



# CCPS E-Newsletter



August & September 2016



Creating an educational culture of continuous growth through shared partnerships and responsibilities.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Thanks to our **Partners in Education** for hosting Back-to-School Appreciation Breakfast, Brunch, or Lunch in many of our schools [some schools choose to enjoy this event later in the year]. Regardless of when it takes place, our business partners always make us feel special by not only sponsoring the event, but also by serving us. Special thanks to Lanita Wilson, Chamber of Commerce Vice President of Community Affairs and Heather Lancaster, Director of Communications for CCPS, for coordinating these events in our schools. Also, a special thanks to Mayor Carter Hendricks for attending the events and expressing his support

and appreciation.

I wish to send a very "heartfelt" thanks to the many churches in our community who held **special prayer services** for our schools as we begin a new year. I do believe in the power of prayer. We appreciate the many services dedicated to praying for our school officials, staff, teachers and students.

Many community members and businesses dropped off school supplies and donations at the **Stuff the Bus** event at Patriot Chevrolet to benefit our schools, teachers and students. Our Family Resource Centers will share the supplies with any child in need. Thank you.

The **Community Friends' Back to School Bash** was also a huge success. Various supporters, including Delta Sigma Theta, Challenge House #4 and the Hopkinsville Police Department donated all of the supplies and treats for the bash. Thank you.

The kindness, prayers and support of this community continue to increase the chances of success for our students. Community-driven partnerships and interventions will make us a better school district and ultimately a better community.

Superintendent Mary Ann Gemmill

### A Special Note from Our Board Chair

Welcome back everyone! We are off to a great start. I enjoyed my visits to several of the schools during the first week of school. Your positive energy is so encouraging and much appreciated. I value the role you play in the lives of our students.

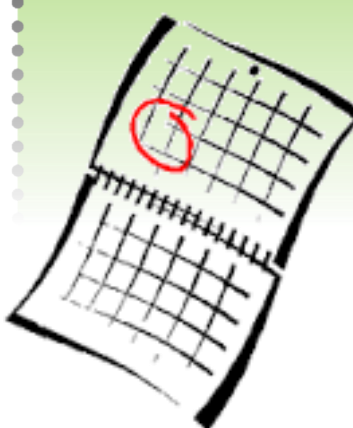
I would like to send a special thank you to the dedicated team of staff members who worked tirelessly on the Online Registration Project over the past several months. Online Registration is just one of the MANY ways our school district continues to improve and I look forward to the wonderful possibilities that this school year has in store for our children. I hope you have a great year!



Keller (wearing blue) stands for a picture with MLK staff and principal one morning before school

Sincerely,

Linda Keller, Board Chair



### Mark Your Calendar!

**Monday, September 5– Labor Day**

No School

**Friday, September 30– Planning Day**

No School for Students

## District Receives Award for Process Management

Christian County Public Schools recently received the Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA) award for Process Performance Management. Key projects developed by CCPS staff led to the state-wide recognition for the district. Projects included online registration, recycling efforts and aligning staffing procedures across the district.



L-R: Susie Hartline, Director of Strategic Planning and Federal Programs, Superintendent Mary Ann Gemmill, Board Chair Linda Keller, Board Members Tom Bell and Lindsey Clark

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## MEET MRS. A AND PROFESSOR READWELL

During the first week of school, students were treated to an exciting back to school surprise. iREAD characters Mrs. A and Professor Readwell made visits to each of the 8 elementary schools to help generate excitement for the district's iRead program.

iRead is a reading support program for all Kindergarten - 2nd grade students in the district. We want to encourage our students to master the art of reading and support our schools as we work to close the achievement gap before it begins!



## CCPS Principals Selected for Leadership Institute



Gilkey



Crider

The Alternative School's Chris Gilkey and Christian County Middle School's Kevin Crider have been selected to participate in the 2016-17 Kentucky Chamber Principal Leadership Institute. The program will provide principals with executive-level leadership training unmatched in the state. Thank you to the local businesses for their support and sponsorship of the program.

THANK YOU

**LONE STAR RODEO AND THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION**



## Summer 2016: Christian County Leadership Education Academy

Several teachers from the Christian County Public School System attended the Leadership Education Academy during the month of July. Participants of the program attended three full-day classes, where topics ranged from leadership development skills, team-building, group discussions, business and economic development, education leadership and community involvement. Many thanks to Lanita Wilson of the Chamber of Commerce for serving as the program coordinator.



Front Row (L-R): Megan Jones, Karen Rogers, Lanita Wilson, Andrea Osbron, Marisela Baker, & Cathy Ankeny.

Back Row (L-R): Kelly Arnold, Jeri Thomas, Krystal Harris, Lyssa Vowell, Robert Marlow, Jennifer Starks, & Robin Crosby

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## Become A Volunteer Today!

...And watch the difference it makes!

Christian County Public Schools is in need of school volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please visit the district website and complete the following steps:

### 1.) 5-minute Volunteer Orientation Video

### 2.) Sign/Submit the Signature Form

This states that you've watched the orientation video. Turn this form into the school you wish to volunteer at.

### 3.) Print, Complete and Submit Your Background Check

Turn this form into the school you wish to volunteer at. You will be contacted by the school with the results.

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