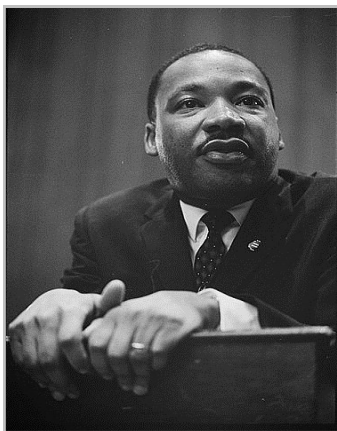


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In observation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Christian County Public Schools will be closed on **Monday, January 18.**



The MLK School Challenge will be held on January 18 at the Boys and Girls Club beginning at 10:00 a.m. The highest percentage of students and staff to attend from a school will be this year's winner of the MLK School Challenge.

At Freedom Elementary School we work with our students daily on effective writing skills and strategies. Our school has a monthly school-wide themed writing day, which helps our students focus on purpose and genre.



- Brooke Stinson, Principal of Freedom Elementary School

For some of us, 2016 will be a big year! Read what students at Freedom Elementary School are ready to accomplish...

2nd grade student Josh Bridges writes:

"In 2016 I am going to begin with the end in mind in order to be a better student. I am going to be proactive and be in charge of my own actions. I am going to pay attention in class and give great effort to follow all expectations."

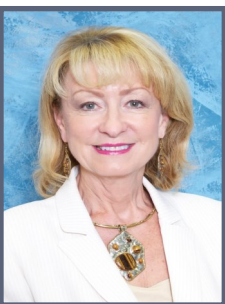
2nd grade student Amira Trotter writes:

"In 2016 I am going to put first things first and study, do my homework, and pay close attention in class before I do fun stuff. I am thinking win-win to make my mom and dad proud."



To the right, Amira and Josh are pictured with their teacher Ms. Latham.

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



First semester has come and gone...quickly! What a great beginning we had in 2015. It seems like yesterday that we met and learned from Dr. Roger Cleveland and his team at the Bruce Convention Center. This was one of the most powerful professional development sessions I have ever experienced. In addition to networking with colleagues across the district, we learned much about diversity, instructional equity, closing achievement gaps, transforming school culture and so much more.

The future is bright for CCPS! We must remain grounded in what we learned from Dr. Cleveland and his team. Good luck to you as you continue to meet the needs of our students in 2016. Please accept my heartfelt appreciation for all you do throughout the year.

Again, many well wishes for a great 2016!

-Superintendent Mary Ann Gemmill

The Christian County School Board Wishes You a Happy New Year!



Sara Shepherd, District 1



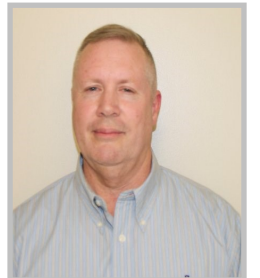
Linda Keller, District 4



Tom Bell, District 5



Teresa Moss, District 2



Lindsey Clark, District 3

January Student Spotlight



Congratulations to 6th grade student Jaylin Barks. She is recognized as this month's Student Spotlight. Jaylin attended the December School Board Meeting and led board members and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Indian Hills Elementary School Principal Tonya Oakley says Jaylin displays amazing character and academic success. She is an active member of the school choir, STLP

and the Academic Team. She is on the honor roll and serves as one of the school's ambassadors.

January is School Board Appreciation Month

Throughout the month of January, administrators, faculty, staff, students and community members of Christian County Public Schools are publicly thanking the system's elected board of education members during Kentucky's observation of School Board Recognition Month.

We thank our school board members for their service to Christian County Public Schools!



Gateway Academy Hosts First Career Fair for Engineering and Health Science Students

Community and business partners helped make Gateway's first Career Fair on December 10 a success by providing students with opportunities to learn more about career options in their respective pathway. The event provided students with mock interviews and great networking experiences. Students also toured an ambulance, an AirEvac helicopter and watched a flying drone demonstration.

We thank you for your continued support of the United Way's Annual Campaign!

-Heather Lancaster & Priscilla Kirby, Education Division Co-Chairs



Inclement Weather Information

Last month's CCPS e-newsletter featured a Q & A with Chief Operations Officer Brad Hawkins. You can learn more about inclement weather procedures, the *NEW* land port implementations and weather-related communications by clicking [HERE](#).



Christian County Public Schools **STLP DISTRICT SHOWCASE**

**February 4, 2016
CCMS Gym
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

Join us as our STLP students demonstrate the exciting things they are doing with technology.

**IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER,
AN ALTERNATE DATE IS SET FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2016.**



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CCPS Connect U TV: **ALL ABOUT ATTENDANCE**



January's Connect U TV episode features an interview with Pupil Personnel Director Melanie Barrett. She discusses the importance of regular class attendance, CCPS truancy processes and procedures and attendance policies regarding military families.



Click [HERE](#)
to Watch!