

CCPS



E-Newsletter

February 2017



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

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



The short month of February is packed with special learning opportunities including: Black History Month, Groundhog's Day, Valentine's Day and President's Day. I enjoy and appreciate the lessons to be learned by connecting these events to Science, English and History. We continue to see wonderful, integrated lessons being implemented across the district.

Thank you for making learning fun and meaningful. I encourage you to always keep in mind that getting students to a better place is always at the **heart** of what we do! So, as we celebrate Valentine's Day, remember..."Kindness is best learned by feeling it so that children can reproduce it."

We are tracking Senate Bill 1, sponsored by Senator Mike Wilson, Bowling Green. It mirrors the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). We are also tracking the House and Senate Charter School Bills. There are several other Bills that will impact public schools. As we look to the future and to expected change, I want you to know that you are doing outstanding work. There's a lot to be proud of in Christian County Public Schools. I am grateful to all of you who are a critical part of the work we do for our diverse learners.

Sincerely,

Superintendent Mary Ann Gemmill



Parents and Guardians, please note the recent and important change made to the entrance age of children to begin Kindergarten for the 2017-18 school year.

Incoming kindergarten students must have turned five (5) before or by August 1 to enroll for the 2017-18 school year.

* To learn more about kindergarten enrollment and the process for early student enrollment, visit www.christian.kyschools.us

Student Spotlight of the Month

Student Travels to Washington, D.C. for Presidential Inauguration



Ryan Pyle is a senior at Hopkinsville High School and very involved in courses he takes at the Gateway Academy to Innovation and Technology. He is a student ambassador at Gateway and a leader of the first VEX Robotics team who placed 13th in the state last year.

Ryan's takes classes in Engineering and Information Technology. He was selected as the Student Spotlight of the Month by Gateway Academy Principal Penny Knight. Ryan was recognized at the January School Board Meeting. Pictured (left): Ryan is pictured with Ms. Knight on 1/19/17.



HHS student Edward Lee Major received a once in a lifetime experience when he was selected to attend the Presidential Inauguration of the nation's 45th President Donald J. Trump.

During his experience, Edward Lee created a blog which shared his experiences in real-time and what those experiences meant to him. Read more about Edward Lee's trip to Washington DC. Check out his blog!

www.edwardleemajor.blogspot.com

District Receives State Award for Innovations In Communications



Back L to R: Laura Morris, Karen Crick, Tracy Pelletier, & Heather Lancaster

Front L to R: Susie Hartline, Katrina Wright, Melanie Barrett, Annette Finley, & Mary Saupe

At a recent state conference, hosted by the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) and the Kentucky Public Relations Association (KYSRA), CCPS was honored with a state award for Innovations in Communications.

The award recognized the district's Online Registration initiative, which launched last summer. The award was accepted by Heather Lancaster, CCPS Director of Communications.

Christian County is one of few districts in the state who have moved to an online registration process. The process was created to reduce amounts of paperwork for families and processing time for schools.

Pictured (left): District staff members are recognized for the success of Online Registration at a School Board Meeting in January.

ATTENTION!

-Volunteers Needed-

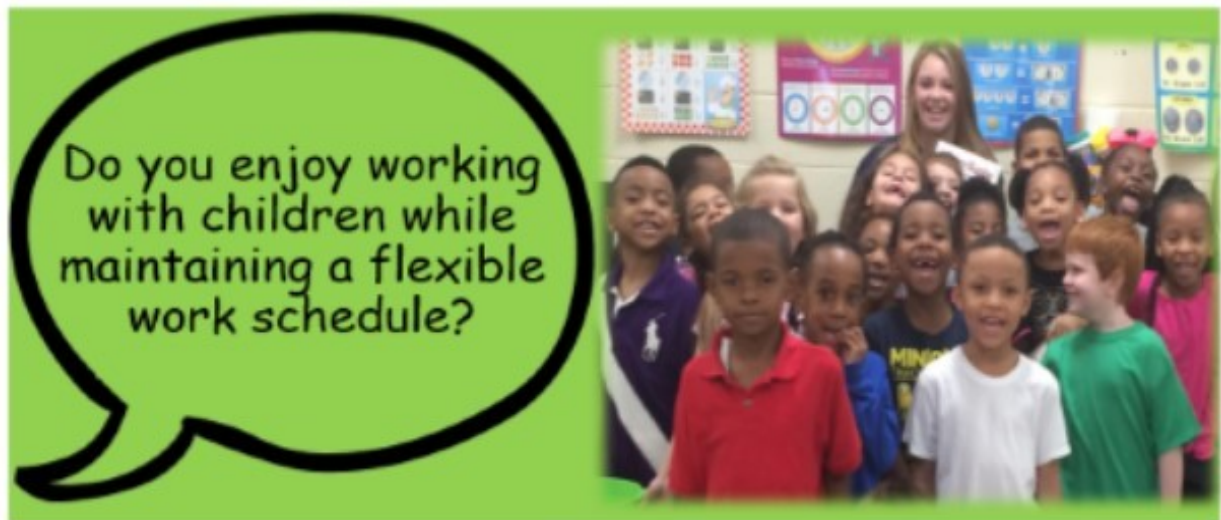
In Kentucky, March is designated as College and Career Readiness Month and we need your help to share real-life work experiences with 8th and 10th grade students.

Christian County's Operation Preparation initiative means students are grouped in small class settings, according to what is designated as students' career interests. Interests can include careers in agriculture, business, education, culinary, communications and many more.

20 minutes of your time and the information you share about your work experiences will help students as they prepare for their future. This time allows for a valuable Q & A experience.

Sign-up for Operation Preparation TODAY!

 www.christian.kyschools.us



If so, you should consider becoming a substitute teacher!

Substitute Teacher Recruitment Fair

**Tuesday, February 14, 2017
1:00-3:00 p.m.**

**Christian County Board of Education
200 Glass Avenue
Hopkinsville, KY 42240**

- ✓ Competitive Pay Rate with Potential to Earn Up to \$100 in One Day!
- ✓ Must Have a Kentucky Teaching Certificate OR Minimum of 64 College Hours with 2.5 GPA
- ✓ Complete Application On-site

To apply online, visit the district website and click on the "Substitute Teaching" Application.



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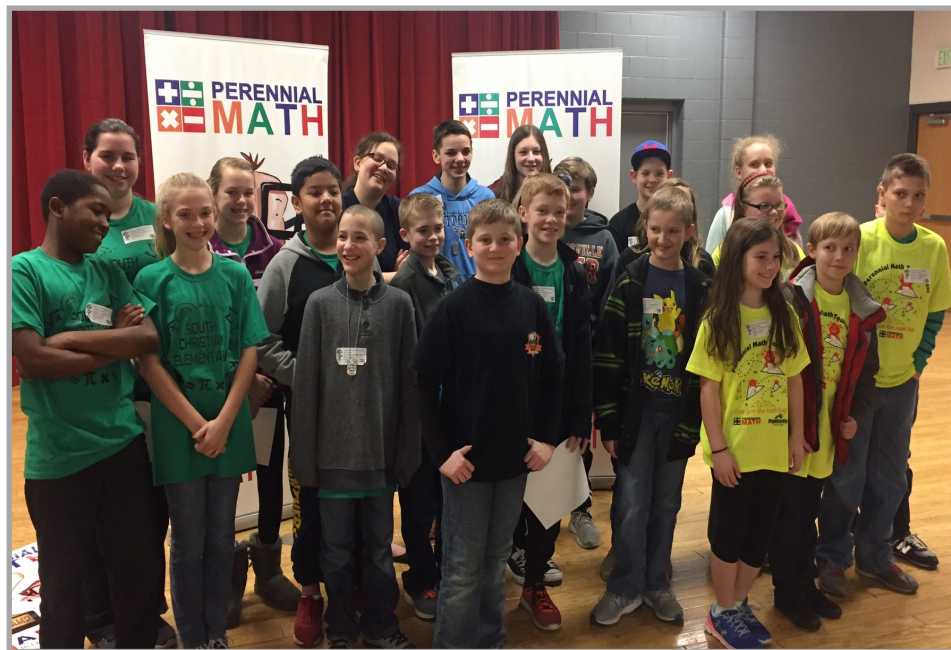
ConnectU TV features Gateway Academy to Innovation and Technology

Gateway Academy Principal Penny Knight talks on ConnectU TV about the programs and academies offered at the Gateway Academy to Innovation and Technology. This 5-minute interview shares what students and parents need to know about the exclusive opportunities and experiences students are exposed to when they enroll in courses at the school. Check out the CCPS YouTube Channel on the website!



Students Compete at Local Problem Solving Tournament

February 4, 2017



Students from South Christian, Indian Hills, Hopkinsville Middle and Crofton participated in the Perennial Math Tournament at Hopkinsville Community College on February 4. The tournament consisted of individual and team competitions. Great job students!



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