

Superintendent's Monthly Update



Dr. Sarah Calveric
Caroline County Public Schools

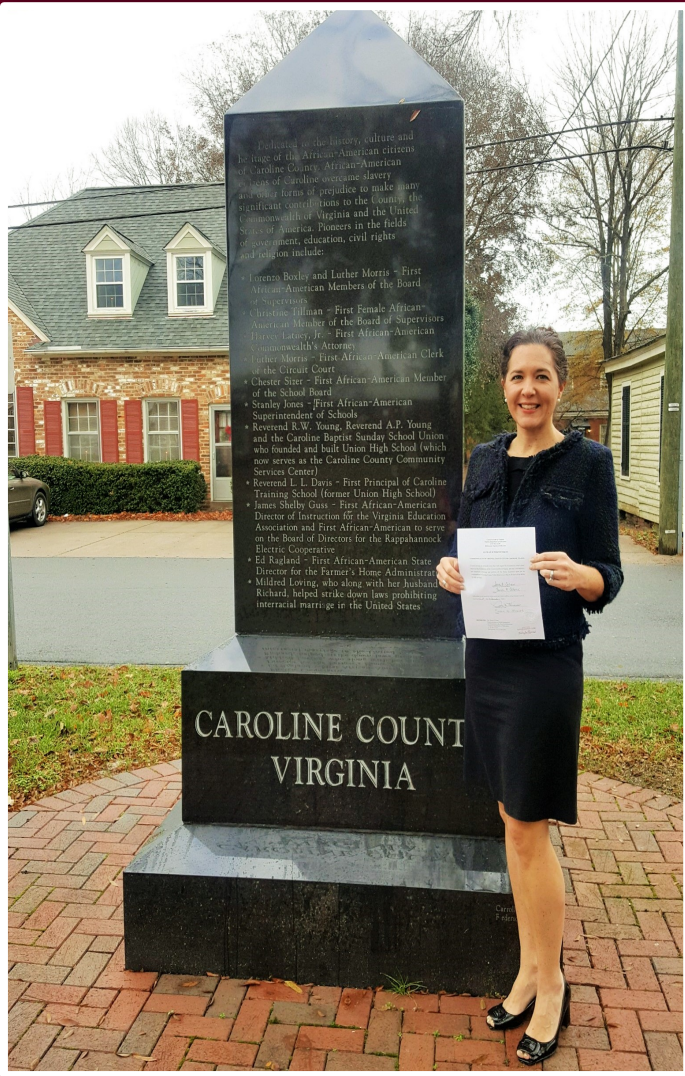
November 2018

Caroline County School Board Appoints New Superintendent

The Caroline County Public School Board will recognize Sarah B. Calveric, Ph.D. as the next Superintendent of Caroline County Public Schools at its regularly scheduled meeting on **December 10, 2018**. Dr. Calveric has served as the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction for CCPS since 2016.

School Board Chairman, George Spaulding stated, "I am honored to have worked with my fellow School Board members in selecting Dr. Calveric to be our next superintendent. Dr. Calveric's experience as an educator and her extensive leadership across many aspects of Caroline County Public Schools as Assistant Superintendent of Instruction will enhance her success in guiding CCPS to even greater achievement. When Dr. Calveric began employment with CCPS in 2016, she charted a course with the instructional leadership team that resulted in CCPS schools moving from 40% fully accredited to 80% fully accredited in two years. I believe she will capitalize on previously established student and staff relationships while simultaneously forging new, collaborative partnerships with the greater Caroline community. I look forward to continuing to work with Dr. Calveric in this new capacity and am excited for the energy, knowledge, and expertise she brings to the position."

Dr. Calveric will be conducting a number of Meet and Greet opportunities. **Please join her at the CCPS All Schools Art Show on Saturday, December 8th from 3:00-4:30** (114 Main Street, Bowling Green). Stay for the 5:00 Bowling Green Parade and view CCPS students and staff display their holiday



Congratulations

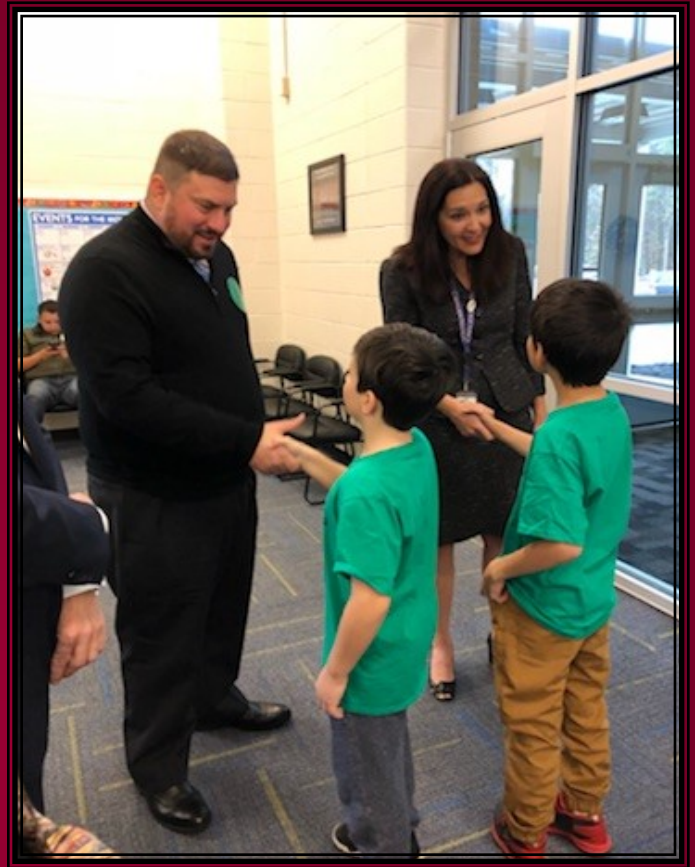
SUPERINTENDENT

From the Desk of Dr. Sarah Calveric

On Monday, November 26, Dr. James Lane, Virginia Superintendent of Public Instruction, visited Madison Elementary School. Mustang students, staff, and administrators treated our honored guest to an introduction to the CCPS Profile of a Graduate, PK-12 programs, STEM, Units of Study writing conferences, and the Young Explorers program. Thank you to MES for showcasing the Caroline Way...

communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creative thing, and citizenship!

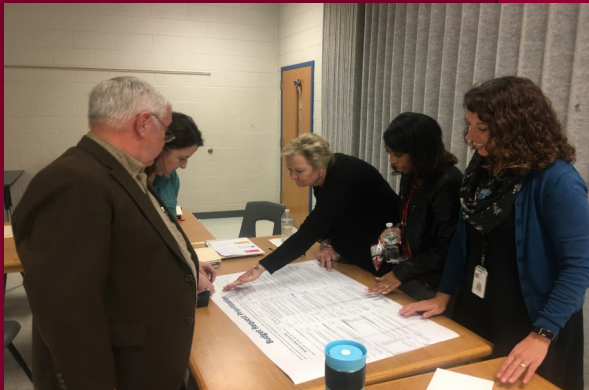
#ExploreTodayImpactTomorrow





BUDGET & FINANCE

- ◆ The first Superintendent Budget Advisory Committee meeting was held on November 26, 2018. Parents, faith leaders, community members, and staff discussed Pathways 2022 (strategic plan), CCPS Legislative priorities, and FY19 budget accomplishments and adjustments, and budget priorities for FY20. The committee's input will be used to drive the creation of the FY20 budget. The next budget meeting will be held on January 10, 2019.
- ◆ CCPS anticipates the Governor's budget to be released during the third week of December. Once available, the VDOE will create a financial template based on the Governor's priorities, which will be used when creating the CCPS FY20 budget.
- ◆ The School Board will hold a public hearing for the FY20 budget on **January 28, 2019**. We invite all Caroline residents and CCPS staff to join us in advocating for a budget supportive of students, staff, and the strategic plan goals: Teaching and Learning, School and Community Relationships, Health and Safety, and Organizational Effectiveness.



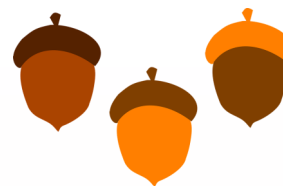
1:1 CHROMEBOOK INITIATIVE

The 1:1 Advisory Committee met on November 7, 2018 at CHS. The committee is comprised of students, parents, teachers, ITRTs, community members and a board member. During the meeting, members were informed about the (Why) of the digital conversion, the purpose (What), and then worked collaboratively in small groups to brainstorm the following next (How):

- Wi-fi accessibility (Home/Community)
- Stakeholder Communication & Professional Development for Parents
- Sustained Secondary Implementation & Elementary Roll-out
- Engaging Community and Business Partnerships
- Innovator Award-what does this look like?

The next meeting is scheduled on February 7, 2019 at CHS from 4:30-5:30.

ASSESSMENT



The fall testing season is underway! Following Thanksgiving break, the window for the non-writing Standards of Learning tests opened. Students slated to graduate in December, term graduates, began testing during this time. All other students enrolled in history, science, and math courses as well as EOC Reading began 1st semester SOL testing this week..

VDOE Testing Updates

For students taking high school SOL courses, there are a few changes to testing this fall. The revised 2017 Standards of Accreditation specifies:

- ⇒ Students shall not be required to take an end-of-course SOL test after they have earned the number of verified credits required for graduation, unless a test is necessary for federal accountability requirements.
- ⇒ At the high school level, students must be tested once in reading, math, and science to meet federal accountability or Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requirements. The designated tests for ESSA are EOC Reading, Algebra I, and Biology.
- ⇒ For students who took Algebra I or Geometry in middle school, they will take the next level math SOL test for accountability. For example, if a student took Geometry in 8th grade, then, he or she will take the Algebra II test in high school to meet the federal accountability requirement.

The chart below details the current graduation requirements for students.

Graduation Requirements		
Current 9 th Graders	Current 10 th /11 th /12 th Graders	
Standard/Advanced Diploma	Standard Diploma	Advanced Diploma
1 verified credit each in Reading, Writing, Science, Math, and History.	1 verified credit each in Reading, Writing, Science, Math, and History 1 student choice	2 verified credits each in English(1 Reading, 1 Writing), Science, Math, and History 1 student choice



TRANSPORTATION

Bus Winter Safety Tips

Students should dress appropriately for cold weather and wear heavy jackets, hats, mittens or gloves, and boots. In addition, students should be on time at the bus stop. However, sometimes buses will be late due to weather and/or road conditions, and in those cases, **students are not expected to wait more than 15 minutes for their bus to arrive.** If possible, parents should drive their children to school if their bus is more than 15 minutes late. If a bus is running late – our bus drivers do their best to alert the school and the Transportation department.

Other tips for students:

- Students should wait for the bus several feet further back off the road in a safe place. The roads can be slippery.
- Use the handrail when boarding and exiting the bus to prevent slips and falls on icy steps.
- Keep head and limbs inside the bus windows to prevent frostbite and other injuries.
- Before crossing in front of the bus, wait for an “all clear” from the driver. Cross 10 feet in front of the bus so the driver can see you as you cross.
- Don’t play on snow piles at the bus stop — you could slide into the street.
- Don’t try to retrieve personal items from under the bus that may have fallen — the driver can’t see you.
- Don’t push or shove when getting on or off the bus.
- Don’t chase the bus or grab the bus when it’s moving.

Tips for parents and guardians:

- Parents should keep their car windows clear of frost, ice and snow.
- Parents should use extra caution in school zones and at bus stops, especially where snow piles exist.
- If a student misses the pick-up, don’t try to catch the bus at another stop. Drive the student all the way to school.
- Don’t follow buses too closely with your car — they make frequent stops.
- Always stop for red flashing signals on a bus.



Update from Caroline High School

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

From the Desk of Mr. Jeff Wick



CAV NATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Cav Nation experienced a variety of accomplishments during the month of November. Clockwise from top left:

- 1) JROTC cadets visiting the Marine Corps Museum, where they learned about Marine Corps history and were commended by the Head of Security for their exemplary behavior.
- 2) Students participated in mock interviews at the Chamber of Commerce in Fredericksburg. Students practiced interviewing skills with one of 22 businesses. Seven students were offered jobs.
- 3) Theater students finished 3rd in the region. Simon Ganley, middle of first row, received a Best Actor award.
- 4) Powderpuff cheerleaders, with the sophomores (orange) playing the juniors (red) in the background. The seniors defeated the sophomores in the title game to be crowned 2018 Powderpuff Champions.



Update from Caroline Middle School

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

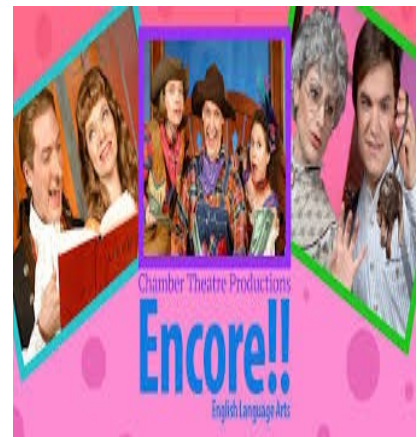
From the Desk of Karen Foster

During the month of November, CMS partnered with Caroline County Fire and Rescue, Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center, and Gwyneth's Gift to be able to provide hands only CPR Training to all CMS Eagles.



We are thankful for community partnerships...
supporting teaching, learning, safety, and wellbeing!

Students had the opportunity this month to travel into throughout the state of Virginia for a variety of learning experiences. A group of about 50 seventh grade students traveled to VMI to participate in the AMC Math Competition, while members of BETA participated in a leadership summit in Williamsburg. Finally, 8th grade classes traveled to Richmond for the Chamber Theater production of Edgar Allen Poe stories.



Update from Madison Elem. School

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

From the Desk of Terrie Haley

Parents and grandparents visited with their special Mustangs for a thankful Thanksgiving luncheon. The tables were adorned with decorations and paper table cloths to encourage parents to leave thankful comments. There were a lot of thankful comments regarding the staff and faculty of MES. MUSTANG PRIDE !



The annual career fair was a huge success! All involved had a great learning experience. Here are a few of our wonderful presenters.



We received a variety of donations to support families who expressed a need during the holidays. Thank you to the Caroline Ruritans, Intercept, Mustang Staff, and Victorious Believers Community Church! Families received boxes of food including turkeys, vegetables, fruits, and trimmings.



Update from Lewis & Clark Elem. School

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

From the Desk of Cyndi Brown & Geoff White



Lunch Bunch group in the Principal's Office. At LCES we are focusing on making meaningful relationships with our students. Administration takes time out to have lunch and engaging conversation with our students.

Meteorologist Nikki-Dee Ray, from CBS 6 News, visited our school on November 8. She shared with the students how and why she became a meteorologist. She also showed them behind the scenes videos of how she prepares the weather each morning. Some lucky Grizzly students were able to pretend to be a meteorologist with their peers.



Maranatha Ministries of Ladysmith, VA donated 50 turkeys(10-12 pounds each) plus all the sides and fixings to make a complete dinner for a family of five. This is a new organization here in the area. We are excited to partner with them so we can help our LCES families.



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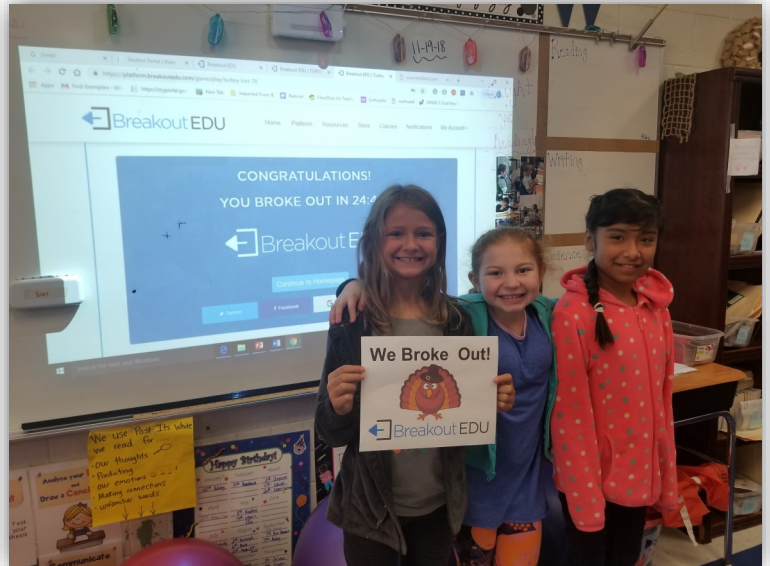
Update from Bowling Green Elem. School



Dr. Smith is busy delivering pie to staff members to show thankfulness!

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

From the Desk of Dr. Glynda Smith



4th Grade Thanksgiving Stem Activities
are too much FUN!!



Mrs. Bourgeois gets jumped by BMX stuntmen as a fundraiser incentive



Family Art Night was successful with many of our families attending and completing a tile for our school.