



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



This month we will honor and celebrate *Teacher and Staff of the Year* at a reception at the James E. Bruce Convention Center. You can never truly understand or appreciate the work of our teachers and staff. It is a difficult task to motivate children (especially those born into a poor environment) to look at life and school with expectations of success. However, on April 12, 2016 we will recognize the commitment and dedication many have made to improving the lives of the young people of our community. This is a wonderful celebration of individual accomplishments and being recognized by your peers for excellence in the workplace.

So let me say **thank you** to every finalist for Teacher and Staff of the Year. You are chosen by your peers for outstanding practices, rapport with students, and going above and beyond every day to make a positive difference in the lives of our students.

-Superintendent Mary Ann Gemmill



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PENNYROYAL ARTS COUNCIL The Pennyroyal Arts **smARTS** Program needs teacher's input for planning their 2016-2017 Season. They rely on teachers to help make decisions based on which programming best meets teacher's needs. Please click the link below and take the Survey by Wednesday, April 20. If you provide contact information at the end of the Survey, you will be entered in a drawing to win tickets for your class (up to 30 students) to attend a performance at the Alhambra.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/698NG2D>

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April is Military Child Appreciation Month

April is designated as the Month of the Military Child. This awareness month was established to emphasize the important role children play in the military community. Military children often face many challenges such as relocations, reintegration, deployments and too often, death. These children are honored for their courage, sacrifices, resilience and heroism. The Christian County Board of Education sponsored an art contest, open to all students, asking them to create a picture that illustrates this year's theme: "Military Kids: Heroes in Disguise." A team of judges picked one winner from the elementary, middle and high school level, as well as an overall winner. All entries will be used to decorate the tables at the Military Gala on Friday, April 22nd.



Grand Prize Winner:

Arianna Whitehead
12th Grade
Hopkinsville High School



Aaliyah Haynes
6th Grade, Pembroke Elementary



Ajani Cooke
8th Grade, CCMS



Sterling Arzabal
9th Grade, HHS



On March 24, Freedom Elementary held their first Leadership Day event. Community leaders came together to learn how Freedom Elementary students synergize to become better leaders. Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People school based program is called 7 Habits of Happy Kids.

Freedom received the grant through school funding and began working towards this initiative last summer. Through school visits, a book study, interviews by Franklin Covey, and buy-in from the school staff, Freedom signed on to become the first elementary school in the area as a Leader in Me School. Freedom will host three two hour long workshops this spring to involve families and to learn more about the habits. Freedom's year two plans include student-led conferences, leadership notebooks PreK-6th, and more intentional family involvement.





NATIONAL BETA

Congratulations to Christian County Middle School and Hopkinsville High School on being the recipients of the 2015-2016 *National Beta School of Merit Award!* This prestigious honor is awarded to schools whose Beta Chapters include all eligible grade levels. In addition, a list of *National Beta School of Merit* recipients will be publicized at the 2016 National Beta Convention.



2016 Mayor's Scholars

Congratulations to this year's Mayor's Scholars. To be named a Mayor's Scholar, eighth grade students must have a 2.5 GPA, maintain a 95 percent attendance rate, have no office referrals and submit an essay outlining steps the community should take to make Hopkinsville a better place for youth.



CCMS 2016 Mayor's Scholars

HMS 2016 Mayor's Scholars

HMS Archery Team Places 4th

This is the fourth season for the HMS Archery Team! The team participated in the NASP/IBO 3-D Kentucky State Tournament in Hopkinsville, KY on March 4. The team placed 4th in the State! Lanie Brumfield, an 8th grade student at Hopkinsville Middle School, placed 1st in middle school aged girls. Congratulations HMS Archery!



CCHS Colonels Boys' Basketball Team

Congratulations to the Christian County Colonels Boys' Basketball Team on their outstanding season. They won the 8th District Championship as well as the 2nd Regional Championship. They also participated in the State Tournament in Lexington, KY on March 17 at Rupp Arena. Coach Frankie Smith was named Region 2 Coach of the Year and Tyrik Edwards was named Region 2 Player of the Year and a Mr. Kentucky Basketball Nominee.



Tyrik Edwards & Coach Frankie Smith

Gold Star AWARDS



Congratulations to Jessica Monroe and Evan Henderson of Millbrooke Elementary School for being selected as the recent recipients of the Gold Star Teacher Award!

Parents, Staff and Community Members have the opportunity to honor a teacher of their choice for this award. Nominate your teacher today by visiting the official Gold Star Teacher Facebook page!

South Christian Introduces Student-Led Conferences



Hadley Hancock and her mother, Tracey Hancock, participate in the Student-Led conference on March 15.



Student - Led Conferencing is an innovative method of accurately reporting progress of student learning. The communication primarily occurs between the student and parent. Unlike a traditional Teacher/Parent conference, the Student- Led Conference allows the student to take control of the conversation rather than the teacher. The teacher acts as a facilitator rather than the main messenger of information. In order for the students to conduct the academically focused conversation, they must be familiar with their areas of strengths and their areas of weakness. They must be able to verbalize the standards, concepts, and skills that they are currently working on and where they stand along the progression of mastery. The student is given the opportunity to express set goals, determine timelines, and enact strategies to be used to obtain success. The parent can now hear and see how their child interacts with the curriculum and what their child's role is as the learner. This process ensures that the student is active in deciding next steps and how effort, determination, and commitment play a vital role in their success. South Christian held Student-Led conferences on Tuesday, March 15th. 616 people signed in and participated in the process.



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Dirt 'N Daisies Greenhouse Christian County High School

Don't miss your opportunity to purchase your spring flowers from Dirt 'N Daisies greenhouse at CCHS. Sales begin on April 15 and hours of operation are Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Prices are as follows:

- 4 pack/4 in pots \$2.00
- 6 in pots \$3.00
- Perennials \$6.00
- Hanging Baskets \$12.00

Plants available are as listed: Aloe Vera; Angelface: Blue; Begonias: Dragon Wing; Bidens: Compact Yellow; Bleeding Hearts: Dicentra King of Hearts;; Coleus: Wizard Mix; Fern: Boston, Kimberly; Geranium: Dark Red, Pink Eye, Cardinal Red; Gerbera Daisy: Ezdazy Mix; Impatiens: Red, White, Rockapulco Rose, Infinity; Lantana: assort colors; Samantha; Marigolds: Antiqua Mix; Mexican Heather: Purple; Pepper: Better Bell II, Banana; Periwinkle: Jams N Jellies Blueberry; Petunia: Wave Pink, Calib. Candy Shop, Mixmaster Sundance and Melody Purple Heart; Snapdragons: Candy Showers Mix; Spikes: Dracaena indivisa; Swedish Ivy; Sweet Potato Vine: Sweet heart purple & lime; Tomato: Red Grape, Better Boy; and Wandering Jew .

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