



Get Ready for Summer School 2010

Opportunities abound for K-12 students to get ahead or catch up through a variety of options. Parents and students can find specific summer school information about an array of enrichment and remedial programs in elementary, middle, and high school program guides found through guidance counselors or on the school division's web site at <http://www.vbschools.com/SummerSchool/>.

NOTE: Any summer school class or program is subject to cancellation due to insufficient enrollment. (more detailed information on pages 2, 3, 4, and 5)

June 26 Ribbon Cutting for New Princess Anne County Training School/Union Kempsville Museum

Facility Opening for Public Tours

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held for the new Princess Anne County Training School/Union Kempsville High School museum on Saturday, June 26 beginning at 10 a.m. The museum commemorates the rich history of the school which provided a secondary education for black children living in Princess Anne County (*subsequently annexed by the City of Virginia Beach*). The ribbon cutting is free and open to the public.

The museum is located on the first floor of the Renaissance Academy at 5100 Cleveland Street at the site of the former school. It includes a vast array of photographs and memorabilia as well as video memories recounted by former students. The facility was originally slated to open in mid-May, but those ambitious plans had to be delayed slightly. However, according to Mark Reed, historic resources coordi-

nator for the city's Department of Museums, this new museum is "worth the wait."



"The Princess Anne County Training School/Union Kempsville High School Museum is a poignant acknowledgment of a very important time in this city's history. We cannot forget the contribution of parents and members of the black community who raised the funds to purchase the necessary land and build the school. Nor can we forget the staff and students

who achieved so much and who taught us all how important it is to value education. I hope every Virginia Beach resident will take the time to visit this quality museum," says Reed, whose department will operate the new Princess Anne County/Union Kempsville Museum in coordination with the city's historic colonial homes. *continued on page 2*

APPLE-A-DAY

FOR OUR FAMILY OF INTERESTED CITIZENS



OF INTEREST

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PRINCESS ANNE COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL/UNION KEMPSVILLE MUSEUM *continued from page 1*

As a brief history lesson -- in 1934, a temporary school site was established on the property of the predominantly black Union Baptist Church (*located on South Boulevard, in the vicinity of present-day Mt. Trashmore*) until a four-room building was completed in 1938 at the intersection of Cleveland Street and Witchduck Road. In 1949, construction started for additional space for Princess Anne County Training School. The additional space included four new classrooms, a cafeteria and lavatories. According to Princess Anne County records, in 1950, a 15-acre site adjacent to the training school was purchased to build a new high school for "Negro children." The high school addition was completed in 1953. Among the new features were 14 classrooms, an auditorium, home economic facilities, and a gymnasium.

Princess Anne County Training School later expanded in size and the facility was renamed Union Kempsville High School in 1962. In 1969, the high school closed after city-wide integration of schools started in Virginia Beach. The last class graduated in 1969.

The museum will formally open to the public Sunday, June 27. Admission will be \$3 for students, \$4 for senior citizens and \$5 for adults. There is no admission charge for alumni and former staff of Princess Anne County Training School/ Union Kempsville High School. For further information, contact Reed at 385-5100.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2010 *continued from page 1*

What are the summer school dates, times, and host sites?

See where and when your child may attend summer school in the charts below:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT SCHEDULE

June 29 – August 5	Monday – Thursday	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
June 29 – August 5 (ESL Only)	Monday – Thursday	9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOST SITE	CLUSTER SCHOOLS
Arrowhead	College Park • Woodstock
Centerville	Glenwood • Tallwood
Corporate Landing	Christopher Farms • Strawbridge
Diamond Springs (Grades K-2)	Newtown
Bettie F. Williams (Grades 3-5)	Newtown
Holland	Green Run • Rosemont
John B. Dey	Alanton • Linkhorn Park • Trantwood
Kempsville Meadows	ESL • Lynnhaven • Windsor Woods
Kingston	Brookwood • King's Grant • Malibu
Luxford	ODC • Pembroke Meadows • Pembroke
North Landing	Landstown • New Castle
Point O' View	Kempsville • Thalia
Providence	Fairfield • Indian Lakes • Rosemont Forest
Seatack	Birdneck • Cooke • Ocean Lakes
Shelton Park	Bayside • Hermitage • Thoroughgood
Three Oaks	Creeds • Princess Anne • Red Mill • SECEP – ACP / EBICS
Windsor Oaks	Parkway • Salem • White Oaks
Windsor Woods	SECEP – ACP/EBICS



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT SCHEDULE

June 29 – July 21 (Session 1)	Monday – Thursday	9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
July 26 – August 12 (Session 2)	Monday – Thursday; and Friday Aug. 6	9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
June 29 – August 5 (ESL and Strategic Reading)	Monday – Thursday	9:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HOST SITE	CLUSTER SCHOOLS
Independence	Bayside • Great Neck • Lynnhaven • Plaza • Virginia Beach
Larkspur (also host site for English as a Second Language and Strategic Reading programs)	Brandon • Corporate Landing • Kempsville • Landstown • Princess Anne • Salem

Middle school students may only take one course per session.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SCHEDULE

June 29 – July 21 (Semester 1)	Monday – Thursday	7:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
July 22	Exams/Adjusted Dismissal	7:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
July 26 – August 12 (Semester 2)	Monday – Thursday; and Fri. Aug. 6	7:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
August 13	Exams/Adjusted Dismissal	7:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Afternoon session (Kellam High School only), 1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL HOST SITE	CLUSTER SCHOOLS
First Colonial	Bayside • Cox • Princess Anne
Kellam (also host site for afternoon session)	Landstown • Ocean Lakes
Tallwood	Green Run • Kempsville • Salem
Princess Anne	Selected K-12 special education programs
Renaissance Academy	Only site for online courses • SECEP, ACP/EBICS, ReEd (K-12) • Day Treatment

High School students who show proof at registration that they are re-taking a high school course that they have previously failed may register for a half-summer (70-hour) course that will be scheduled during Semester 1 or 2. Students taking a course for the first time register for a full-summer course (140 hours) which is scheduled to run from June 29-August 13. VBCPS will observe “green” work weeks in June and July meeting Monday through Thursday. There is no school on July 5, 2010, in observance of the July 4 holiday.

How much will summer school cost, and when will registration take place?

Elementary Level (K-5)

There is no charge to attend elementary summer school for remediation courses. Transportation is provided only at designated stops within the summer school cluster. Registration will be at your child's home school between April 26-May 12, 2010. Late registration applications will not be accepted.

Middle School Level (6-8)

Tuition Level*	Middle School (per course)
Level 1 (full cost lunch)	\$140
Level II (reduced cost lunch)	\$70
Level III (free lunch)	\$0

Registration at the middle school host sites will be on June 22 and June 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Tuition for **Summer Band and Orchestra programs** (offered at beginning and intermediate levels at middle school host sites) is \$100. Bus transportation will be provided to designated middle school summer school sites from neighborhood pick-up points within the cluster. Registration for these programs will be at the middle school host sites on June 22 and June 23, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

High School Level (9-12)

Tuition Level*	Semester-long course	Year-long course
Level 1 (full cost lunch)	\$200	\$300**
Level II (reduced cost lunch)	\$100	\$150**
Level III (free lunch)	\$40	\$75**

*Students qualify for Levels II and III reduced tuition based on their free and reduced price lunch status. Applications for free or reduced lunch are available at each school. They must be on file and approved by the Office of Food Services by June 18, 2010, in order for students to qualify for reduced tuition.

**Tuition for Online Level II Health/Physical Education requires an additional \$50 fee.

Registration at the high school host sites will be on June 22 and June 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Will transportation be provided to the summer school sites?

Regular bus routes will be consolidated to form transportation clusters to transport students to summer school host sites from neighborhood pickup points within the cluster. If transportation is provided for a program, it will be listed with program descriptions in the summer school guide. Specific bus route information will be available on the school division's Web site at www.vbschools.com by June 16, 2010. If you would like to be notified when the bus schedule is posted on the Web, please subscribe to *vbschools x-tra* at www.vbschools.com/xtra/index.asp. Students interested in driving private cars to summer school sites should consult their summer school principals. Limited parking passes will be available for students who drive to school for a fee of \$10. Bus transportation is provided only within the transportation clusters and is not available for students attending the **afternoon** high school session at Kellam High School.



My child is interested in taking an online summer school course. How does he/she register?

After May 1, students will be able to enroll and pay online for 10 online courses, including Online English 9, 10, 11, & 12; Online Algebra I; Online Geometry; Online Earth Science; Online Health & Physical Education I; Online Health & Physical Education II; and Online VA & US Government. Each online course runs June 29-August 13. If students and parents/guardians prefer to register and submit payment in person, they must register at Renaissance Academy, the host site for online summer school courses, on June 22 and June 23, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. No online registration payments will be accepted at First Colonial, Kellam, or Tallwood summer school sites. To register and pay for online courses, see http://www.vbschools.com/distancel/summer_2010.asp. Before you register, be sure to investigate the tools available at the online learning web site to help you decide whether online learning is a good fit for your student.

If your child only needs Driver Education Classroom Theory...

Driver Education Classroom Theory

Locations: First Colonial, Kellam, and Tallwood high schools

Transportation: Transportation is the responsibility of parent/guardian and/or student.

This course is designed for students who failed the classroom portion of driver education as 10th graders as well as students who have recently moved to the City of Virginia Beach and home school students. **NO RISING 10th GRADE STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE.**

Registration	June 22 & 23 (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
Dates/Times:	June 29 – July 14 Monday through Thursday No school on July 5, 2010 (Fourth of July Holiday) 7:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Fee	\$50 nonrefundable fee paid by cash, check, or money order payable to Virginia Beach City Public Schools. (Payments cannot be made by credit card.)

My child is ready to drive. When can he/she take the Behind-the-Wheel classes?

Driver Education Behind-The-Wheel Classes

Offered at First Colonial, Kellam, and Tallwood high schools. Transportation is the responsibility of the parent/guardian or student. Registration is at host high school sites on June 22 & 23, 2010 (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

Fee: \$219 (Payments cannot be made by credit card.)

Session 1	June 29 – July 13, 2010	1st Class: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. 2nd class: 9:40 a.m. – 11:10 a.m. 3rd class: 11:20 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.
Session 2	July 14 – July 27, 2010	1st class: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. 2nd class: 9:40 a.m. – 11:10 a.m. 3rd class: 11:20 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.
Session 3	July 28 – August 9, 2010	1st class: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. 2nd class: 9:40 a.m. – 11:10 a.m. 3rd class: 11:20 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.



TextTalk

TextTalk is Virginia Beach City Public Schools' live online discussion.

To join TextTalk, no special equipment other than the Internet is needed. To access TextTalk go to <http://www.vbschools.com/textTalk/index.asp>.

Upcoming TextTalk Discussions You Won't Want to Miss!

New Grading Scale

(Effective with the start of the 2010-2011 school year).

Date: Wednesday, June 2
Time: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Have a question about the new grading scale and how it will impact students? If so, plan on taking part in this online discussion.

Dr. Alveta Mitchell, director of guidance services and student records, will serve as the moderator and answer any questions you may have.

Reading Over the Summer: Great Ideas for Elementary Age Students and Their Parents!

Date: June 21, 2010
Time: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

This TextTalk discussion, moderated by instructional specialist Lorena Kelly is intended to inspire children in grades K-5 to open a book and read during the summer. Lorena will share her favorite books for elementary-age students, provide parents with local reading opportunities, and answer any questions parents or students may have regarding how to encourage their child to pick up a book and read.

Class of 2010 Graduations – Be Part of the Celebration in Person or Online!

There are two great ways to celebrate the graduating Class of 2010, without ever leaving your home!

- View commencement exercises **live**, June 16-20, on the school division's web site, vbschools.com.* Ceremonies will be made available using broadband high-speed streaming video, courtesy of Cox Communications. Replays of each commencement will be available by 10:00 a.m. the following day.
- Post a congratulatory message to a member of the Class of 2010 on the *VBGradwall*. Each high school, to include the Renaissance Academy and the Adult Learning Center, has a separate "wall" on vbschools.com where family and friends can send a message to a graduate of the Class of 2010. The *VBGradwall* will be available starting on May 6.

Virginia Beach was the first local school division to offer real time streaming videos of high school graduation ceremonies. Last year, more than 3,980 online visitors from 35 countries, 46 states, and Washington D.C. became virtual guests at graduation.

How can you view a live broadcast and replay of a high school graduation ceremony or post a message on the *VBGradwall*?

- Visit vbschools.com and select the *Class of 2010* link found in the *Quick Link* section on the home page.
- Be sure to check the schedule below for the start time of each ceremony. (Graduation ceremonies average about 1 1/2 hours in length.)

GRADUATION SCHEDULE*

Wednesday, June 16, 2010	4:00 p.m.	Bayside High
	7:30 p.m.	Kempsville High
Thursday, June 17, 2010	4:00 p.m.	Tallwood High
	7:30 p.m.	Salem High
Friday, June 18, 2010	11:00 a.m.	Renaissance Academy
	3:00 p.m.	Princess Anne High
	7:00 p.m.	Landstown High
Saturday, June 19, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Ocean Lakes High
	12:30 p.m.	Floyd E. Kellam High
	4:00 p.m.	Frank W. Cox High
	7:30 p.m.	First Colonial High
Sunday, June 20, 2010	2:00 p.m.	Green Run High

*Certain technical conditions beyond our control may disrupt or prevent you from viewing the streaming video.

Museum Educator Selected

Shirin Spencer has been selected as the museum educator to operate the Princess Anne County Training School/Union Kempsville High School Museum under the Virginia Beach Department of Museums.

"It is an honor to be chosen as the museum educator for the PACTS/UK Museum," Spencer said. "I am looking forward to sharing the important story of segregation and desegregation of Princess Anne County schools through the voices of those African Americans who lived it."

Ms. Spencer has worked in cultural and educational arenas for 21 years. She worked at the Maymont House Museum, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, Virginia as well as the Hampton University Museum in Hampton. Her experience includes: multi-media technology, program and curriculum development, event planning, managing staff and volunteers, developing graphic materials, and audience development.

Ms. Spencer holds a Bachelor's in Commercial Art, a Master's in Museum Studies from Hampton University and an Associate's degree in Multi-Media Technology from ITT Technical Institute.



Snapshots



Tech Center Students Committed to Community Service

At the Technical and Career Education Center, it is a core belief that community and industry partnerships are invaluable resources that provide cutting-edge knowledge to students who are immersed in learning about their chosen fields.

The students at the Tech Center feel fortunate to have a wealth of opportunities to interact with professionals in classrooms and on work sites to gain real-world skills that they can use immediately upon graduation to enter the workforce, or to use as a springboard to furthering their education. Because of these experiences, Tech students believe they are obligated to give back their good fortune to others, which is just what they have done.

Here are some examples of students' community service:

- The Dental Assisting lab is frequently bustling during *Dental Access Days* that provide much needed dental services to the dentally uninsured. Dentists volunteer personal time to perform procedures such as extractions, bone grafts, and scalings, which are often too expensive for the patients to have otherwise received. Because of the dentists' generosity, the Dental Assisting students are able to put their chairside techniques to work in the Tech Center's fully equipped dental lab. Antoinette Kahan, Dental Assisting instructor, believes this is an invaluable service that Tech students provide to the community, so she and her students strive to ensure the *Dental Access Days* are frequently available.



- The Auto Service Technology program's two state-of-the-art labs are also used to make repairs. However, these repairs are made to vehicles, not real-life patients. Tech Center students, in partnership with Samaritan House, which receives donated cars and trucks, repair the vehicles to ensure that those who need transportation to work have it. The Auto Service instructors and students evaluate the repairs that are needed, and the Samaritan House purchases the parts through funds generated via church donations. The students repair the cars free of charge. So far, they have provided over \$1,700 in free labor, labor which keeps Tidewater moving and offers our students real-world experience.



- The Culinary Arts bakeshop lab is second to none, stacking up against even commercial bakeshops in the area. Thanks to the professionally outfitted labs, the students learn top baking and pastry techniques that they use to provide pastries and desserts for numerous special occasions. In fact, students recently catered an Aids Awareness event that was organized by Landstown High School. Profits from ticket sales went directly to Aids Awareness.



- Even when the project is not directly skills-related, Tech Center students get involved and help out. The Practical Nursing and Dental Assisting students participated in the Virginia Beach Education Foundation's Beach Bags program that partners with the *Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia* to provide bags of food to children and their families in the area's most transient and low-income elementary schools. The students raised over \$200 and collected food to provide over 85 bags that helped feed local families.
- Globally, the Tech Center answers the call. When the Haiti earthquake hit, the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students from Medical and Legal Studies Administration classes collected over \$400 that they donated to the American Red Cross to provide crucial assistance during a nation's crisis.

Students leave the Tech Center with more than a new skill and new career—through the diligence of all involved, the students become community advocates and continually strive to do their part to help others.

New graduation and diploma options postponed for one year

You may recall that the December edition of *Apple-A-Day* featured an overview of new graduation requirements and diploma options mandated by the Virginia Department of Education as part of the Commonwealth's Standards of Accreditation. These are the minimum requirements that all public schools in Virginia must follow, dealing with everything involving schools and students' education and ranging from such topics as curriculum to hours in school to school facilities to accreditation and standards. The new requirements were originally slated to begin next school year and would have affected all students *entering ninth grade for the first time* in the 2010-2011 school year and beyond.

However, because school divisions across the state, including Virginia Beach City Public Schools, have had to cut their budgets drastically because of the current financial slowdown, legislators realized that implementing the changes would be too expensive. Consequently, during the 2010 General Assembly, legislators voted (Senate Bill 352) to postpone implementing the new requirements for another year. As a result, they will not go into effect until school year 2011-2012.

Here is a listing of the regulatory changes that will be delayed as a result of the passage of SB 352:

- prescribing the requirements of the Standard Technical Diploma and the Advanced Technical Diploma (new diploma options);
- increasing the number of standard units of credit for the Advanced Studies diploma (up two credits to 26);
- requiring a course in economics and personal finance as a graduation requirement; and
- requiring all students, beginning in middle school, to have an Academic and Career Plan.

The Parent Support & Information Center is Now Online!

A great new resource is available on the school division's web site vbschools.com for parents of students with disabilities. The new online *Parent Support & Information Center* provides information on a variety of resources and training opportunities for parents to help their child acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the challenges of the future.

Take a look at some of the resources that the online *Parent Support & Information Center* offers:

- Helpful articles for parents
 - Book reviews
- An updated listing of the library material (*books, videos, DVDs, CDs and magazines*) maintained by the *Parent Support & Information Center* located at the Laskin Road Annex
- Calendar of events that lists programs and activities that focus on children with disabilities

The link to access the online *Parent Support & Information Center* is <http://www.vbschools.com/curriculum/ParentSupportCtrl/index.asp>.

Parent Support and Information Center

Supporting student success through effective communication between school and home.

Under the supervision of your local appropriate regulatory agency, please contact your local appropriate agency.


The Parent Support and Information Center is part of the Virginia Beach City Public Schools Office of Programs for Exceptional Children. The purpose of the center is to provide parents of students with disabilities information and training. Parents are encouraged to become full participants with educators in the process of providing students with quality education. Knowledge and skills necessary to meet the unique needs of the child. The Parent Support and Information Center offers a lending library, a resource, a variety of workshops, promotional materials, and other services to parents and educators.

Parent Support and Information Center Goal

- To maintain effective communication between parents and school personnel for the benefit of students with disabilities.

Objectives

- Clarify the role of parents, as well as resources related to special education services.
- Serve as a resource for disability related referrals.
- Provide services that will strengthen the bond between home, school, and the community.
- Foster a support between the families of students with disabilities and their schools.



Location and Contact Information

Parent Support and Information Center
Office of Programs for Exceptional Children
1413 Laskin Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23461

Hours of Operation
Mon-Thurs. 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Fri. 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

For your convenience, please call the Parent Support & Information Center before visiting. Occasionally the office is closed for meetings and workshops.

Contact Information
Dr. Brenda Reid, Coordinator
Phone: 757-263-2066
Fax: 757-263-2067
E-mail: brenda.reid@vbschools.com

You may also visit the *Parent Support & Information Center* at 1413 Laskin Road. The center is open Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Friday, 1-5 p.m. For additional information contact Dr. Brenda Reid, parent support and information coordinator at (757) 263-2066 or brenda.reid@vbschools.com.

U.S. Department of Education Develops New Guidelines for the Reporting of Ethnicity and Race

The U.S. Department of Education has developed new guidelines for school systems to report ethnicity and race that include new categories. These changes are designed to provide a more accurate picture of the nation's ethnic and racial diversity. To address this new requirement, Virginia Beach City Public Schools will begin by asking families of newly enrolling students in our school system to complete an updated form, the *Race and Ethnicity Identification Form*. Then with the start of the new school year in 2010-11, families of students currently enrolled will also be asked to complete the form.

To help families understand the rationale for the change, the division has posted answers to "frequently asked questions" on its web site. Parents can also view the new form on this page: <http://www.vbschools.com/ethnicity/>. In addition, those who have further questions can contact Esther Monclova-Johnson, director of equity affairs, at (757) 263-1529.

Has Your Child Received the H1N1 Vaccine?

If your child has not received the H1N1 vaccine, take advantage of the Virginia Beach Department of Public Health's immunization clinics. These clinics, free of charge, are held on Monday and Wednesday mornings (*sign-in starts at 8:00 a.m.*) and Wednesday and Thursday afternoons (*sign-in starts at 1:00 p.m.*). Immunizations are administered on a first-come, first-served basis. The Virginia Beach Health Department is located at 4452 Corporation Lane.

As a reminder, children that were nine years of age and younger at the time of their first H1N1 vaccination will need a second dose for complete protection!

New Process in Place in Schools for Collection of NSF Checks

The Virginia Beach City Public Schools would like to advise parents and guardians of a new process for the recovery of funds due to returned checks. Effective July 1, the school district will no longer arrange for the repayment of checks returned for non-sufficient funds. The district has contracted with the Federal Automated Recovery System (FARS) for this purpose.

All checks that are currently past due will be recovered on behalf of the school system by FARS. The school district will most certainly accept checks for necessary payments. When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us to either use information from the check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. You also authorize us to collect a fee through an electronic fund transfer from your account if your payment is returned unpaid. The fee is currently \$35 plus the school bank non-sufficient fund fee (subject to change without notice).

The following information must be included on your checks:

- Full name
- Street address
- Phone numbers

Those who have questions about the new process should contact your respective schools' bookkeepers.



PARENTS! Have you registered to access the SchoolNet Parent Portal?

If the answer is YES, have you verified your ID?

If the answer is NO, today is a good day to register and/or verify your ID!

To learn more about this resource that provides parents the opportunity to monitor their child's academic progress, please visit the *SchoolNet Parent Portal Registration & Help Page* at <http://www.vbschools.com/schoolnet/>.

School System's *Candid Conversations about Race Team* Recognized with Community Leaders' Award

Virginia Beach City Public Schools' Candid Conversations about Race (CCR) team was recently selected as a recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Leaders' Award. The team was recognized at the 26th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Leaders' Breakfast held on January 18.

This annual program honors the legacy of Dr. King and recognizes local leaders who promote his dream through community service, social development, education, and health. The team was cited for its work in raising awareness of the impact of race in the classroom and how it impacts student achievement.

A little background about the CCR team: It grew out of work begun by a group of teachers who first came together at a 2008 Curriculum & Instruction conference. They started working with an education consultant to develop teaching strategies to assist teachers in meeting a School Board goal aimed at improving the academic performance of African American males. Using available research and also talking with teachers having marked success with minority students in the classroom and with minority students, the teachers themselves gained remarkable insight regarding achievement and success in school. As their conversations continued, it became increasingly clear that student success was not so much the result of a particular learning plan or teaching approach, but rather of whether the teacher established a rapport or relationship with the student.

The group – called the Candid Conversations about Race (CCR) team – continued to meet monthly. Research developed by Glenn E. Singleton and Curtis Linton in their book, *Courageous Conversations about Race: A Field Guide for Achieving Equity in Schools*, was consulted. This research, highlighting that ethnicity can have an impact on instruction, focused the team on four agreements

developed by the researchers. In order to talk about race, participants had to **Stay Engaged; Speak Your Truth; Experience Discomfort; and Expect and Accept Non-Closure.**

In a series of discussions extending throughout the school year, the CCR team discovered that certain preconceived beliefs by teachers about race or ethnicity were actually hindering the achievement of African American males. For example, many educators take pride in saying they are “color-blind” in the classroom and do not take ethnicity into account when dealing with or teaching students. In so doing, they believe that they are guaranteeing a level of fairness and equity. However, the team discovered that this is actually the exact opposite of what happens. In fact, the practice of not taking race into account when dealing with students truly invalidates heritage and their cultural experiences. Instead, these researchers maintain that teachers who are “color-blind” actually minimize opportunities for establishing meaningful relationships with students. And, this lack is of a relationship with a student that hinders the development of genuine educational experiences.

The CCR team continues to work to articulate and model the support minority students need in the classroom. As team members point out, “equity is not a guarantee that all students will succeed. Rather, it assures that all students will have the opportunity and support to succeed.”

The CCR team meets the first Wednesday of each month to share experiences. Members give each other validation, suggestions, and options for enhancing racial relationships with students, teachers, parents, and administrators. “Teachers have gained an advocacy voice for their kids...they have the voice to say let’s look at this. When people in a school collaborate,

you get great results,” states Esther Monclova-Johnson, Director of Equity Affairs and member of the team.

The CCR team is proud that progress is being made. Among recent gains are these:

- Graduation rate of African American males increased more than six percentage points from 06/07 school year to 07/08 school year;
- Increase in passing rates in reading and math at elementary, middle, and high school levels;
- Increase of pass advanced scores in reading and math SOL tests, with some showing more than a 9 percent increase;
- More than 7 percent increase in the number of advanced studies diplomas awarded to African American male students;
- Increase in African American male students completing AP/IB and advanced courses;
- Decrease of gap in scores between African American male students and all others taking the SAT in all areas by at least 11 percent;
- Increase in attendance rate at all levels from standards already above 95 percent.

For more information about the CCR team, please contact Esther Monclova-Johnson at 263-1529 or by e-mail at esther.monclova-johnson@vbschools.com.



Congratulations to the CCR team!

New Grading Scale Update

With a new grading scale scheduled to go into effect, starting with the 2010-2011 school year, the School Board has approved changes to corresponding *School Board Policies and Regulations*. These changes fall in the areas of recognition and awards for achievement, student evaluation and grading/class rank, and absences/truancy with regard to school and class attendance.

Parents and students are encouraged to visit the school division's web site -- http://www.vbschools.com/grade_scale2010/ -- and review the changes to these policies and regulations. This page on the web site also includes frequently asked questions and answers about the new grading scale.

As a reminder, all grades earned by students attending summer school will remain on the current grading scale.

In addition to the school division's web site, detailed information on the new grading scale will appear in the back-to-school issue of *Apple-A-Day*, scheduled to be published and distributed in August.

Join us for an online **TextTalk** discussion on the new grading scale!

Date: Wednesday, June 2
6:30-7:30 p.m.

To access TextTalk go to
<http://www.vbschools.com/textTalk/index.asp>.

Virginia Beach School Board appoints Ashley K. McLeod to At-Large Seat; Elects William J. Brunke to Serve as Board Vice Chairman



The Virginia Beach School Board recently appointed Ashley K. McLeod, a committed school and community volunteer, to fill a vacant At-Large seat. McLeod will complete the unexpired term of Rita Sweet Bellitto who was recently appointed to serve as a member of the Virginia Beach City Council. The term for McLeod's At-Large appointment expires on December 31, 2010.

Among McLeod's school volunteer efforts have been stints as PTA president for Old Donation Center and vice-president of programs for Plaza Middle School's PTA. During the 2006-2007 school year McLeod served as co-chairman of the school division's *Long-Range School Facility Master Plan Steering Committee*. This committee was charged with reviewing demographic and facility data in order to provide a framework and direction for the school division to build, renovate, consolidate,

or close schools.

In addition to her volunteer work in the schools, McLeod's community involvement is also extensive. She is an elder with Bayside Presbyterian Church, serves on the Leadership Team for a local Girl Scout and Boy Scout troop, and was director of the Norfolk Azalea Festival in 2005 and 2006. McLeod is past president of the Northwest Beach Partnership and Campus East Community Homeowners Association.

McLeod holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Indiana State University. She taught on the elementary level from 1992-1998 and has a son and daughter who both attend Plaza Middle School.

Bellitto's move to City Council also opened up another post on the School Board – the vice chairmanship. Board member William J. Brunke was elected to serve in that capacity in February by his fellow Board members. Brunke was first appointed by the Virginia Beach School Board on June 3, 2008, to fill the unexpired term of Lyndon Remias who held the *District 7 – Princess Anne* seat. He was later elected to that seat in December 2008. He serves the School Board on several committees, among them the Audit Committee and the Joint School Board-City Council Site Selection Committee. Brunke is also a board member for the Virginia Beach Public Schools Education Foundation, serving on the organization's finance and grant review committees. He owns and operates a public accounting firm in Virginia Beach.

CALLING ALL STUDENTS TO ENTER THE SCHOOL DIVISION'S FIRST ONLINE GREEN STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL

For the first time ever, every student will have the opportunity to create and showcase a short film that promotes environmental sustainability. This opportunity is made possible by the school division's *Online Green Student Film Festival*. The purpose of the online film festival is to increase public awareness about the fragile relationship between man and nature while challenging students in all grade levels to employ critical thinking in order to create a "viewable" vision. Although applications will be accepted starting on October 1, 2010, students are encouraged to begin exploring the possibility of creating a film for the festival as soon as possible.



"By offering our students the opportunity to create a short film on the topic of our environment, we hope to see a variety of fresh and youthful finished products that will inspire others", said Tim Cole, the school division's sustainable schools project manager. "Since environmental sustainability is such a global issue, this festival will serve as a vehicle for increasing awareness to a larger audience."

Entries for the online film festival will be accepted in two categories: general and animation. Students in the elementary, middle, and high school levels will compete for the best film in each category. Each entry must be between two to three and a half minutes in length and conform to a "G" rating as described by the *Motion Picture Association of America*.

Detailed information on submitting an online entry is available on the school division's web site at <http://www.vbschools.com/GreenSchools/film.asp>. For additional information contact Tim Cole at (757) 263-1090 or j.tim.cole@vbschools.com.

VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AVERAGE PER PUPIL EXPENDITURES FOR OPERATIONS*				
SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT	FY 2009**		FY 2010 (Estimated)	FY 2011*** (Proposed)
	STATE AVERAGE	VBCPS	VBCPS	VBCPS
STATE	\$ 4,175	\$ 4,459	\$ 4,180	\$ 4,005
SALES TAX	907	993	960	983
FEDERAL	729	778	836	1,131
LOCAL****	5,505	4,790	5,092	5,049
TOTAL	\$ 11,316	\$ 11,020	\$ 11,068	\$ 11,168

*Includes regular day school, school food services, summer school, adult education, athletics, textbooks, and other educational functions; however, excludes certain expenditures (e.g., facilities, debt service, capital outlay additions, pre-kindergarten program)

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***Based on the School Board Operating Budget (Preliminary and subject to City Council approval)

****Includes the City of Virginia Beach and other local sources (e.g., rental of facilities, summer school tuition, adult education fees, cafeteria service charges)



Join Our Summer Reading Blog!

Students in grades K-12 are invited to discuss the books they are reading this summer!

Join instructional specialist Lorena Kelly, library media specialist Jennifer Kelly, and library media special Pamela Lawrence as they blog each week about a wide variety of books intended to inspire students in the elementary, middle, and high school levels to read -- not only during the summer break, but throughout their lifetime.



Have you thought about what it is like to be a Home Internet Technician, Marketing Director...?

Over 100 middle school students were able to pick one career field (Engineering Technician, Home Internet Technician, Marketing Director or Web Page Designer/Graphic Artist) and participate in hands-on activities in that career for one afternoon.

The Advanced Technology Center (ATC) sponsored a Middle School Career Day on Friday, February 26 for Kempsville, Landstown, and Plaza AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) middle school students.

Some of the examples of the activities included:

- Creating an advertising print ad and planning how to sell a product
- Learning Flash for Web pages
- Setting up and troubleshooting home Internet access and wireless cameras
- Modeling a 3d house using SketchUp software

“The ATC’s Middle School Career Day was by far one of the best field trips my students and I have done this school year. It can be quite a challenge to engage 8th graders in critical thinking and problem solving activities in the traditional classroom setting...not so at the ATC. My students were captivated by the activities presented to them by the ATC’s teachers and students. They loved the hands-on guidance they were given by the ATC students. Several students have mentioned that they now hope to go to the ATC for classes in high school.”

Laura J. Willey Kempsville Middle School AVID Coordinator



Dani Stevens, Plaza Middle School student, had fun as she gained experience as a Home Internet Technician by creating cables at the ATC.



Advanced Technology Center (ATC) Awarded Grant for Green House Competition

Congratulations to the Advanced Technology Center which was recently awarded a \$13,500 grant from the U. S. Department of Labor. The grant, Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED), is a collaborative effort among Southeastern Virginia Partnership for Regional Transportation (SEVA-PORT) partners, Opportunity Inc., and Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

This grant will fund the ATC Green House competition for Computer Aided Drafting and Design II students. The money was used to purchase architectural resource materials that support sustainability, equipment, and awards. The competition will take place in late spring at the ATC. Each student will gain real world experience as she or he researches, learns and applies principles of sustainability within the engineering/architectural field. Participants will be tasked with designing a house utilizing architectural software and applying the latest principles in green technology. As a result, students will gain experience in hands-on technical activities in sustainability and gain exposure to the green career opportunities in the STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) field. Judges will include representatives from Opportunity Inc. and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified architects and engineers.

Imagine Innovate Create

Making a Difference Community Celebration

Each year, nearly 20,000 volunteers contribute approximately 400,000 hours of service to Virginia Beach schools. During its citywide *Making a Difference* event on April 28, the school division celebrated the service of school volunteers and community partners who generously donate their time, talent, and resources in support of student achievement. In addition, the school division paid tribute to 16 Model Partnerships and 83 Volunteers of the Year, and the Virginia Beach Council of PTAs announced its selection of three PTA Citywide Volunteers of the Year. Congratulations to Russell “Rusty” Harris (*Strawbridge Elementary School*), Stephanie Gruning (*Kemps Landing Magnet School*), and George Sauer (*Princess Anne High School*).

2010 Model Partnerships

- Bullfrogs *and* Butterflies and Virginia Beach Technical and Career Education Center
- Children’s Hospital of The King’s Daughters *and* Tallwood High School, Office of Technical and Career Education, and VBCPS
- Crossroads Vineyard Church *and* Salem Elementary School
- Ebenezer Baptist Church *and* Bayside Tri-Campus
- King Tiger Martial Arts *and* Rosemont Elementary School
- Lynnhaven River NOW *and* Frank W. Cox High School
- McDonald Garden Center *and* Pembroke Elementary School
- Northrop Grumman Corporation *and* AMSEC LLC and Advanced Technology Center
- Old Dominion University Gene W. Hirschfeld School of Dental Hygiene *and* Princess Anne High School
- Papa John’s Pizza *and* W.T. Cooke Elementary School
- Royster Middle School, Norfolk Academy *and* Shelton Park Elementary School
- Strawbridge Dental Associates *and* Virginia Beach Technical and Career Education Center
- T.J. Maxx *and* Kellam High School
- TowneBank *and* W.T. Cooke Elementary School
- Virginia Beach Schools Federal Credit Union *and* Beach Municipal Federal Credit Union and Landstown High School

2010 Volunteers of the Year

Adult Learning Center John Harrison
 Advanced Technology Ctr Warren “Skip” Cutting
 Alanton Elementary School Deedra Dills
 Arrowhead Elementary School Jacquelin Ruffin
 Bayside Elementary School Denise Pope
 Bayside High School Dr. Stephen Miller
 Bayside Middle School Sharon Thomas
 Bayside Tri-Campus Donald Ohnemus
 Birdneck Elementary School Taessa Frazier
 Brandon Middle School Deloris Ash
 Brookwood Elementary School Janet Copeland
 Centerville Elementary School Tabitha Nichols
 Christopher Farms Elem. School Sandra de los Rios
 College Park Elementary School Dr. William Carroll
 Cooke Elementary School Cathy Anderson
 Corporate Ldg. Elem. School Marie Richardson
 Corporate Landing Middle School Pat Hurley
 Cox High School Nancy Blackwood
 Creeds Elementary School Laura Wolf
 Fairfield Elementary School Donna Kopf
 First Colonial High School Diane Brennan
 Glenwood Elementary School Matt Rouse
 Great Neck Middle School Cheryl Wolfe
 Green Run Elementary School Jennifer Goyet
 Green Run High School Christopher Wilkinson
 Hermitage Elementary School Melanie Smith
 Holland Elementary School Sandra King
 Independence Middle School Antoinette Chang

Indian Lakes Elem. School Gerilynn Bradrick
 John B. Dey Elementary School Connie Flaherty
 Kellam High School Kendall Cumings Carey
 Kemps Ldg. Magnet School Stephanie Gruning
 Kempsville Elementary School Helen Short
 Kempsville High School Francie Hill
 Kempsville Middle School Don Morse
 Kempsville Mdws. Elem. School Alice Catherman
 King’s Grant Elementary School K. Cindy Cho
 Kingston Elementary School Sheila Griffin
 Landstown Elementary School Theresa Barbee
 Landstown High School Maggie Fitzgerald
 Landstown Middle School Bernice Scott
 Larkspur Middle School Shila Mendez
 Linkhorn Park Elem. School Meredith Brady
 Luxford Elementary School Terra Bass
 Lynnhaven Elementary School Carole Demarah
 Lynnhaven Middle School Cyndi Jones
 Malibu Elementary School Georgia McKown
 New Castle Elementary School Shirley Davis
 North Landing Elem. School Brigid Banasiewicz
 Ocean Lakes Elem. School Thomas Hudgins
 Ocean Lakes High School Jackie Slater
 Old Donation Center Zoë Obara
 Parkway Elementary School Lori Hassett
 Pembroke Elementary School Tanya Davis
 Pembroke Meadows Elem. School Chris Craig
 Plaza Middle School Marlené Boyd

Point O’View Elem. School Christine Marsh
 Princess Anne Elementary School Theresa Mejia
 Princess Anne High School George Sauer
 Princess Anne Middle School Karen Smith
 Providence Elem. School Courtney Wheeler
 Red Mill Elementary School Teresa Carver
 Renaissance Academy Kurt Williams
 Rosemont Elementary School Jonel DePeralta
 Rosemont Forest Elem. School Suzanne Ruffh
 Salem Elementary School Allison Rinehart
 Salem High School Weldon Harris
 Salem Middle School Corri Dillon
 Seatack Elementary School Laurie Sudo
 Shelton Park Elem. School Michelle RedBow
 Strawbridge Elementary School Russell “Rusty” Harris
 Tallwood Elementary School Joan Lewis
 Tallwood High School Wanda Scott
 Technical & Career Ed. Ctr. Priya Venkataraman
 Thalia Elementary School Jennifer Mason
 Thoroughgood Elementary School Lisa Johnson
 Three Oaks Elem. School Katherine Bradley
 Trantwood Elem. School Mary Prendergast
 Virginia Bch. Middle School Lorri Roadcap-Clover
 White Oaks Elem. School Heather Brumblow
 Windsor Oaks Elem. School Donna Cheatham
 Windsor Woods Elem. School Beth Bailey
 Woodstock Elementary School Diane Roscoe

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