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United Way Campaign

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Superintendent's Message



Our school division has experienced a strong and inspired opening to the 2016-17 school year. From my perspective, each school year provides fresh hope and abundant possibility. The opening month of the 2016-17 school year has only reinforced our school division's desire to transform dreams into current and future reality for the students we serve each day. This tremendous start to the academic year, underscored by countless student, school and division successes can naturally be attributed to the inherent quality and teamwork of our students, staff, school board, parents, and community partners.

Throughout the Fall 2016 edition of IMPACT, we highlight the people, the work, and the partnerships that

exemplify our mission. As you read this edition you will strongly sense the unity in our purpose of **TOGETHER WE PREPARE OUR STUDENTS FOR THEIR FUTURE**. A promising theme in classroom instruction is personalized learning for students. An overarching goal that I have as superintendent, which I believe is shared by our school board and division leaders, is to personalize **LEADERSHIP** for those I am blessed to serve. From the school board member's brief testimonials, to our school and community features, to the prestigious and well-deserved achievement of our very own Carolyn Kleinert, I hope that you will continue to find this communication to be relevant and engaging.

As always, thank you for your partnership and support. You play an invaluable role in the work we do together. I remain humbled and honored to serve as an educational leader in Spotsylvania County.

Best wishes on an impactful school year!

S. Scott Baker, Ed.D
 Division Superintendent

MEET OUR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

We asked each of our School Board Members what inspires them to serve and this is what they had to say...

DR. JIM MEYER – Courtland District



“What inspires me to serve on the School Board is observing at each meeting the accomplishments of our students and being a part of this endeavor.”

- Elected in November 2011 & Joined the Board in January 2012
- Serving his second term as a School Board Member

MR. BILL BLAINE – Salem District



“School board service is my contribution to a basic function of society: providing a quality education to all of its members.”

- Elected in November 2011 & Joined the Board in January 2012
- Serving his second term as a School Board Member

MR. KIRK TWIGG – Livingston District



“I value education as a primary medium that seals our freedoms in America. Also, I value quality and excellence in education for all students. Therefore, I felt it would be an honor and privilege to lead, serve, and represent my constituents in Livingston District in the area of education.”

- Elected in November 2015 & Joined the Board in January 2016
- Serving his first term as a School Board Member

MR. BARON BRASWELL – Battlefield District



“What inspires me to serve is making learning come to life!”

- Current Board Chair
- Represents the Battlefield District
- Elected in November 2013 & Joined the Board in January 2014
- Serving his first term as a School Board Member

MS. ERIN GRAMPP – Berkeley District



“Working as a school board member, I get inspired knowing the next generation has access to a quality public education from a country that provides them boundless opportunities to achieve their goals.”

- Current Board Vice-Chair
- Elected in November 2013 & Joined the Board in January 2014
- Serving her first term as a School Board Member

MRS. AMANDA BLALOCK – Lee Hill District



“Life is about others...it’s about what you give. I’m proud to serve the community and be an advocate for parents, students, and staff.”

- Past Chair of the Board
- Elected in November 2007 & Joined the Board in January 2008
- Serving her third term as a School Board Member

MS. DAWN SHELLEY – Chancellor District



“As a teacher by profession, I see first-hand what students and school staff experience on a daily basis and understand their needs; as a school board member I can be their voice.”

- Past Chair of the Board
- Elected in November 2011 & Joined the Board in January 2012
- Serving her second term as a School Board Member

SCPS JUNIORS & SENIORS “GET THEIR GAME ON”

In November, high school juniors and seniors from Spotsylvania County will participate in the second annual “Get Your Game On” event hosted by the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce’s Work Force NOW Committee. High school students from the counties of Caroline, King George, Stafford, and the City of Fredericksburg will also participate.

This event brings high school students and local businesses together to offer students the opportunity to hone their job interviewing and networking skills. In addition to participating in mock interviews, students also attend workshop sessions on workplace topics such as Networking, Resume Do’s & Don’ts, and how Social Media can impact a candidate’s hopes to landing a job.

Last year, 350 students and 34 businesses participated in the event. The feedback from

students, teachers, and businesses was overwhelming in support of continuing the event. Denny Fallon with Lockheed Martin was among the businesses that participated and felt, “the process was well laid-out and engaging with the youth...it gives me hope for the future.” One of the attending teachers, Mrs. Suellen Venable-Shelton from Riverbend High School shared, “the event truly was a success!”

Participating students completed a survey at the conclusion of the event and 95% reported they would recommend this event to their friends.

If your business would like to be part of this event, please contact Amber Belako in the SCPS Office of Communications and Community Engagement (540-834-2500 x1229 or abelako@spotsylvania.k12.va.us).



Students had the opportunity to interview with a variety of businesses and receive personalized feedback.

HITTING THE ROAD AND COMING TO A LOCATION NEAR YOU!

In an effort to better engage our diverse community, parents, and students, the Office of Communications and Community Engagement is spear-heading an effort to secure, design, and create a Parent, Community and Literacy Resource Bus. This bus will enable staff to take SCPS educational resources out into neighborhood communities to reach our parents and students where they live. The vision for the bus is that it will become an easily recognizable part of SCPS and will be out in the community at a variety of school and community events, school sites, and various activities.

SCPS will be partnering with organizations to offer a variety of resources to parents and students:

- SCPS Parent Resource Center
- Smart Beginnings
- Central Rappahannock Regional Library

If you or your business would be interested in partnering with us on this project, please contact the Office of Communications and Community Engagement at 540-834-2500.



FOOD SERVICES UPDATE AND REMINDERS

MENUS

Our monthly menu, as well as nutritional information is posted online at www.spotsylvania.k12.va.us, click on the Lunch Menus link in the left column.

We offer a vegetarian option every day.

FREE OR REDUCED MEALS

If your student qualifies for Free or Reduced lunch they also qualify for Free or Reduced Priced Breakfast.

Students who are currently receiving free or reduced price meal benefits must reapply each school year. Please submit a meal application as soon as possible. The Food Service Office has ten operating days to process meal applications. Meal applications are processed based on the date they are received in the Food Service Office. As of October 18, 2016, only those students with an approved meal application on file or students that have been directly certified for the 2016-2017 school year, will be eligible to receive free or reduced price meal benefits. Those students without an approved meal application on file will be charged full price for all meals. Meal benefits are not retroactive.

FOOD PREFERENCES/ RESTRICTIONS

All notes on a student's account must be updated each school year to allow for your preferences to be met. If your student has food preferences or spending restrictions please submit a written request to the school's Cafeteria Manager.

ALLERGIES

If your child has restrictions due to allergies their file should be updated every school year.

Please work with your school nurse to ensure the required documentation is on file.

MILK SUBSTITUTES POLICY

The USDA recognizes the valuable contribution of milk to a child's diet and therefore, does not allow a school to offer other beverages, such as juice, to substitute for milk in the school meals program. Beverages offered as fluid milk substitutes must be nutritionally equivalent to fluid milk, which means they must provide specific levels of calcium, protein, vitamins A & D, magnesium, phosphorous, potassium, riboflavin, and vitamin B-12. To meet these regulations, schools will be providing Lactaid milk, as the milk alternative for students with lactose intolerance. Soy milk will no longer be offered as an a la carte item.

CHARGE POLICY FOR STUDENT MEAL ACCOUNT

At the elementary and middle school levels:

Students will be permitted a breakfast or lunch meal charge up to five (5) debt transactions.

Any debt to the student's account will carry the expectation that the parent is responsible for full payment.

At the high school level:

High School students will not be permitted to charge a breakfast meal.

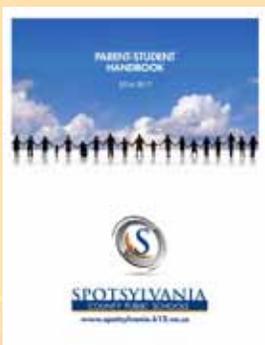
High School students will be permitted one (1) debt transaction for a reimbursable lunch meal.

Elementary, Middle, & High School: Students who have a balance will be offered a substitute meal which consists of a cheese sandwich and milk.

Students with an account balance will not be able to purchase a la carte food items until balance is paid in full. Any funds received will be applied toward the balance.

For more information about these topics visit the Division's website at www.spotsylvania.k12.va.us, select Food Services under the Departments tab.

BE SURE TO REVIEW THE *NEW* PARENT & STUDENT HANDBOOK



SCPS introduced the NEW Parent & Student Handbook on the first day of school! The new document consolidates most of the beginning of the year information and forms into one user friendly document. The comprehensive document also includes the Code of Student Conduct, required Notifications regarding Student Privacy, and signature forms. Each student was issued a copy on the first day of school. An electronic version of the Parent & Student Handbook can be found on the SCPS website under both the Parent and Student tabs.

SCPS TEACHER OF THE YEAR SELECTED AS REGION 3 WINNER!



Ms. Carolyn Kleinert proudly displays her Region 3 Teacher of the Year award, presented by State Superintendent Dr. Steven Staples, to Freedom Middle School students.

On September 13, eight teachers learned of their selection as 2017 Virginia Regional Teachers of the Year during surprise classroom visits, school assemblies, and announcements by their division superintendents — and in the case of a Spotsylvania County Spanish teacher — Superintendent of Public Instruction Steven R. Staples.

“We recognize eight teachers in Virginia who exhibit integrity in their profession and inspire their students to high achievement,” Staples said after announcing the selection of Freedom Middle Spanish teacher Carolyn Kleinert as the 2017 Region 3 Teacher of the Year. “These educators are recognized as leaders in their field, setting examples academically and personally among their peers and within their classrooms.”

The teachers were selected from among candidates nominated by school divisions in each of the state’s eight superintendents’ regions. The candidates submitted portfolios highlighting their accomplishments, educational philosophies and community activities.

A panel, including classroom teachers, representatives of professional and educational associations, the business community and 2016 Virginia Teacher of the Year reviewed the portfolios and selected the eight regional teachers of the year. Ms. Kleinert was honored, along with the other 7 finalists, in Richmond on October 17 at the Board of Education and Department of Education’s reception and awards ceremony.

MISSION STATEMENT

**TOGETHER -
WE PREPARE OUR STUDENTS
FOR THEIR FUTURE.**

VISION STATEMENT

Spotsylvania County Public Schools is a leading school division that inspires and empowers all students to become **CREATIVE THINKERS, PROBLEM SOLVERS, and EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS** by: Ensuring an engaging and supportive learning environment.

Providing a broad spectrum of innovative opportunities.

Building lasting partnerships with the community to educate our students.



CORE VALUES

STUDENT CENTERED

We provide all students with the essential learning experiences that enable them to optimize their success with postsecondary experiences.

LEADERSHIP

We commit to building visionary leaders who embrace change and new possibilities.

ACCOUNTABILITY

We provide quality services to students, use resources efficiently and engage the community as viable partners.

CULTURAL PROFICIENCY

We exhibit attitudes, skills, behaviors, and organizational practices that support the interests of a diverse population.

EXCELLENCE

We pursue the highest standards of organizational performance and academic achievement through innovative, research based practices.

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

We support and utilize a variety of communication methods to connect parents, staff and the entire community.

TEAMWORK

We depend upon and are accountable to one another to achieve our common purpose.

CITIZENSHIP

We believe in honor, integrity and community service.



A BEAUTIFICATION DAY AT RIVERVIEW ELEMENTARY

On Saturday, August 6, Riverview Elementary School teamed up with Lowe's to beautify the school grounds. Lowe's selected Riverview Elementary School for their "Be A Hero Program."

Lowe's sent a team of volunteers to help improve and beautify the school grounds along with student and parent volunteers. During the school beautification event, the volunteers landscaped the courtyard, painted games and decorations on the black top, refinished outside tables, and rebuilt the access ramp to the play area

in the back of the school. According to RES Principal Darnella Cunningham, "We are very appreciative of Lowe's for the generous donation towards the beautification projects at Riverview Elementary. Without the donations of their time, energy, and resources, we would not have been able to complete the various projects! What we were able to accomplish has helped set the tone for a great year - as kids are excited to the courtyard for learning activities and outside to the playground and blacktop areas."

"Many thanks go out to Lowe's for their generous donation of time, supplies, and volunteers!"



*Before
After*



ROCK OUT KNOCK OUT HOMELESSNESS EVENT IS A HUGE SUCCESS

SCPS hosted our 6th Annual Rock Out Knock Out Homelessness Event on Friday, October 14 and Saturday, October 15 at the Southpoint Wal-Mart.

School staff and student volunteers collected donations of hygiene items, laundry detergent, socks, gift cards (gas, food, and Wal-Mart) to support our Treasure House.

Currently, SCPS school social workers provide support to families through donations made to the Treasure House. Any family identified as McKinney Vento or who has an active referral from a school social worker may shop at Treasure House once a month for food and hygiene items.

A mother of SCPS students who has been referred to the Treasure House expressed, “the Treasure House makes the school year a lot less stressful and is a huge blessing to us.”

Thank you to all who donated. If you missed the event, donations may also be dropped off at the Treasure House located behind Massaponax High School. Please call 540-834-2500 and speak with Lisa Dolan or Michelle Swisher for more details about the Treasure House. Many thanks goes to our Partners In Education Southpoint Wal-Mart and WGRX-FM Thunder 104.5/WGRQ-FM SuperHits 95.9 for their continued support of this event.



Stay connected with SCPS... be sure to FOLLOW us!



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SCPS' social media sites are a great way to stay informed. Posts on Instagram are currently highlighting student art work (#SCPSSStudentWork). While Twitter tweets and Facebook posts remind the community about a variety of events and activities in the community.

Upcoming Monthly Themes for Posts and Tweets

- October #ItsFallYall
#FallIntoReading
- November #WeAreThankful
#ThankAVet

We encourage our SCPS community to post using these hashtags.

Calendar of Events

October

24 School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

November

7 School Board Budget Work Session
5:30 p.m.

8 Student Holiday – Election Day

14 School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

23-25 Thanksgiving Holiday

28 School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

29 Conference Night – Elem. Schools

30 Conference Night – High Schools

December

1 Conference Night – Middle Schools

9 Early Release All Schools

12 School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

19-30 Winter Break

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOV 6



**BE SURE TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR**

PGA DONATES \$10,000 TO CREATE FOOD PANTRY



Left to Right: School Board Chair Baron Braswell, MAPGA Executive Director Jon Guhl, MAPGA President Matthew Schulze, Social Worker Michelle Swisher, Lisa Morton, and Superintendent Scott Baker.

This summer, the Professional Golf Association presented SCPS Homeless Student Fund with a \$10,000 donation to stock a food pantry to help support economically disadvantaged students and their families. The money will be used to expand the current weekend food bags and to open a food pantry.

The donated funding will help expand this program to reach more students to ensure they have food resources. Additionally, the money will be used to open a full food pantry stocked with primarily non-perishable food; and staff is exploring options for stocking perishable items as well.

The goal is to have the Food Pantry open before Winter Break in December. Access to the food pantry will be through a referral process. Students and their families in need of food will be referred to the pantry by a member

of the SCPS School Social Work Team. Lead School Social Worker Lisa Dolan states, “we are hoping to reduce food insecurity in our students and families.”

*Individuals wishing to make a
donation to support the Food*

Pantry should contact

Lisa Dolan

540-834-2500 x1032

or

ldolan@spotsylvania.k12.va.us.

Become a Partner In Education

Whether you are a business, parent, or community member, we are looking for Partners in Education. For more information, visit the Division's website www.spotsylvania.k12.va.us, Community tab and click on Partners in Education on the drop down menu.

