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Reaching New Heights Together!

## Recognition & Awards

The Caroline Education Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of 2016-2017 CEF Innovation Grants. CEF Grants encourage and reward innovative classroom instructional approaches supportive of college and career readiness, technology integration, critical thinking/problem solving, STEM/STEAM, project based learning, student leadership/collaboration, etc. Congratulations to the following grant recipients:

### Joseph Robinson (BGES, ITRT) – Stem, Steam, or Does It Matter, \$500.00

To successfully implement STEAM, there is a need to transition the learning environment from teacher-centered to student-centered. Essentially, the teacher becomes more of a resource, while students plan, design, implement, and evaluate their own learning. This change in environment calls for varied resources that effectively integrate standards from multiple disciplines.

- Requested Resource – A Flybrix kit is a drone constructed from Lego bricks; controlled by an application on a tablet; diagnostics are tested on a computer, designed to repeatedly withstand several trial and error periods.
- Student Usage – 5<sup>th</sup> graders will use these kits to integrate multiple disciplines, record data, problem solve, write, read, and receive feedback among other possibilities. The kits can be built and rebuilt enabling students to problem solve and rethink the design. Overall, the kits assist with multi-disciplinary instruction and real world application which are vital for making meaningful connections between school and society.

### Samantha Hall (1st Grade, LCES) - Movement to Increase Learning, \$475.00

Students desire movement while learning. The Wobble Chairs by Kore and Wobble Cushions provide students the opportunity to move safely while sitting, ultimately increasing attention and learning during small group reading and math instruction.

- Requested Resources – 6 Wobble Chairs and 2 Wobble Cushions
- Student Usage – The teacher will model for students the correct usage of chairs and classroom expectations for use while at the reading/math table; research shows positive impact on students' active participation and increased test scores; increases blood to the brain – positive impact on students identified as having ADHD or Autism

### Dwayne Parker & Angela Wright (CMS) - Watch D.O.G.S./MORE - Men Organized to Raise Engagement, \$500.00

The intended outcome of the Watch DOGS/MORE implementation is to provide greater access to positive male role models for students. Research documents the presence of a male figure provides an additional deterrent to bullying, enhances a sense of security in the building, develops male leaders, and helps create an environment conducive to learning.

- Requested Resources – Funds will be used to purchase a Watch DOGS start-up kit, t-shirts, and a Spanish implementation guide
- Proposed Implementation Timeline (flexible) – Identify Watch DOGS/MORE volunteers (Dec./Jan.); Roll-out program to school community and identify student participants (Jan./Feb.); Full implementation - Watch DOGS/MORE meeting (Feb.), Program Monitoring (March-May); and End-of-Year Watch DOG/MORE Celebration (May)

The Caroline Education Foundation, the CCPS School Board, and the Superintendent look forward to celebrating the CEF grant recipients at the January 9, 2017 School Board Meeting. Congratulations!



### LCES, CMS, & CHS Holiday Performance

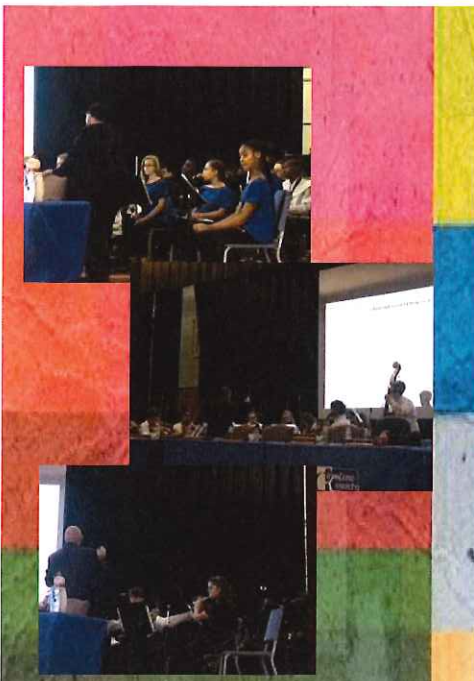
A "shout out" to the LCES Choir (Director, Mrs. French), CMS Band (Director, Ms. Mott), CMS Strings (Director, Ms. Yanos), and the CHS Band (Director, Mr. Coleman) for their spirited holiday performance at last evening's School Board Meeting. CCPS wishes all employees a restful and rejuvenating winter break.

## 2017-2018 Instructional Calendar Input Window

Caroline County Public Schools is pleased to present two draft 17-18 Instructional Calendars for stakeholder review and comment. The CCPS Instructional Calendar Committee (parents, support staff, teachers, administrators, and central office staff) worked collaboratively during the month of November with the aim of preserving and enhancing various aspects of the academic calendar. Option A and Option B reflect committee input as well as local and state mandates that provide parameters for calendar development. For more information regarding the committee's work and regulatory requirements, please see the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document on the CCPS website.

Please take a moment to review [Options A and B \(CCPS Website\)](#) and provide us with feedback. The [Google survey \(CCPS website\)](#) will close on Wednesday, December 21, 2016. We look forward to presenting a final calendar to the School Board at the February 13, 2017 School Board Meeting.

Thank you for taking a moment to provide us with constructive input!



## STAFF APPOINTMENTS

### Licensed Personnel

**Mallory Ganoë**, History and Social Science Teacher, CHS

### Support Personnel

**Celina Dosado**, Paraprofessional, LCES

**Sirinya Kiser**, Paraprofessional, LCES

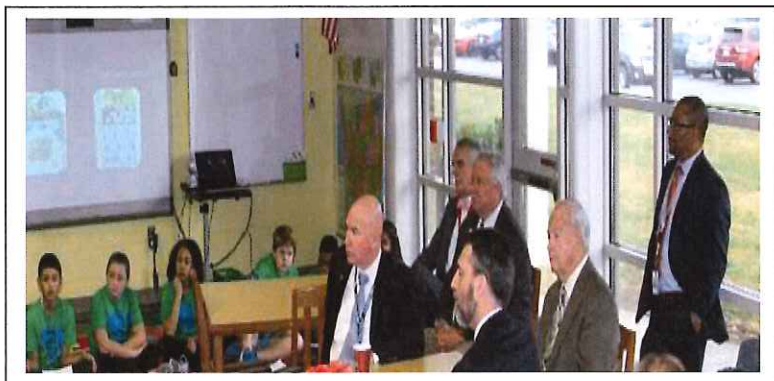
**Jennifer Lopez**, Paraprofessional, LCES

**Tina Cooper**, Part-Time Food Service Technician

**Alexis Mosley**, Part-Time Cashier, MES

**Joseph Sullivan**, Substitute Custodian

**Lisa Stevens**, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent



## Take Your Legislator to School Month

On November 30, 2016, a group of county officials including legislators, Board of Supervisors, and School Board members loaded onto a Caroline County School Bus for a tour of all the schools. In an effort to promote further collaboration between public education and the Virginia General Assembly, the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) urged each school division in the Commonwealth to invite at least one legislator to visit schools during the month of November.

During the tour, each school utilized various student leaders to showcase outstanding academic and extra-curricular activities which help out students "Reach New Heights" in CCPS. Highlights included STEM projects, JROTC, CTE programs, step club, technology usage, co-teaching, BETA, PBIS... to name a few! Special guests were treated to a lunch created by the Caroline High School Culinary Arts students. As the bus toured the county schools, various presentations were given by the Senior Staff on topics including recruitment and retention of teachers, professional development, and federal programs.

CCPS looks forward to continuing to nurture these critical partnerships and to further expanding this opportunity during the 2017-2018 school year. Job well done students, staff, and administrators!

Next School  
Board Meeting

**JAN. 9**

5:30 p.m.

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## Upcoming Dates & Reminders

Dec. 21 – Early

Dismissal/Teacher Workday

Dec. 21 – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

Dec. 22-Jan. 2 – Winter Break

Jan. 3 – Teacher Workday

Jan. 4 – School Reopens

Jan. 10 – Report Cards

Jan. 16 - Holiday

## December Board Action Items

- Approval of Payments Related to CHS/MES Renovations
- Request from Caroline County for an Easement at CT Smith
- Approval of updates to the Division Title 1 Parental Involvement Policy
- Approval of Review of Policy JHDA: Human Research and Regulations