



MY SANTA'S WISHLIST.....

CHILDREN ARE A BLESSING. IT IS MY DESIRE AND WISH FOR EVERY BOY AND GIRL IN CHRISTIAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO GAIN A GREAT EDUCATION, HOPE, CONFIDENCE, PURPOSE, AND AN UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY ARE VALUED.

I WISH FOR THEM TO FEEL IMPORTANT, SAFE, SECURE, AND ACCEPTED.

I WISH FOR THEM TO DREAM, AND IMAGINE THEIR ROLE IN SHAPING A BETTER WORLD.

I WISH FOR ALL CHILDREN THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK AS A COMMUNITY TO CHANGE THE CYCLE OF ABUSE, NEGLECT, POVERTY, AND HOPELESSNESS.

MOST OF ALL..... I WISH THEM LOVE AND A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

AND TO ALL CCPS STAFF SPENDING THE DAYS BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS WITH STUDENTS WHO ARE OVEREXCITED, OVERSTIMULATED, AND OVERTIRED.....LET'S HOPE THAT THIS TIME BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS AND YOUR NEXT BREAK CAN BE FUN AND FOCUSED FOR YOUR STUDENTS. IF BEHAVIORS GET CHALLENGING, REMEMBER TO TEACH, PRAISE, AND KEEP THEM BUSY LEARNING!

MAY YOUR DAYS BE MERRY AND BRIGHT,

Mary Ann Gemmill



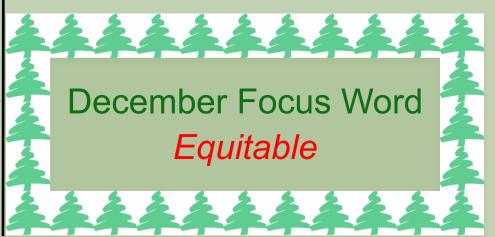
CCPS Board Member Lindsey Clark Thanks CCPS Staff

During this season of Love, Kindness and Forgiveness, I want to thank each Christian County Public School employee for your tireless work and dedication to our Children of Christian County. Most people in our community don't realize the commitment and dedication you are tasked as public educator. You are the only mentor, disciplinarian, medical provider, meal provider, and words of encouragement some of our students receive. Thank you again, for caring and for your generosity.

I hope each of you has a wonderful and peaceful Winter Break!

Merry Christmas!

Congratulations to Our Reelected School Board Members!





Board Votes to Grant Athletic Facility Naming Rights

Brad Hawkins Chief Operations Officer

The Christian County Board of Education recently voted to expand school sponsorship opportunities by accepting bids for naming rights at five of our athletic facilities.

Potential sponsors are invited to submit a sealed bid for

sponsorship of The Stadium of Champions, the Soccer Complex, HHS Rick Cohn Aquatic Center, HHS Tiger Gym, CCHS Lyle Dunbar Gym, or bid on all five facilities at once. Sealed bids will be opened at 2:00pm on February 8, 2019.

The winning bidders will receive naming rights for the facility, eight reserved seats, reserved parking, and general admission passes to school and athletic events. Contracts will be for five years and may be renewed for a second term.

If you would like more information or bid sheets, please contact me at 270-887-7000, <u>brad.hawkins@christian.kyschools.us</u> or the Christian County Board of Education, 200 Glass Avenue, Hopkinsville, KY 42240.

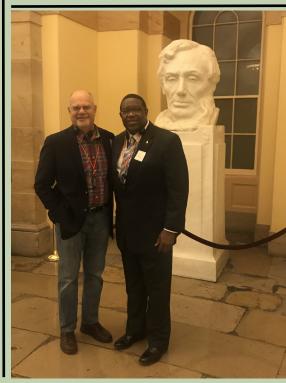


Hopkinsville Mayor Carter Hendricks recently spoke to Freedom Elementary School about the duties and responsibilities of being the mayor of a city. Freedom first grader Mekhi Adams had told classmates he wanted to be mayor some day and Mayor Hendricks payed a visit to the school in Mekhi's honor.



HHS's JROTC unit won the Mayor's Challenge for best JROTC parade unit in the 2018 Hopkinsville Veterans Day Parade. Mayor Carter Hendricks recognized the unit for their cadet appearance, marching technique, and

enthusiasm. The unit received a plaque and a \$100 check. The Hopkinsville High School unit is led by 1st SGT Wayne Holloway and Major Wayne Stiles.



John Rittenhouse recently toured the United States Capitol building with Capitol Architect and former Hopkinsville High School classmate Eugene Poole (Class of '78). A graduate of the University of Kentucky School of Architecture and a former US Air Force officer. Eugene just completed the \$10,000,000.00 renovation of the iconic capitol dome and is now tasked with the planning and guidance of the 2020 Presidential Inauguration.



The Superintendent's Advisory Council toured Hopkinsville and Christian County High Schools in early November. The council is made up of local civic leaders who have a strong interest in public education. Members were able to observe the condition of the

school buildings as well as students and teachers in their daily routine at the two high schools.

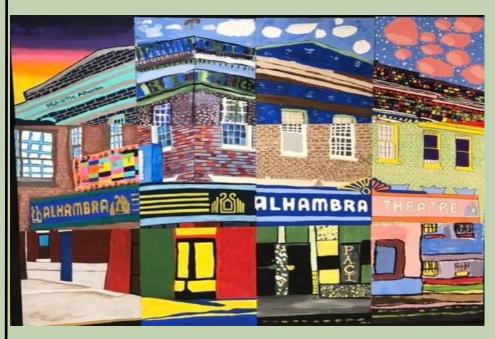


Keeli Miles is our Christian County Public Schools *Student of the Month* for November. A junior at Hopkinsville High School, Keeli plans to attend Western Kentucky University. She is a member of the 8th District All Academic Team, the Beta Club, and the HHS Lady Tiger Soccer Team. Keeli loves hanging out with friends, going shopping and community service projects.

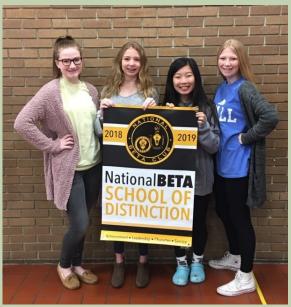


Giving Our Appreciation for Learning (G.O.A.L.) hosted a reception for Christian County Public Schools teachers and staff recently. The reception was held at the War Memorial Building and featured prizes and refreshments. G.O.A.L. is a public education advocacy group began during former Hopkinsville Mayor Dan Kemp's tenure. Its mission is to represent a community thankful for a selfless dedication to education.

Thank you CCPS teachers and staff and a big thank you to the committee members of G.O.A.L.



Christian County Public School art students participated in the renovation of the Alhambra Theatre in downtown Hopkinsville with their renderings of the theatre. Working with the Pennyroyal Arts Council through its smARTS program, artists from each school were able to add to the painting in unique ways.



Beta Officers: Brooke Arvin, Lauren Montgomery, Faith Folz, and Allison Luttrull

Hopkinsville Middle School has been named a 2018-2019 National School of Distinction by National Beta. The HMS Beta chapter has 105 members and received a banner for display on campus.

The award honors Beta Chapters that strive towards academic achievement, demonstrate leadership, provide service to others, and display exemplary character.

"This prestigious honor is a true indication of Hopkinsville Middle School's dedication to academic excellence, leadership development and commitment to celebrating their student's achievements," said National Beta's Chief Executive Officer, Bobby Hart.

The chapter will be recognized at the Kentucky Junior Beta Convention in Lexington and the National Beta Convention in Oklahoma City, OK.

HMS Beta Club sponsors are Melissa Kersey and Pam Bush.



Christian County Public Schools students, teachers, and supporters gathered together on a crisp October Saturday morning as the antibullying group, Stand Up and Speak Out, held their first annual Color Run at Christian County High School's Cross Country race course.

(CCPS Board Vice Chair Tom Bell)

Participants run or walk the course, passing through different color stations as they make their way around. At each station, volunteers at each station douse them with a different color. The group's organizer Adia Johnson, feels the first run was a success and with October being Anti-Bullying Month in Kentucky, the timing was perfect.



Cherise Brummer & Karie Pepper

South Christian Elementary School was recognized recently by The American Red Cross Pillowcase Project. The project aims to increase awareness and understanding of natural hazards, teaching safety, emotional coping skills, and personal preparedness.

Students learn the best ways to stay safe and how to create their own emergency supply kits by packing essential items in a pillowcase for easy transport during a disaster. The Red Cross attributes two lives saved during the February 2018 tornadoes due to the school's training.

Christian County Public Schools Our Mission: Creating an educational culture of continuous growth through shared partnerships and responsibilities.