

P.G. Super News

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School Board News



Welcome Back!

Important Dates:
September 17-23
Constitution Week

September 22
First Day of Autumn

October
Crime Prevention
Month;
National Principals
Month;

National Bullying
Prevention Month;
Czech Heritage
Month

October 5
Interim Reports
to Parents

October 9-15
Fire Prevention Week

October 10
Columbus Day;
School Board
Meeting

October 10-14
National School
Lunch Week

October 16
National Boss's Day

The School Board held its regular meeting on Monday, September 12, 2016.

Special Recognitions

+ **Megan Wilder** was recognized for being one of three teachers in the U.S. to win the Citgo Fuels Education Sweepstakes. She received a \$5,000 voucher from National School Supply for classroom supplies and a free, hands-on STEM workshop for up to 100 teachers. The workshop is October 15, 2016 at North Elementary School.

Presentations

* A video of **Col. Adam Butler**, Fort Lee Garrison Commander, was shown welcoming teachers back to a new school year and expressing appreciation for staff's dedication and hard work. **Chaundra Taswell**, Fort Lee School Liaison, made a few comments about working with the School Division.

* **Mike Krantz**, Student Work Camp Foundation, was unable to attend but **Dr. Bingham** commented that approximately 450 student volunteers occupied N.B. Clements Junior H.S. July 24-30, 2016. The work camp volunteers took part in repairing homes of low-income residents, including elderly and disabled residents. The Food and **Nutrition Services Department** prepared all the meals for the volunteers. Thanks to **Lana Pearce**, **Ron Rhodes**, **Lin Turner**, **Chris Romig**, **Chris Wills**, and **Chris Sumner** for all they did to assist the work camp volunteers.

* **Amanda Kimbrough**, introduced a new mentoring program, Females Against Bullying (F.A.B.). The goal is to increase positive relationships among females, strengthening and empowering ladies to support each other and decrease emotional abuse and bullying among preteen/teen girls in secondary education. Monthly meetings are scheduled at J.E.J. Moore M.S.

* **Mr. Bill Gandel** presented the Special Education Advisory Committee's (SEAC) Annual Report. He summarized activities of the year to include nine SEAC meetings,

participation in 2 Back-to-School events, 2 Special Olympics events, Transition Fair, Guest Panel Discussion, continued support and communication through Parent Resource Center, Facebook, other training events, and recipient of 2 Apple iPads donated by parents. To learn more about SEAC all are invited to a "Meet and Greet" on October 20, 2016 at the P.G. Parks and Recreation Fitness Center, Library Room from 5:30—7:30.

* **Robin Germanos** thanked custodians, maintenance workers, and paint crew for working so hard over the summer placing the building in great condition. Beazley opened its doors for the 52nd year with eight new faculty members, approximately 627 students, including 89 new kindergarten families. The slogan this year is "We may all be different fish, but at this school we swim together". The school's goal is to increase opportunities for students to allow for remediation and enrichment by increasing 1) use of small groups for reading and math 2) use of LLI 3) use of technology and 4) inclusion settings for all grade levels. The school's SOL scores were above the state average and 6 of 8 scores were double digits above the state average, and scores for students with disabilities increased in math and reading. **Cindy Collins** reported on how she uses YouTube videos to help her 5th grade class with their studies.

* **Ron Rhodes** reported on the construction and maintenance activities for the month. He gave an update on work being done around the schools and work completed throughout the district, emphasis on painting at the Education Center, repairing a sidewalk cover at Beazley, grounds work throughout the district, etc. He reported on another successful Bus Rodeo: **John Grummet** took first place, while **Tony Taylor** and **Cathy Butts** placed 2nd and 3rd respectively.



School Board Member Comments

Mr. Franklin said this is an exciting year for School Board members. He also stated the buildings look better than he can remember and it's a great start to the new school year.

Mr. Stevenson's wife attended J.E.J. Moore Middle School's orientation with their fourth child. She said it was the best orientation she has attended, stating it was well organized, friendly, and son thinks he's "big stuff" at the middle school with lockers! He also mentioned tickets are on sale for the Crime Solver's Rib Fest on October 6 from 4:00—7:00 at Scott Park.

Mr. Ashcraft commented on the presentations made this evening by **Mr. Gandel, Ms. Germanos, Ms. Kimbrough, and Mr. Rhodes**. He proclaimed that the community is lucky to have these people representing and supporting the programs in Prince George County.

Mr. Cox congratulated staff on the best convocation he has attended. **Dr. Steve Staples**, Superintendent of Public Inspection, presented with humor and seriousness of public education in the state and county. He thanked custodians, maintenance department, and administrators for getting schools ready for the new year. He also appreciates the P.G. Police Department's assistance at football games.

Mr. Foster announced **Russell Stone** will be the new Transportation Coordinator and **Becky Hicks** is the new Finance Director. He commended Beazley and Harrison Elementary School staffs for making teacher transfers over the Labor Day holiday weekend for a smooth transition on opening day. He also commented this was the smoothest opening ever and he thanked the administrators for their part in making this happen!

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He also shared a few statistics on buses the first week: 108 bus routes, 24 Fort Lee routes, 65 drivers, 194 transportation requests approved out of 264 requests. Overall it was a very good opening and less stressful this year.

Action Items

- ◆ Request for Approval and Appropriation of the Federal Dept. of Defense Educational Activity (DoDEA) Grant Funds for use in FY17.
- ◆ Policy EBCB— Safety Drills
- ◆ 2015-16 Final Budget Adjustments
- ◆ Supplemental Appropriation to School Board Budget for Assumption of Adult Education Program and Rowanty Technical Center
- ◆ Flat Rate for Workers at Athletic Sporting Events

Discussion Items

- * Electronic Device Procedures
- * Enrollment Overview
- * Athletic Department Update
- * Service Agreement with Pierce Group Benefits, LLC
- * 2016 End-of-Year Unaudited Projections
- * 2016 July/August Revenue and Expenditure Summary

Superintendent's Informational Items

- Active Enrollment Summary September 7, 2016
- 2016-17 Year-to-Date Building Use Requests
- 2016-17 Out of District Requests
- Tuition Requests 2016-17
- Bullying Prevention Month—October 2016
- Disability History and Awareness Month—October 2016
- PTA/PTO/PTSO meetings and after hour events 2016-17

Upcoming Events

- Legislative Advocacy Conference, Charlottesville - September 15, 2016
- November is "VSBA Take Your Legislator to School" Month
- VSBA Hot Topic - Leading the Digital Transformation in Schools - Chesterfield CTE Center - October 18, 2016

Upcoming Events (continued)

- VSBA Education Foundation Workshop, Williamsburg, VA - November 15, 2016
- VSBA Annual Conference and Clerks Conference, Williamsburg, VA November 16-18, 2016
- Save the Date - NSBA Annual Conference, Denver - March 25-27, 2017

*The next School Board Meeting is
Monday, October 10, 2016
at 6:30 P.M.*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
LOUISE THORNTON
REGION I TEACHER OF THE YEAR!**
(announced by the Virginia Department of
Education on September 13, 2016)



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More information can be found on
<http://tmwired.org/2016/09/thornton-named-region-i-teacher-of-the-year-by-virginia-department-of-education/>