

Hening Elementary

Showing up for a great year



Moseley Elementary



They say 80% of success is showing up, so Chesterfield County Public Schools is encouraging students, staff members and families to show up. When we show up as our best selves, great things happen.

Let's show up ready to learn. That means being in school each day and putting in the work.

Let's show up with kindness. That means having a great attitude and connecting with the people around us.

Let's show up for each other. That means being helpful, doing what's right and knowing that we are better together.

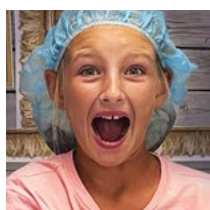


Bellwood Elementary



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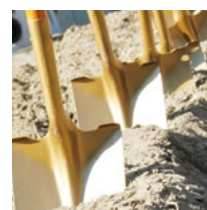
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Chesterfield County Public Schools welcomes teachers from nine nations



This school year, 30 educators from nine nations are working as full-time teachers in 10 different schools. The teachers arrived July 27 from Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, the Philippines and Trinidad and Tobago. Hired by the school system through a partnership with Participate Learning, the educators are teaching a variety of subjects, including elementary education, English as a Second Language and Spanish.

Each teacher meets Virginia licensure standards, holds a college degree in teacher education, has at least two years teaching experience and is highly proficient in English. They will teach in these schools during the 2023-24 school year, with the expectation that they will stay with Chesterfield County Public Schools for several years: **Bensley Elementary, Beulah Elementary, Curtis Elementary, Crenshaw Elementary, Davis Elementary, Salem Church Elementary, Elizabeth Davis Middle, Clover Hill High, Thomas Dale High** and **Manchester High**.



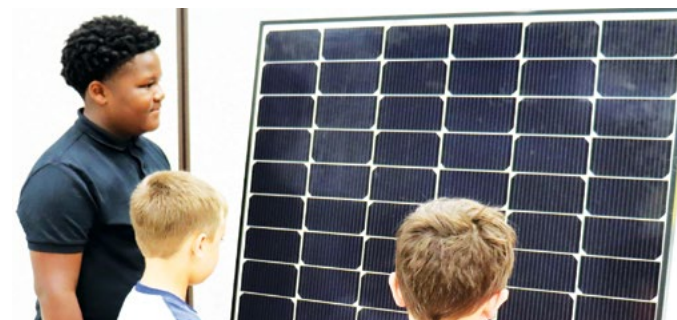
Pop-ular science

It was all about the bubbles during a science class at **Manchester Middle**. Sara Lupino's class experimented with different materials, seeking to blow the biggest bubble possible. After measuring the diameter of the popped bubbles, students recorded their findings. The largest bubble measured 37 centimeters!



Solar powered

During a June event, Chesterfield County Public Schools and Chesterfield County celebrated adding solar power to schools and government buildings. In addition to saving money and reducing pollution, the solar project is engaging students academically. See how STEAM classes at **Enon Elementary** explored engineering, solar energy, circuits and work-related skills while making solar whirligigs: youtu.be/krprzr-ELOY.



CELEBRATING
**HISPANIC
HERITAGE
MONTH**

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, and Chesterfield County Public Schools showed appreciation for the Hispanic and Latinx communities in some fantastic ways.



Elizabeth Scott Elementary kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month by welcoming students with music and teachers wearing heritage attire.



Midlothian High students designed creative displays to share information about each of the 21 countries where Spanish is the official language.



Matoaca High's culinary and Spanish classes united to make pupusas, a popular traditional dish originating from El Salvador.

HELPING STUDENTS ESCAPE VAPE

According to the Virginia Department of Health, vaping is an epidemic among young people, with more than one in four high school students and one in 10 middle school students reported vaping in the past 30 days. Chesterfield County Public Schools is working this year to help students stop vaping through information sessions for parents and online resources.

"It's important for our parents and young people to understand just how dangerous and unhealthy vaping is," said Dr. Merv Daugherty, superintendent of Chesterfield County Public Schools. "We have to help our children with this because vaping endangers their health and their futures."

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Supporting students and teachers

Marguerite Christian Elementary welcomed representatives of CMA's Richmond Dealerships and a donation of 15 classroom rugs.



Kudos to K-Kids Club

Gordon Elementary student Madison B. spoke at the conference of the Capital District of Kiwanis International, which covers all Kiwanis Clubs in Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Delaware and the District of Columbia. President of her school's K-Kids Club, Madison shared how the Gordon Elementary student group helps the community.



Plant the Moon Challenge

Meadowbrook High students were part of a global science experiment to see how to grow vegetables in a simulated moon regolith. Scientists are studying data from the Plant the Moon Challenge as part of NASA's Artemis return-to-the-moon missions. Meadowbrook students in Advanced Placement environmental science planted bush beans, sweet peas and spinach in the spring of 2023.



Strong student leaders

Before the start of the school year, **Salem Church Elementary** student leaders gathered to plan for a great 2023-24. Students from each of the school's five houses learned the five I's of leadership: influence, inspire, identify problems, implement change and integrity.



Ceremony for freedom

Bon Air Elementary third graders raised the Freedom Flag in remembrance of 9/11. They learned about the meaning of the flag and about heroism and sacrifices made on Sept. 11, 2001.



Making learning memorable

In math, Moseley Elementary third graders scrubbed up to perform surgery on place values.



Prysmian Cables & Systems LLC

Introduction

Prysmian Cables & Systems LLC, or Prysmian Group, is a company founded in 2005 that makes subterranean and underwater cables. Prysmian Group also makes telecom cable systems, optical fibre, and optical and copper cabling. Prysmian Group is the world leader in energy and telecoms cable systems, and their cables supply power to companies in over 50 countries around the world.



Prysmian Cables & Systems LLC has released 8.6 million lbs of lead and lead compounds into the environment. Lead is an element that naturally occurs in the Earth's crust. However, when released, lead heavily affects human health and the environment. When the human body absorbs lead it can negatively impact the nervous system, kidney function the immune system, reproductive and developmental systems, the cardiovascular system, and your body's ability to carry oxygen in your blood. Lead can be especially harmful to children and infants' nervous system because their bodies can absorb it more. When released into the environment, lead can end up in soils and sediments, resulting in decreased growth and reproduction of plants and animals. When one thing in an ecosystem is disturbed, it affects the rest.

What Changed?

Prior to 2016 Prysmian Group was releasing very large amounts of lead into the environment, but since then they have stopped using lead, started recycling it, and instead using sustainable raw materials in their production. At the end of 2021, Prysmian Group released its sustainability report, and explained how they use lean manufacturing to become as environmentally friendly as possible. Lean manufacturing is the idea of maximizing productivity, while minimizing waste production during manufacturing.



Prize winner

Virginia's only high school winner in a contest sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency attends **Bird High** in the Governor's Academy for Engineering Studies. Charlotte W. earned a third place prize of \$1,500 in the EPA's Pollution Prevention Works: A Storytelling Challenge for Students. Each year, freshmen engineering students select a competition to enter. Charlotte chose the EPA contest and created an infographic (shown above) detailing how a company switched to more sustainable materials in its production system and improved its recycling efforts.

Award-winning communication

There's a lot of joy in sharing good stories — and there are a lot of good stories to share in Chesterfield County Public Schools. The school system's communications team won multiple awards in 2023:

Nine awards from the National School Public Relations Association:

- ☐ Award of Excellence for oneccps.org and school websites
- ☐ Award of Excellence for Thomas Dale High turf management video
- ☐ Award of Excellence for marching band night video
- ☐ Award of Excellence for Teacher of the Year video
- ☐ Award of Merit for Black History Month social media posts
- ☐ Award of Merit for How My District Overcame Our Dire Bus Driver Shortage article
- ☐ Award of Merit for 2022-23 parent handbook
- ☐ Award of Merit for CCPS on the Go! countywide newsletter
- ☐ Honorable mention for progress report from the Chesterfield Recovery Academy

Three Hermes Creative Awards:

- ☐ Platinum Award for national media coverage for high school's Charcuterie Club
- ☐ Gold Award for oneCCPS.org and school websites
- ☐ Honorable mention for CCPS on the Go! newsletter

Two DotComm Awards:

- ☐ Platinum Award for national media coverage for high school's Charcuterie Club
- ☐ Gold Award for oneCCPS.org and school websites

Award from the National Association of Counties:

- ☐ Connecting all community residents to public schools



Strong start

In the year that it has existed, the **Chesterfield Recovery Academy** has won awards, received national media attention and participated in a White House summit.

With the philosophy “One step, one day, one success at a time,”

Virginia’s first recovery high school program opened within Chesterfield County Public Schools in September 2022. The school is open to central Virginia high school students who are in recovery from substance use disorders; that includes 40+ schools across 15 school divisions.

The school began with five students and grew to 12 by the end of the 2022-23 school year. Four achieved diplomas; others continued with the academy or returned to their home districts. In the current school year, the Chesterfield Recovery Academy began with 13 students and has room for up to 50.

The Chesterfield Recovery Academy is structured after the national recovery model to help high school students through their addiction recovery after they had already completed their treatment program. Students receive the academic, emotional and social support necessary to complete their high school education and set a path toward continued success. Once enrolled, students may remain in the program as long as needed to ensure continued success. Learn more at oneccps.org/chesterfield-recovery-academy.



Improving cell service

Chesterfield County Public Schools recently added next-generation technology to boost cell service at all schools. Cell boosters and Passpoint Wi-Fi automatically provide cell service in school buildings, in high school stadiums and on playgrounds. If you don’t want your mobile device to use Passpoint Wi-Fi, then turn off Wi-Fi in the settings on your phone. More information is available at oneccps.org/technology.



Memorable math

Tomahawk Creek Middle seventh graders in Charles Keys’ math class embraced their assignment to create visual representations of the real number system using chalk and the outdoor basketball court.



Chesterfield County Public Schools

So many options for high school

Chesterfield County Public Schools includes 11 high schools and offers many options for high school students. For an overview, including a short video, go to oneccps.org/high-school-options.

Students can concentrate on special interests in **specialty centers** housed within Chesterfield high schools:

- Engineering Studies
- Mathematics and Science
- Health Science
- Arts
- Leadership and International Relations
- Spanish Immersion
- Mass Communications
- Innovative Technology
- International Baccalaureate
- Entrepreneurship
- Humanities
- Health Professions and Therapies



The Chesterfield Career and Technical Center provides students with the academic and technical knowledge for successful careers, whether they enter the workforce after high school or go on to higher education.

Students can also apply to **Appomattox Regional Governor’s School** (arts and technology), **Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School** (government and international studies) and **CodeRVA** (computer science and coding).

Be a volunteer!

There are many ways to support Chesterfield County Public Schools as a volunteer or partner, and we encourage you to share your time and talents. We are better together! Volunteers play an important role supporting student well-being, promoting literacy, supporting classroom innovation and helping grow life-ready graduates. Whether you are looking for ways to contribute as an individual, with a group or through a donation, we are always seeking champions to support students and schools. Find volunteer opportunities at oneccps.org/volunteer.

Alumni honored for making a difference

The Chesterfield Education Foundation is honoring six alumni of Chesterfield County Public Schools this year with Bravo! Awards. Over the past 13 years, award recipients have ranged from professional athletes, musicians and doctors to entrepreneurs and business leaders. All award recipients have made exceptional impacts on their professions and communities.

The Chesterfield Education Foundation will honor 2023 winners during a Nov. 16 gala. Tickets can be purchased from the foundation, which is dedicated to providing equitable educational opportunities and increasing classroom innovation for students in Chesterfield County Public Schools. Go to cefva.org for more information about tickets and Bravo! winners.



Dr. William Collins

Associate professor in the University of Kansas Department of Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering
Manchester High class of 2002

With three civil engineering degrees (bachelors, master's and Ph.D.), Dr. William Collins teaches and researches at the University of Kansas. He is an expert in fracture toughness testing and characterization, field testing and monitoring of highway structures, large-scale examination of structural components and systems, bridge engineering and the fabrication and inspection of metallic infrastructure. William has led numerous research projects related to fatigue and fracture detection, characterization and performance, as well bridge inspection, evaluation and repair.



Danielle Gilbert

Chief human resources officer for Manifest in You Consulting
James River High class of 2000

Danielle Gilbert's education in business administration plus years of hands-on experience equipped her with a deep understanding of the challenges businesses face and the strategies needed to overcome them. Known for exceptional communication and interpersonal skills, Danielle can connect with people at all levels of an organization. Her approachable nature and expertise in emotional intelligence and conflict resolution allow her to foster positive and productive relationships within teams, resulting in improved collaboration and a stronger organizational culture.



Nkanta N. Hines Sr.

President and chief executive officer of Capital Strategy Group
Matoaca High class of 1991

Nkanta Hines' firm, Capital Strategy Group, focuses on leadership development and organizational strategy as an adviser that coaches, builds and develops capabilities within organizations around the world. Nkanta has served in C-suite positions at HCA, Fresenius North America and American Board of Internal Medicine, leading large teams across multiple regions and bringing more than 25 years of health-care and research operations, culture and strategy experience with a focus on leadership as the impetus to change.



Johnny Partin

Mayor of Hopewell
Thomas Dale High class of 2010

Johnny Partin in 2018 was elected as one of the youngest members to serve on Hopewell City Council, then was tapped as mayor in January 2023. At the age of 30, he is the city's youngest mayor ever. With degrees in civil and environmental engineering and in economics, he works as a general engineer in the Master Planning Division at Fort Gregg-Adams. Johnny is also a logistics officer in the Virginia Army National Guard, holding the rank of captain and serving as public affairs officer for the 329th Regional Support Group based in Virginia Beach.



Ted Salmon

Retired director of student activities at Cosby High
Meadowbrook High class of 1968

Ted Salmon is the ultimate example of what Chesterfield County Public Schools can produce. He attended CCPS from kindergarten through high school graduation. He worked nearly all his career giving back to the county, including helping open a brand-new Cosby High School (hiring faculty and coaches and leading the selection of school colors, mascot and traditions). Ted is a role model for all who followed, both as teachers and coaches. Upon retirement from his first career, he started another that also helps Chesterfield County students by recognizing their achievements.



Dr. Lisa F. Waddell

Chief executive officer of LFW Public Health Connections
Bird High class of 1980

Dr. Lisa Waddell is a board-certified preventive medicine and public health physician with more than 30 years of local, state and national public health leadership experience. She is the former chief medical officer for the CDC Foundation. During the height of the pandemic, Lisa provided leadership for the development of the COVID-19 Corps Nationwide Surge Staffing initiative and the foundation's overall response. Recently retired, she founded LFW Public Health Connections to provide public health consultative services.



The Chesterfield Education Foundation offers \$100,000 in Innovation Grants to Chesterfield County Public Schools teachers each year. Teachers can receive up to \$5,000 to try creative, fresh approaches to learning or to launch a special program or project. Learn more about the foundation at cefva.org.



Providing equitable educational opportunities and increasing classroom innovation in Chesterfield County Public Schools is the mission of the Chesterfield Education Foundation. The foundation

fulfills that mission by providing private support for the public schools of Chesterfield County through classroom grants, scholarships, teaching awards and project startup funds as well as through the expertise and knowledge of professionals in the community. MCD Awards, MEGA Mentors and Chesterfield STAR are among the foundation's partner programs serving the students and teachers of Chesterfield County Public Schools. The foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization incorporated in 1989.





Bon Air Elementary student Dean Thompson kept calm and acted bravely when his dad had a life-threatening emergency. On a fishing trip in May, Doug Thompson went into anaphylactic shock. Dean was unable to call 911 on his dad's phone but quickly pivoted and ran to get help from nearby adults and was able to help them find his dad's EpiPen. Emergency responders were called, and Doug was rushed to the emergency room, where he recovered from the severe allergic reaction. When Dean's mom, Heidi Thompson, arrived, emergency responders and the adults who helped shared how impressed they were with Dean's actions.

The Thompsons (Doug, Dean, Heidi and Corbin) are all smiles thanks to Dean's actions.

Be a lifelong learner

Did you know Chesterfield County Public Schools offers classes for adults that can help you get ahead or find some fun?



Residents 18 and older can register for:

- Workforce training (including dental assisting, HVAC, cosmetology and more)
- English for Speakers of Other Languages
- GED classes and testing
- Enrichment classes (cooking, world languages, music instruction and more)

Adult Continuing Education opens new classes twice a year, and they can fill quickly. To see this fall's classes, go to tinyurl.com/CCACEcatalog.

Get your Super Senior Passport

Chesterfield County residents who are 60 or older are invited to get a Super Senior Passport by filling out the form at bit.ly/SeniorPassport. Designed to thank senior residents for their support and encourage them to remain active in Chesterfield schools, the Super Senior Passport is free and provides:

Free admission to school athletic events (except playoffs and tournaments) and music and theater productions in schools.

Discounted fees for Super Senior Passport classes and other adult education classes on a space-available basis. Discounted tuition in a particular class is not guaranteed; oneccps.org/adult-continuing-education has details.



School Board members and the superintendent meet regularly with leaders in the faith community, a strong partner for Chesterfield County Public Schools. The quarterly gatherings include updates about school initiatives and ways to support students, teachers and schools. Leaders of churches, synagogues, mosques and other faith communities who would like to connect with Chesterfield County schools are invited. Email judi_anderson@ccpsnet.net to join the mailing list.



This year, Chesterfield County Public Schools is focused on ensuring that students are prepared for learning. One of the best ways to achieve this is by emphasizing the importance of good attendance. By working together, we can ensure that our children receive the support they need to attend school regularly and access the resources required for a bright future. Let's join hands and support our students to have them showing up ready to learn to give them the best chance for success.

Stay in touch!

Check out these ways to stay connected with Chesterfield County students, staff members and schools:

Check out oneccps.org and school websites.



Sign up for a weekly digital newsletter: bit.ly/CCPSconnections

Follow #oneCCPS social media:



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Building for the future

Coming soon to Chesterfield County Public Schools: new and replacement elementary, middle and high schools. These facilities are part of more than \$500 million in construction that voters authorized in a November 2022 bond referendum, plus additional bonds previously authorized by the Board of Supervisors. Here's an update on the two middle schools currently under construction:

West Area Middle School

School and county leaders broke ground Aug. 9, 2023, on the 13th middle school in Chesterfield County Public Schools. While the school is referred to currently as the West Area Middle School, its permanent name will be chosen before the school opens for students in August 2025.

Designed for 1,800 students, the 254,084-square-foot school is being built in the Matoaca District on 105 acres next to Westerleigh Parkway. Virginia Public School Authority bonds are the main source of funds for the school, which is expected to cost almost \$100 million. Other local sources are also being used to fund this effort.



Falling Creek Middle School replacement

School and county leaders broke ground in September 2022 on a replacement building for Falling Creek Middle and construction is on schedule. The new building — which will open in August 2024 — is rising between the current Falling Creek Middle, which was built in 1966, and Falling Creek Elementary.

Virginia Public School Authority bonds are being used to finance the new building, which is expected to cost about \$100 million. The new building will accommodate up to 1,800 students.



Turf takes the field

Chesterfield County Public Schools officially opened new turf fields at **Bird High** and **Monacan High** this fall. Student groups who will benefit from the Sprinturf Ultrablade fields include the football teams, marching bands, color guards, dance teams, cheerleaders, field hockey teams, lacrosse teams, track and field teams, soccer teams and health and PE classes.

Synthetic turf allows the fields to be used year-round, by eliminating downtime for grass growth and reducing rain delays. In addition to renewing the multipurpose field, this project improves accessibility, event areas and drainage. The Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors covered the \$2 million cost for each site, and the county Parks and Recreation Department managed the projects in coordination with Chesterfield County Public Schools. The Monacan and Bird fields are intended to serve school and county activities for eight to 10 years. In the future, other high school fields will be evaluated for synthetic turf.





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Chesterfield County School Board

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ccpschoolboard@ccpsnet.net.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Dot Heffron, Debbie Bailey, Ryan Harter, Ann Coker and Kathryn Haines serve on the Chesterfield County School Board.

What is CCPS on the Go?

Chesterfield County Public Schools is growing: more than 64,000 students at last count. We're an award-winning school system known throughout Virginia and the nation for having high standards and doing what is right for children. A strong public education system benefits everyone in Chesterfield County, and we want all residents to be proud of Chesterfield

schools. That's why this publication is being delivered to every home in the county. This publication is initially funded through federal relief funds to improve reach of communication throughout the school district. A digital version is available on oneccps.org in English and in Spanish. Una versión digital está disponible en oneccps.org en inglés y en español.

What do you think?

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1. Do you have children currently attending Chesterfield County Public Schools?
☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Reading this issue of CCPS on the Go increased my knowledge of what's happening in Chesterfield County Public Schools
☐ A great deal ☐ A lot ☐ A moderate amount
☐ A little ☐ Not at all
3. How did reading this issue of CCPS on the Go affect your attitude about Chesterfield County Public Schools?
☐ Much better attitude ☐ Somewhat better
☐ About the same ☐ Somewhat worse
☐ Much worse attitude
4. After reading this issue, are you more or less likely to volunteer in schools or participate in school activities?
☐ Much more likely ☐ Slightly more likely
☐ About the same ☐ Slightly less likely
☐ Much less likely
5. What did you learn from this issue of CCPS on the Go? _____

6. What specific topics or stories would you like to see this publication cover in the future?

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☐ Poor ☐ Terrible

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