

P.G. Super News

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Prince George County Public Schools

November 21, 2016

Important Dates

November 16-20
American Education
Week

November 20-26
National Family Week

November 23-25
Thanksgiving Holiday



November 24
Thanksgiving Day

November 30
Annual County Tree
Lighting Ceremony
7:00 p.m.

December 3
Annual County
Christmas Parade
3:00 p.m.

December 7
Pearl Harbor Day

December 10
Human Rights Day

December 12
School Board Meeting

December 15
Bill of Rights Day

December 19—January 1
Christmas Holiday

December 25
Christmas Day

School Board News

The School Board held its regular meeting on November 14, 2016.

Special Recognitions

⇒ **Rebecca Haydt** recognized the PGHS cheerleaders as the 2016 Conference 12 Cheer Champions. She thanked the parents, school board, principals, athletic director, teachers, students and community for their support throughout the year.

⇒ The Prince George Field Hockey team was recognized as Conference 12 Champions. **Georgia Adair** was recognized as Conference 12 Player of the Year and **Coach Maggie Roberts** received the Coach of the Year honors in Conference 12. The team was runner up in the region and placed 4th in the state.

⇒ The Boys Volleyball Team earned the top spot as Conference 12 Champions. **Coach Mayes Marks** received the Conference 12 Co-Coach honors and his son, **Neil Marks**, was voted Co-Player of the Year in Conference 12. The Volleyball team consists of outstanding athletes and are exceptional academic students on and off the court.

Presentations

* **Susan Braswell** / Assistant Principal spoke about the excitement of "The Growth Mindset" at South Elementary. Growth mindset is a belief that with practice, perseverance, and effort, people have limitless potential to learn and grow. People with growth mindset tackle challenges with less concern about making mistakes and focus on the process of growth. South was introduced to a book study last year on "Mindsets in the Classroom" by Mary Cay Ricci. A "Mindset Committee" was formed and the entire school embraced using Growth Mindset techniques in their classrooms. Each student learns differently but mindset techniques empower students to be "fearless

Presentations (continued)

thinkers" and provides them opportunities for continued growth in learning and challenges to achieve anything to be the best they can be.

* **Chaundra Taswell** shared a presentation on MFLC, the Military Family Life Counselor Program. It was established to enhance existing services to address issues to help service members and their families cope with reactions to deployments and reintegration situations. She identified the credentials of the counselors and described some of the duties associated with the counselors. The school district has 3 military family life counselors (2 full-time counselors at PGHS and Harrison Elementary respectively and 1 part-time counselor that services North and South Elementary schools).

* **Dr. Bingham** commented on the Construction and Maintenance Report in **Mr. Rhodes'** absence. Two hundred forty-nine work orders were completed and the district is waiting on vendor quotes for gutters and windows for Walton's cafeteria.

Action Items Approved

- ^ K12 Education Funding Letter
- ^ Appropriation of Funds for the division's Title 1 Grant for 2017
- ^ Appointed **Lewis Stevenson** as the school board's CIP representative and **Reeve Ashcraft** as the alternate
- ^ Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget Calendar

Discussion Items

- Sick Bank Policy (re-write) Policy GCBD-R and GCBD-R Hybrid
- Disability Coverage/Sick Leave Options for Covered Employees
- Financial Statement for October 2016
- Core Committee
- Part-time Guidance Counselors
- Rowanty Discussion on enrollment of home schooled students
- Meeting with Student Government Association at PGHS December 14, 2016

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School Board Member Comments

Mr. Stevenson commented that there has been a lot of less than positive comments being made on social media about the school's football program and coach. He said a majority of the School Board is and continues to support the coach and program.

Mr. Ashcraft is proud of all the student athletes and coaches in the school division. He looks forward to the recognition period to see the student and athlete successes and achievements. He recently saw Twitter postings about the poverty rate in the state and sadly it is happening in the county. He said the actions of teachers, administrators, bus drivers, and other personnel are important to all students for learning. He also asked for prayers for a former Prince George graduate, Jordan Nase, who is traveling to Peru on a missionary trip for two years.

Mr. Cox commented on the student recognitions, stating "One can't ask for a better school system". He praised the student athletes and coaches on their awards and recognitions and remarked how proud he is of all administrators, teachers, and all employees who make the school system great.



Superintendent's Report

- ◇ October Bus and School Suspension and 2016-17 Expulsion and Reinstatement Reports
- ◇ Current Enrollment Report as of November 8, 2016
- ◇ 2016-17 Year-to-Date Building Use Requests and Student/Employee Emergency Monthly Report via School Messenger
- ◇ Thank you letters from Kandie Bradshaw and Susan Eakin
- ◇ 2015-16 Charitable Donations
- ◇ VSBA Policy Page
- ◇ Good News from our Schools

Upcoming Events

- ◇ Geography Awareness Week, "Explore the Power of Parks", November 13-19, 2016
- ◇ School Psychology Awareness Week, "Small Steps Change Lives" - November 14-18, 2016
- ◇ Career Fair, N.B. Clements Junior High School—December 2, 2016
- ◇ VSBA "Take Your Legislator to School Month"
- ◇ VSBA Education Foundation Workshop, Williamsburg—November 15, 2016
- ◇ Rowanty Open House—Carson—November 16, 2016
- ◇ VSBA Annual Convention and Clerk's Conference, Williamsburg November 16-18, 2016
- ◇ VSBA School Budget & Finance 101 Webinar—Part 1 & 2—November 29-30, 2016
- ◇ Regional Heroin and Opiate Summit—Colonial Heights—November 30, 2016
- ◇ Free Webinar: Changes to the Statement of Economic Interest—December 6, 2016
- ◇ VSBA Capital Conference—Richmond—January 23-24, 2017
- ◇ NSBA Annual Conference in Denver—March 25-27, 2017



The next School Board Meeting is
Monday, December 12, 2016
at 6:30 p.m.



School Board Member Comments (continued)

Mr. Foster mentioned the school system was closed on Friday in honor of Veteran's Day. One-third of our student population is military affiliated and he is glad these children were able to be with family members on this important day. The school division has a great connection with Fort Lee and it continues to work with the military base. Our School Board owes a debt of gratitude to those currently serving in the military and those who served previously. He commented on the election stating that whatever side you supported, the school board will work very hard for state, local, and federal funds to support education, as 'the youth today are important for our country tomorrow'. He also indicated that the Department of Education will not fund a 2% increase for SOQs, which is a \$324,291 decrease in school division funds. Therefore, the school division will have to tighten up more in the budget, and a board-reduced initiative will be forthcoming to the division.

Enjoy your holiday!



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