



School News

Important Dates Coming Soon

Things are looking up

The James E. Richmond Science Center will host Our Sky Tonight 7 p.m. Jan. 8. The show is free, but seating is limited. The show highlights constellations, stars and planets. Before Our Sky Tonight lights up, stop by the center for “The Dark Matter Mystery” at 6:15 p.m. Jan. 8. Admission is \$5 and doors open at 6 p.m. Admission is free for Charles County Public School staff, center members and children 3 and younger. For tickets, go to <http://www.ccboe.com/sciencecenter/tickets-301/>.

Smart, happy campers

Charles County Public School certificated employees are needed to teach in the Summer Enrichment Program. The camps start June 25. Proposals are due by Jan. 12 and can focus on any subject that might be of interest to students from prekindergarten to eighth grade. Organizers are looking for people interested in teaching — but not limiting it to — sports, cooking, music, world languages, environmental subjects, engineering, and gaming. Complete a proposal form at <http://bit.ly/2knumxl>. Instructional assistants must work with a certificated employee. Contact ataylor@ccboe.com or jcampbell@ccboe.com.

Scholarship fund

Families of college-bound high school seniors will want to stop by the Charles County Scholarship Fund, Inc. website. This year, a new feature is an electronic application. Go to <http://www.ccboe.com/ss/charles-county-scholarship-fund-inc/> to see a complete list of scholarships being offered. All scholarship applications must be completed and submitted by March 1.



In Code mode

Superintendent Kimberly Hill, left, sees how Morghan Hungerford’s second graders Kashawn Felder, Anthony White and Olivia Mathias at Arthur Middleton Elementary School use code to “program” an activity. Hill, along with representatives from the Maryland State Department of Education, visited area schools to see how technology is incorporated in the school day at all levels of learning.

School system to honor outstanding vice principal

Charles County Public Schools is looking for outstanding vice principals.

The school system is accepting nominations for its 2018 Outstanding Vice Principal Award to be presented to a vice principal who exemplifies excellence. Teachers, parents, students and administrators may submit nominations, and employees cannot nominate themselves.

The winner will be announced at a ceremony during the Board of Education’s June 12 meeting.

Nominees must be full-time employees, employed by Charles County Public Schools as a vice principal for at least three years, and have not received this award in the past five years. Nominees must meet criteria in the following areas:

Educational leadership — Nominee

implements strategies for improving teaching through effective programs; involves teachers and other staff members in achieving school goals; assists in ensuring school climate is positive; and functions effectively as a member of the school leadership team.

Resolving Complex Problems — Nominee maintains awareness of current and emerging issues, manages time and tasks efficiently, resolves issues, and utilizes technology to address educational situations.

Developing Self and Others — Nominee is committed to continued professional growth, teaches, coaches and helps students and their colleagues, and demonstrates and fosters creativity and imagination to help support positive student growth.

Community Service — Nominee involves the community in school events and

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uses community resources for students, and establishes partnerships with community groups to strengthen programs and support school goals.

Nomination materials must be submitted in a presentation binder and include:

- the nomination cover page;
- a maximum of 20 statements of support (must be current), including one for the school principal;
- a brief career summary; and
- a description of contributions in each area of the nomination criteria.

Nomination packets should be for-

warded to the office of human resources by Thursday, March 1.

A committee composed of administrative personnel will make the final selection. The recipient of the award will be registered as a member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

For more information, contact the office of human resources at 301-934-7255. Nomination materials are also posted on the school system website at <http://www.ccboe.com/index.php/boe-employee-recognition>.

Classified personnel nominations sought for awards

Charles County Public Schools is looking for award nominees for the 2018 Outstanding Classified Personnel Awards program. Award categories include building service, food service, instructional support, secretary, maintenance, information technology and central office support staff. This includes staff who work at the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, or the Annex I or Annex 2 buildings.

All nominations are due by Thursday, March 1 to the office of human resources. Award winners will be announced and recognized at the June 12 Board of Education meeting.

Nominees must meet the following criteria: works full-time, has been employed with the school system for a minimum of three school years in the area for which they were nominated, and not have received this award within the past five years.

Nominees must also meet criteria in the following areas:

- Resourceful in seeking and completing job duties;
- Seeks new knowledge and skills;
- Knows and understands all aspects of their assigned jobs;
- Utilizes technology where appropriate;
- Fosters cooperative relationships with students, colleagues and the community; and
- Demonstrates outstanding

leadership.

Nomination materials must be included in a presentation binder and should not exceed 15 pages.

All binders must include a cover page, career summary, description of contributions in the nomination criteria areas and statements of support.

Nomination binders for the building service, food service, instructional support, and secretary awards must include a minimum of 10 letters of support, including one from the principal/supervisor, three from co-workers and six from students, staff or the community.

Binders for the maintenance, information technology and central office support staff award nominations must include a minimum of eight letters of support, including one from the division supervisor and immediate supervisor, three from other department supervisors, and three from co-workers or staff.

Binders are due to the office of human resources by March 1. Call 301-934-7255 for more information.

Late nominations and nominations submitted with incomplete binders will not be considered.



On the cover

Pictured on the front cover from left are CCPS teachers Ann Herbert, prekindergarten teacher at Gale-Bailey Elementary School; Peter Wilt, social studies teacher at Milton M. Somers Middle School; and Tara Lakshmanan, a fifth-grade teacher at Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Elementary School. Wilt and Herbert were honored by the Board of Education during its Dec. 12 Board meeting.

AFSCME meets monthly

American Federation of State, County, Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 2981, the union for non-certificated support staff, meets 4:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the F.B. Gwynn Center, 5998 Radio Station Road, La Plata. The meetings are open to all dues paying members. Non-members can join at the meeting and attend.

Town Hall meetings set

The Board of Education has scheduled two Town Hall meetings for employees. The first meeting is for certificated staff and is scheduled for 4:30-6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 22, in the staff development room at the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building. Sign up for participants for the certificated Town Hall meeting is now closed; however the meeting is open to the public. The second meeting is for support staff and scheduled for 4:30-6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 26, in the boardroom at the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building. Sign up for this meeting will begin this month.

Workshops planned

Restorative Practices Workshops will be held starting in February. The 15-hour training is available during the work day with a sub and afterschool with a stipend. The work day sessions are Feb. 27-28, March 5-6, April 9-10, April 18-19 and April 23-24. The afterschool option will be divided into four evening sessions on March 12, 14, 19 and 21. To register, go to <http://registration.ccboe.com> and search the keyword Restorative.

Workshops open

Afterschool workshops in varying subjects are being held through March. To find out more, go to <http://registration.ccboe.com>.

Fraternity does a 'wheely' good deed for students of C. Paul Barnhart Elementary School

The holiday gifting season began a little earlier this past Wednesday for 30 C. Paul Barnhart Elementary School students. They were surprised with brand new bicycles, equipped with safety helmets and stockings full of goodies. The bicycles were courtesy of the Omicron Delta Sigma Chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., whose members surprised the students at school with the bikes on Dec. 20. To be considered for one of the bicycles, students had to enter an essay contest run by Barnhart staff. The contest was open for students in prekindergarten through fifth grades. Barnhart's younger students in grades prekindergarten through first grade had to draw a picture and write a brief statement on why they would like a new bike. Second through fifth graders had to submit a letter stating why they would like a new bike. The administrative team and Barnhart school counselor Frannia Bryant reviewed all entries and chose the 30 students they thought were most deserving of a new bike. "We have been doing this for three years now. Almost the entire school entered. We have about 720 students here," Bryant said.

One student submitted a letter in support of his brother receiving one of the bikes. Second grader Timothy Craft was one of the 30 students who received a bicycle. His mother, Tanaja Thomas, said her older son had entered the essay contest to ask for a bike for his younger brother. "His brother entered the contest for him. He said 'wouldn't it be great if Timothy could get a new bike?' Timothy had no idea his brother wrote an essay for him," Thomas said. Craft said his older brother, Barnhart fifth grader Tashawn Thomas, was an awesome big brother. "This really makes me feel good. The chain just broke on my old bike," Craft said. It was a surprise for those chosen to receive a bike. However, their parents were notified and invited to school for the presentation of the bikes. Barnhart fifth grader Zakiah Ziegler received a black and pink bike. Her mother, Linda, was excited for her and said Zakiah is a disciplined and driven student.

"She loves school. She loves to help her teacher and is always looking to help anyone in need. Her teacher is constantly sending me notes about how well she is doing in school. She takes initiative and completes an assignment as soon as she gets it. She is one of a kind," Ziegler said. Fourth grader Amelia King was chosen to receive a bike and said



Angel Cook, a fourth grader at C. Paul Barnhart Elementary School, front, is pictured with members of the Omicron Delta Sigma Chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Help wanted

Superintendent Kimberly Hill would like to highlight community service groups and the efforts they make to help and enrich the lives of our students and their education.

Contact sktaylor@ccboe.com, smackey@ccboe.com or komalley@ccboe.com with the names of groups that are active in your school and better the lives of students in Charles County Public Schools.

she was excited to get outdoors to ride it. "I am excited to get a new bike. I am too big for my old bike so this is pretty cool," King said. Kendrick Faison is the recent past president of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Omicron Delta Sigma Chapter. He, along with several of his fraternity members, helped to present the bikes to students. According to Faison, the fraternity has a service foundation and helps to support schools and organizations in the local community. He said the group chose to support Barnhart because they have a mentoring program at Benjamin Stoddert Middle School, which is a feeder middle school for Barnhart.

"This is our third year of doing this here at Barnhart. We have a mentorship program at Stoddert and this school feeds into there. This year we partnered with the Waldorf Walmart,



Timothy Craft, a second grader at Barnhart, was nominated by his older brother, Tashawn Thomas, to receive a bike.

who gave us a \$1,500 community grant to help get these bikes," Faison added. The fraternity also recently coordinated for several Stoddert students to attend a leadership event, and helps to fund the school store at Barnhart when it runs low on school supplies.

Barnhart Principal Benjamin Kohlhorst reminded his students to be safe with their new bikes and to be sure and thank the fraternity members. "Make sure you wear your helmet. And take good care of the bike. It is your property. Lastly, please be sure to thank anyone in a blue jacket. They are the ones who set this up for you," Kohlhorst said.

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Charles County Board of Education to meet Jan. 9

The Board of Education's next monthly meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building on Radio Station Road in La Plata.

The public portion of the meeting begins at 1 p.m. The meeting is televised live on Comcast Channel 96 and Verizon FiOS Channel 12, and is rebroadcast throughout the week. Board meetings are streamed live on the Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) website, www.ccboc.com.

Executive session – 12 p.m.

Call to order – 1 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – Maurice J. McDonough High School

Recognition of 2018 Maryland General Assembly Student Pages

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Superintendent's update to the Board

Reports of officers/boards/committees

- Correspondence/board member updates
- Education Association of Charles County update
- American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees update
- Student Board member update
- CCPS anti-bullying efforts
- Student discipline programs
- Inclement weather procedures
- Proposed FY2019 operating budget
- Legislative update

Unfinished business

- Environmental scan update

New business and future agenda items

- New business
- Future agenda items

Recognition – 4:30 p.m.

- Check presentation from Charles County Arts Alliance
- Recognition of La Plata Rotary Club
- **Resolutions** — *Black History Month; Career and Technical Education Month; National School Counseling Week; and Gifted and Talented Education Month*
- **Students** — Keara Watkins of St. Charles High School; D'Kairi Boone of Benjamin Stoddert Middle School; Ava Rowledge of Dr. James Craik Elementary School; Jasmine Ross of Malcolm Elementary School; and Carsyn Martin of J.C. Parks Elementary School.
- **Employees** — Brandon Simpson of St. Charles; Julie Colaizzi of Stoddert; Hope Warren of Craik; Debra Coates of Malcolm; and Ashley Lyles of Parks.

Public Forum – 6 p.m.

Action items

- Minutes
- Personnel
- John Hanson Middle School grant of access

Adjournment

Personnel

Apply for positions online at www.ccboc.com/jobs/currentopenings.php. All teaching positions require a bachelor's degree and MSDE certification requirements.

Job openings

Building service worker — Thomas Stone High School, 12-month position. Applicants must have the ability to read and write effectively and be physically capable of performing manual labor. • Good verbal communications and human relation skills are a must. Applicants should have a willingness to work overtime as required in cases of emergency. Apply by Jan. 16.

Instructional Assistant — all middle schools, 10-month position. Applicants should have a demonstrated interest in and aptitude for working with secondary school-aged children and excellent human relations skills. Good oral and written communication skills and the ability to communicate effectively with staff,

students and parents are a must. A high school diploma is required. Position opened until filled.

Building Service Worker Floater — A high school diploma or GED is required. Applicants must have the ability to read and write effectively and be physically capable of performing manual labor. Good verbal communications and human relation skills are a must. A willingness to work overtime as required in cases of emergency is required. Position opened until filled.

Staff accountant — Internal Controls/Audit — Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, 12-month position. A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with specialization in accounting and audit is required. A master's degree or Certified Public Accountant (CPA), preferred. Position open until filled.

Budget Manager — Jesse L. Starkey

Administration Building, 12-month position. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with specialization in accounting, finance or a related field. Position opened until filled.

Bus Driver Substitute — Applicants must have a high school diploma and five years of successful work experience preferably as a school bus driver in Maryland. Must annually pass the Maryland School Bus Drivers Physical Examination and meet all federal, state and local school bus driver requirements. Position open until filled.

Home and Hospital Instructor — location to be determined, hourly employee. A bachelor's degree is required and applicants should have experience working with students. Applicants should have excellent analytical, problem solving and troubleshooting abilities. Position open until filled.