MY THOUGHTS...

With less than two weeks of school left, CCPS has been busy! I hope that you will join us on Monday, June 3, for the dedication ceremony at Gilpin Manor Elementary School beginning at 4:30 p.m. We will begin with a brief ceremony which will include the opening of a time capsule from the original 1952 building! Attendees will also have the opportunity to tour the school that opened to students at the beginning of this school year. With the final site-work almost complete, we are looking forward to celebrating this project with the entire community.

Last Wednesday evening, I attended one of my favorite events of the year- the Capstone Gallery Walk. The work of these amazing students is impressive and inspiring. This event first began as a showcase of students who were completing the STEM Academy. It has expanded over the years to now include Project Lead the Way programs, Career and Technology Education programs, and middle school science fair winners. We had a wonderful turnout from the community at this event. I would like to congratulate all of the students and thank the teachers and mentors for their dedication.

Lastly, we have several state champs from Cecil County! Congratulations to the Bohemia Manor softball team (third year in a row!); Bohemia Manor students Alex Longeway (3200m run), Anthony Egurola (110m high hurdles), and Brooke Walz (1600m run & 800m run); Perryville High students Emani Bell (shot put) and Ellie Kuhn (pole vault). Our athletes continue to represent Cecil County with pride and sportsmanship and we are so proud of them!

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Lawson, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

GEM AWARDS

We have awarded another round of Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Awards! This employee recognition program allows employees to nominate other employees for going above and beyond to support their school or department, their colleagues, our students, and our school system as a whole. Congratulations to the following individuals who received GEM Awards! To learn more about the GEM Award program, visit www.ccps.org/gem.

Charlotte Rhode
Perryville Elementary

Nicole Parr
Division of Education Services

Corey Mutter
Perryville High

Leigh Sweeney, Chesapeake City Elementary

Amy Nielsen, Rising Sun Middle

Jeff Lawson, Carver Center

The Board of Education surprised Dr. Lawson with a GEM Award at the May 13 business meeting!

GILPIN MANOR DEDICATION

Please join us to celebrate the dedication of

Gilpin Manor
Elementary School

June 3, 2019
4:30 PM
203 Newark Avenue, Elkton

Our Mission is to provide an excellent prekindergarten through graduation learning experience that enables ALL students to demonstrate the skills, knowledge, and attitudes required for lifelong learning and productive citizenship in an ever-changing global society.
CAPSTONE GALLERY WALK

Last Wednesday, students from all five high schools and the Cecil County School of Technology presented their capstone research projects at the annual Capstone Gallery Walk. Participating students are part of the STEM Academy, Project Lead the Way programs, or Career & Technology Education programs, and several middle school science fair winners.

BVES GREEN SCHOOL

Last week, Bay View Elementary school was awarded their first re-certification as a MAEOE (Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education) Green School; they originally received their certification in 2015. MAEOE is the organization that certifies that the Green School is providing hands-on, inquiry-based instruction to students where they learn how to reduce their ecological footprint and encourage sustainable practices. Within Cecil County Public Schools, there are 11 Green Schools, or 38% of the CCPS are Green School certified. Statewide, there are currently 621 Green Schools or 27% of approximately 2200 public and independent schools.

FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS

CCPS is once again partnering with local medical staff to provide FREE sports physicals for middle and high school athletes on June 4, 2019, at Elkton High School.

These physicals are made possible because of the support from the following: Union Hospital Medical Staff, Triangle Health Alliance, Chesapeake Sports & Orthopedics, Family Healthcare of Elkton, and ATI Physical Therapy.

All CCPS athletes are required to have a physical on file before participating in any interscholastic activity.

Students should plan to attend during their school’s scheduled time:

1:30 PM- Elkton High
2:30 PM- Elkton Middle
3:00 PM- North East Middle & High, Cherry Hill Middle
4:30 PM- Rising Sun Middle & High, Perryville Middle & High
5:30 PM- Bohemia Manor Middle & High
6:00 PM- Private Schools

CHERRY HILL MIDDLE CELEBRATION

On Tuesday, May 14, Cherry Hill Middle School celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with a celebration event attended by current and former students and staff, community members, and administrators. The event kicked off with a ceremony and was followed by tours of the building, activities for participants, an area to explore yearbooks from years past, and food trucks in the parking lot.

BEPAC HOSTS 5TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, May 18, the Business and Education Partnership Advisory Council (BEPAC) hosted its fifth annual Preakness Pride fundraising event at Schaefer’s Canal House. This event serves as the central fundraiser for the organization and supports initiatives such as the Classroom Partnership grants, National Competition Grants, and two annual scholarships.

This year, the event raised $24,000 that will all directly support schools and students. In total over the past five years, this event has raised over $100,000 to support BEPAC’s initiatives.

In February, BEPAC announced a total of $20,000 in Classroom Partnership Grants awarded to support a total of twenty-six projects. Examples of these projects include support for an after-school STEAM program at Elkton Middle School and an after-school Girls in STEM program at Cherry Hill Middle School, the purchase of a 3-D printer and supplies for Perryville High School, books for Book Club at Calvert Elementary School, and support for outdoor classroom space as part of the Green School certification project at Perryville Elementary School.