Point High School, 10-month position.

Electronics Teacher – North Point High School; 10-month position.

Family & Consumer Science Teacher – High school level; 10-month position.

Health Occupations Teacher – North Point High School; 10-month position.

Chemistry Teacher – High school level; 10-month position.

Earth Science Teacher – High school level; 10-month position.

Physics Teacher – High school level; 10-month position.

Mathematics Teacher – High school level; 10-month position.

Spanish Teacher – High school level; 10-month position.

Technology Teacher – High school level; 10-month position.

Computer Science Teacher – High school level; 10-month position.

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3:30 p.m. for the summer. Matthew Henson Middle School will be open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Two county schools – La Plata and Thomas Stone high schools – have been designated as centralized meeting sites to accommodate evening meetings.

Schools and centers that have extended-day programs, including Charles County Parks and Recreation programs, will operate to accommodate program schedules.

They include: Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary School; J.C. Parks Elementary School; J.P. Ryon Elementary School; T.C. Martin Elementary School; Mary H. Matula Elementary School; William B. Wade Elementary School; Theodore G. Davis Middle School; John Hanson Middle School; Mattawoman Middle School; Milton M. Somers Middle School; Benjamin Stoddert Middle School; Henry E. Lackey High School; La Plata High School; Maurice J. McDonough High School; Thomas Stone High School; Westlake High School; F.B. Gwynn Educational Center; Lifelong Learning Center; and the Adult Services Center/Stone Annex.

Charles County Public Schools operated on a similar schedule last summer, which amounted to approximately \$100,000 in energy savings costs for the school system. Call 301-932-6610 for more information.

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