

# BACK TO SCHOOL

Christian County Public Schools

## E-Newsletter

August & September 2017

### MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



I am thrilled the 2017-18 school year is in session. District Staff and Leadership Teams across the district have been hard at work this summer preparing for a great school year. Your hard work is noticed and appreciated! We are extremely lucky to have such great employees in this district. I am proud of each of you and because of all your hard work **opening day was a great success!**

On-line-registration went very well, the schools (inside and outside) look beautiful, transportation ran smoothly, students enjoyed a delicious breakfast and lunch, teachers, principals and all staff across the district were welcoming and learning took place on day one. We were also blessed with perfect weather.

Summer of 2017 has been and continues to be busy on so many levels.....I'm trusting that each of you found some time for rest, peace, and taking care of yourself and your family. Our work is demanding and planning for this year is a challenge due to the new ESSA and State requirements, especially the new accountability system. An important part of meeting these challenges is understanding the law and making sure that our internal policies and procedures are in place to meet requirements. I assure you that we are doing everything possible at the Central Office and the School Board Level to stay abreast of all changes and mandates.

I am hopeful and optimistic about the year because even with all the changes that are taking place the "students" are at the heart of what we do at CCPS. Let's continue to implement best practices and do what is right for our students.

Starting a new school year is a fresh start.....an opportunity to move forward. Thanks again for a wonderful beginning to the 2017-18 school year. It's going to be a great year!

-Superintendent Mary Ann Gemmill



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L-R— Geoff Bailey (vice chair), Sue Hayes, Linda Keller (chair) Lindsey Clark, and Tom Bell

### A Special Note from Our Board Chair

I would like to congratulate everyone on a successful start to school! Thank you to all the staff who worked tirelessly to make this a smooth and enjoyable week for all. It was great to see so many smiling faces from our students, as well as staff, and I just know this is going to be a great year! - Linda Keller, Board Chair



**August 21— No School for Students (Eclipse)**

**August 22— No School for Students**

**August 28— First Day of Preschool**

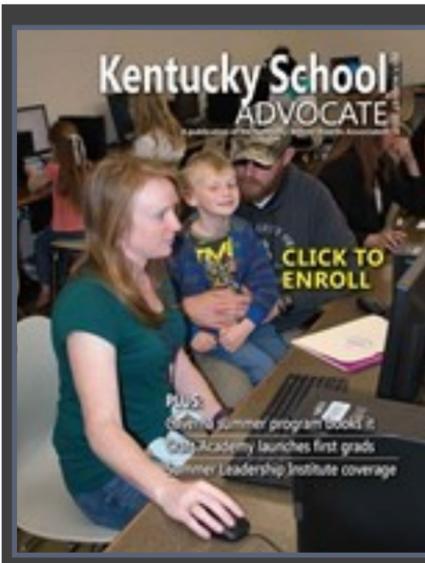


## HOW TO PROPERLY VIEW A SOLAR ECLIPSE

**CCPS reminds all students and staff to protect their eyes during the solar eclipse.**

Joe Sullivan, Meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Louisville, provides this statement in regard to the eclipse: "During an eclipse, it can be dark enough to look directly at the sun without reflexive squinting or pupil constriction. DON'T DO IT! Looking directly at the sun without proper protection can cause partial but permanent eye and vision damage regardless of its brightness! NEVER look directly at the sun, ESPECIALLY during an eclipse, when the lower light fools your pupils into not constricting. Regardless of the brightness, permanent eye and vision damage can occur." For more information visit <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety>

## CCPS Online Registration Featured in State Magazine



The district recently made headlines in the Kentucky School Board Association Magazine, Kentucky School Advocate. In the magazine, CCPS Online Registration is featured as an efficient and effective method for student registration.

Board Chair Linda Keller, along with school personnel and parents, are quoted in the magazine. "Anything that we can do to help our teachers and staff to streamline the process, gets them back to teaching and helping students instead of processing paperwork. We want them to have access and work with the children more than just entering data," Keller said.

## Pembroke Principal Selected for Leadership Institute

Dana Gary, Principal of Pembroke Elementary School, has been selected to participate in the 2017-18 Kentucky Chamber 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.



*Dana Gary*

## CCMS Teacher Selected as KHSAA Softball Official of the Year



*Chuck Standiford*

Congratulations to Chuck Standiford on being selected as the Kentucky High School Athletics Association (KHSAA) Softball Official of the Year. Mr. Standiford was nominated, then later selected on July 29 for this honor.

Mr. Standiford is a social studies teacher at Christian County Middle School.

Previously, Mr. Standiford was selected as the KHSAA Volleyball Official of the Year.





# BACK TO SCHOOL SNAPSHOTS!



# Stuff the Bus!

Stuff the Bus is another great success! Thank you to our wonderful partners at Patriot Chevrolet and Fraternal Order of Police for their generous donations of school supplies as we head back to school next week! We also want to thank all of the local businesses and individuals that come together each year to encourage and organize school supply drives, as well as the annual Back To School Bash and prayer circles.

CCPS appreciates all that you do for students in our community!



# Thank YOU!

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## Sinking Fork Solar Eclipse Fest!



A special thank you to Gary Keeton, Lowes and the Christian County Jail for volunteering and donating materials to clean, paint and make repairs to the Stadium of Champions.

We enjoy seeing and hearing about the positive that goes into making our community a great place to live!

