



CCPS E-Newsletter

November 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." [Wm. Arthur Ward]

Recently I presented the *State of the Schools Address* to share our story and to celebrate our success! I truly appreciated the opportunity to share the story of our district's journey of continuous improvement and express my **gratitude** for all of those who worked so hard to contribute to the overall results.

Teaching hasn't taken place until learning has occurred. It is evident from our recent test scores that both teaching and learning have occurred. Together you have collectively raised the bar by promoting powerful practices in classrooms across the district. I thank you and wish to express *again* my heartfelt **gratitude**.

Enjoy the wonderful Thanksgiving Season. We have much to be thankful for in the U.S.A. and in our own community.

Sincerely, Superintendent Mary Ann Gemmill



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



Mark Your Calendars!

Election Day - No School for Students

Tuesday, November 8

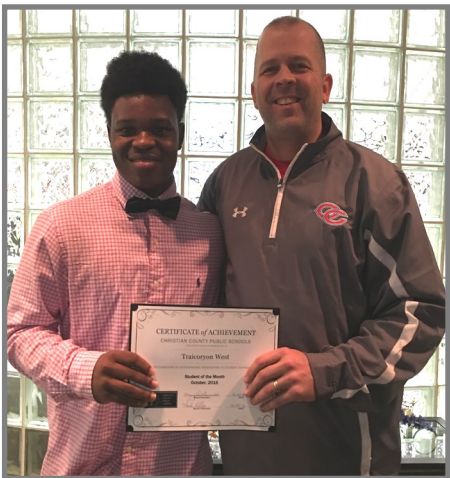
Veterans Day - No School for Students

Friday, November 11

Thanksgiving Holiday Break - No School

Thursday, Nov. 24 & Friday, Nov. 25

NOVEMBER STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Traicoryon West is a sophomore at Christian County High School. He is involved in several extracurricular activities including Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA) and men's choir. He was recently for the 2016 Quad State Choir.

Traicoryon led the Pledge of Allegiance at a recent School Board Meeting and was recognized by the Christian County Board of Education as the Student of the Month for November. Traicoryon is pictured with Mr. Chris Bentzel, Christian County High School Principal.

CCPS is making headlines... for all the RIGHT reasons!

Recently hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, The annual State of the Schools Address featured Superintendent Gemmill sharing the success story of our district. For the first time CCPS is a Proficient "High Progress" district, along with many other accomplishments we can all be proud of. The event was a wonderful celebration of our district and involved a strong presence of students, adding a bit more of excitement to the news! Student groups from CCHS JROTC, HHS Pep Band, and cheerleaders were all in attendance. An energetic performance by the Indian Hills School Student Choir brought the audience to their feet!

The City of Hopkinsville's annual Unity Breakfast keynote speaker was Mr. Tom Bell, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Education. His message encouraged attendees of the event to put their talents and time into our city. At the breakfast, Mayor Hendricks and Judge-Executive Tribble presented a unity proclamation. The HHS choir performed and did an outstanding job! They represented our district well!

2016 State of Schools Address & Unity Breakfast



Indian Hills Elementary School Choir



Superintendent Gemmill



HHS Choir



Mr. Tom Bell, Vice Chair

Join Us for the 2016 Veterans Day Parade

The Veterans Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday, November 5 downtown Hopkinsville at 10:00 AM. Thank you to our schools who will be our "Sidewalk Saluters" during the parade. The school with the most attendance will win the Spirit Award.

Indian Hills Elementary School was last year's Spirit Winner.



Message from the Board of Education



We express our sincere gratitude for our community and how fortunate we are to have caring teachers and staff in each of our schools. We take

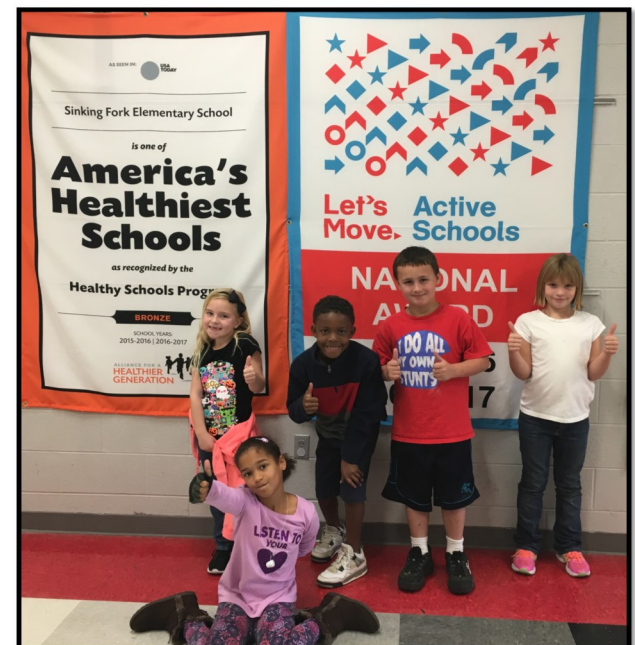
this opportunity to wish you and your family a joyous Thanksgiving, as we have much to be thankful for. Congratulations on a great year!

Sincerely, Christian County Board of Education Members

Sinking Fork Receives National Award for Enhancing Physical Education Opportunities for Students

Let's Move! Active Schools, part of First Lady Michelle Obama's *Let's Move!* initiative dedicated to ensuring 60 minutes of physical activity a day is the norm in K-12 schools, honored Sinking Fork with the 2016 *Let's Move!* Active Schools National Award for its outstanding efforts in creating an Active School environment.

The *Let's Move!* Active Schools National Award is the nation's top physical education and physical activity distinction for K-12 schools and celebrates a school's commitment to providing students with at least 60 minutes a day of before, during and after school physical activity. Only 544 schools across the country achieved this prestigious honor in 2016.





*You are cordially invited to the
Ribbon Cutting Celebration for*

“The Acceleration Station”

When: Thursday, November 17, 2016

Time: 6:00 p.m. (School Board Meeting)

Where: Christian County Board of Education

Christian County Public Schools is unveiling “The Acceleration Station,” a mobile learning environment, infused with technology, where students throughout the district can discover and grow while accelerating their learning.

The Acceleration Station will provide services to students in grades 4-6 who are currently identified as part of the gifted and talented program or students who may need enrichment. For participating students, enrichment in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), will be a large focus of students’ daily instruction.

Hopkinsville High School Band of Tigers

State Champions

Congratulations to the HHS Band of Tigers! Band members were honored at a recent school ceremony, where school, city and county officials recognized the accomplishments of the band.

The band will perform at the Veterans Day Parade in Hopkinsville on Saturday, November 5 and at the Citrus Bowl and Walt Disney's Christmas Parade in December, both in Florida. Good luck Tigers!



Local Teacher Selected as Regional Arts Specialist



The Kentucky Department of Education has started a new program of regional arts specialists and districts will be able to utilize these individuals as an arts resource for their school and district.

Aaron Jones, teacher at Millbrooke Elementary School, has been selected as the Regional Arts Specialist for our region.

Aaron serves as the general music teacher and assistant band director at Millbrooke. He has served as a committee member and leader on the school's program review instructional committee, as well as the school's site-based decision making council. He has an extensive background in youth performing arts in theater and dance, the marching music arts and community music arts organizations from all around the state and country.

CCPS is proud to have Aaron Jones as the Arts Specialist for our region!



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