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Superintendent's Monthly Update DECEMBER 2018

Federal Programs >>> Making a good first impression counts!

Happy holidays! I am honored and humbled to serve as Caroline County Public Schools' Superintendent. As we move into a new year, our collective team will renew our focus on ensuring all efforts are centered on *Pathways 2022* strategic goals: Teaching and Learning, School and Community Relationships, Health and Safety, and Organizational Effectiveness.

To support the division's continued growth and success, the 90-Day Entry Plan process will afford me the opportunity to deepen my existing knowledge of the various CCPS stakeholder groups. As I begin my "Look, Listen, and Learn Tour", I eagerly await to opportunity to meet with students, staff, parents, PTA boards, advisory groups, community partners, business partners, law enforcement, faith leaders, and local government to delve more deeply into our strengths, opportunities, and needs.

Through collaboration, communication, and engagement, we can support each CCPS graduate in achieving a 3E... enrollment, enlistment, and/or employment! #ExploreTodayImpactTomorrow

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Representatives of the Virginia Kindergarten Readiness Program (VKRP),

based out of University of Virginia, visited Madison ES to videotape kindergarten teachers, the math coach, and Principal Haley about their superior implementation of the VKRP kindergarten assessment.

CCPS began using the VKRP at all three elementary schools during the program's inception in 2014. Next school year, all VA schools will be required to use the assessment for all kindergarten students. VKRP assesses students entering kindergarten in the areas of mathematics, self-regulation, social skills, and literacy.

The MES video will be showcased throughout the state to inform school divisions of the advantages and insights the VKRP provides to teachers.

Technology >>> Hour of Code!

BGES, MES, LCES, and CMS participated in the Hour of Code, a one hour event that introduces students to computer science. Students practiced their programming skills using iPads and computers. The Hour of Code coincides with **Computer Science** Education Week which took place from December 3-9.





Food Service >>>

New Equipment!

Food Service is happy to report CCPS was awarded nearly \$14,000 in USDA Equipment Grant funds. The funds will be used to replace equipment at Caroline Middle School... earmarked for replacement – the steamer which is original to CMS!





Leadership/Improvement >>>

Robotics!

The CHS Robotic Innovators and Coach Shockley took 14th out of 48 teams at its first competition in November. The team was awarded the "Judges Award" at the December 8th competition. Congratulations! New School Zone Signs!

Pathways 2022: Goal 3 – Health and Safety

The CCPS Maintenance team installed two additional school zone signs at Caroline High School to support increased student/driver safety! Pictured to the right, Rob Perkins helps install the new signs while Geoffrey Honan, maintenance supervisor, checks for accuracy!

Check out the safety upgrades to the CTE Automotive Shop:





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Assistant Superintendent Announced: **Dr. Herb Monroe**

At the Caroline County School Board meeting on December 17, 2018, Dr. Herbert T. Monroe III was named the Assistant Superintendent. Dr. Monroe has served as the CCPS Director of School Leadership and Improvement since July 1, 2016. During his tenure, Dr. Monroe supervised K-12 building leadership and coordinated division school improvement efforts to maximize student performance, state accreditation, and federal accountability. These efforts contributed to the increase in school accreditation from 40% to 80% in two years. Career and technical education, homeschool, alternative educational programs, and school safety were also key areas of Dr. Monroe's leadership responsibilities. CCPS welcomes Dr. Monroe into the new role of Assistant Superintendent.

CCPS 2019-2020 Calendar Survey

Caroline County Public Schools is pleased to present a 2019-2020 "draft" Instructional Calendar for stakeholder review and comment. The CCPS Instructional Calendar Committee worked collaboratively on December 3, 2018 with the aim of preserving and enhancing various aspects of the academic calendar. The 2019-2020 draft calendar reflects committee input as well as contractual and state mandates that provide parameters for calendar development. For more information regarding the committee's work and regulatory requirements, please see the <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> (PDF).

Please take a moment to review the <u>2019-2020 Draft</u> <u>Calendar</u> (PDF) and provide feedback. The survey will be open Friday, December 14th through December 28th. Thank you for your feedback and time!

FY20 Budget Process: Funding our Schools

Parents, guardians, staff, and community leaders. Caroline County Public Schools is excited to learn about Governor Northam's proposed financial support of public education. While his complete budget will not be released until December 18, we are working with numerous stakeholders to craft our needs based budget and prioritize the 58 budget requests that were submitted by schools and departments during the month of November. Throughout the budget season, we are committed to keeping our staff and community abreast of budget developments. Our theme will be Awareness, Education, and Advocacy! Please take a moment to read the one-page December CCPS Budget Update (PDF). Learn about the Governor's proposed budget initiatives, CCPS budget committee work, and very important budget dates to add to your calendar!

Together we can and will empower the next generation of learners, thinkers, and leaders!

A look at our schools >>>

All Lewis and Clark Elementary students participated in a School Wide Sing-A-Long before Winter Break! Sign Language Club, Chorus, and Dance Team all performed during the assembly!



CMS, NJHS students are getting in the spirit by wrapping gifts to bless others this holiday season!





BGES..Stem day rotation in 4th grade. Students had the opportunity to make slime, build Christmas trees, and participate in an egg drop experiment.



Bowling Green Christmas Parade







