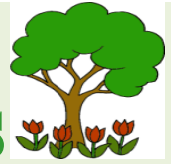




Every Child
A Success!

Board Clips



...from the March 18, 2010 meeting of the Board of Education of Dorchester County

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Outstanding Technology Educators Recognized:

Katie Douglas & Linda Blackmon

Each year, the Maryland Society for Educational Technology (MSET) recognizes one educator and one technology leader from each Maryland school system for his or her use of educational technology in the teaching and learning process. This year, **Katie Douglas**, a media specialist from Hurlock Elementary, and **Linda Blackmon**, a media specialist from NDMS, were selected to represent Dorchester County as nominees to receive Maryland Outstanding Educator & Leader Using Technology Award respectively. Great job to both of these valued educators!



Dorchester County's Service Star Honored

The Board recognized Sadie Lockhart, Grade 11, NDHS, as this year's **Service Star**. Sadie has participated in a multitude of service-learning activities, earning over 268 hours of service. The Maryland State Department of Education will honor Sadie at a reception on May 12 at the Douglass-Myers Maritime Museum in Baltimore.



Sadie Lockhart, Service Star

Staffing Changes for MARCH

Administrative Retirement:
Henry Wagner, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Certificated Resignations:
Theresa Nair, math, Mace's Lane Middle
Jenna Romano, math, Mace's Lane Middle
Deena Todd, elementary, Sandy Hill Elementary

Board Applies for School Waiver

Maryland's school systems can ask for a waiver from their calendar from the State Superintendent of Schools because of record snowstorms. Maryland law requires public school students to attend class for 180 days a year. Our Board of Education has agreed to apply for a waiver of **four days to the school calendar**. The results of this requested waiver will be announced when received by Dr. Hildenbrand. The last day of school for students and staff will be determined on or about mid-April.



German I Curriculum Put Forward for First Reading

Mr. Mike Johnson and Ms. Jennifer Kraer introduced for first reading to the Board a new Curriculum for German I. German I is a full year sequential world language course that is aligned with the State Curriculum for World Languages.

To view the proposed German Curriculum and other documents from the March meeting, visit the district's website at www.dcps.k12.md.us

Upcoming Important Dates!

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**All Shore Honors Band,  
March 26 & 27,  
Easton High School**



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**Fine Arts
Senior Honors Recital,
March 31,
7:00 p.m., C-SDHS**

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**Friday, April 2 &  
Monday, April 5,  
Spring Break**



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**Next Regular
Board Meeting
Thursday, April 15,
3:00 p.m.,
Central Office**

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**All Shore Chorus,  
Friday, April 16,  
Easton High School**

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**Teacher of the Year
Reception, Tuesday,
April 20, Choptank
Elementary School,
4:30 p.m.**



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**All County Band Concert,  
Wednesday, April 21,  
C-SDHS, 7:00 p.m.**



## Dr. Laura Murray and HPL/UMCES Earn Recognition

The Board recognized Dr. Laura Murray and the Horn Point Laboratory, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science for their on-going support of DCPS through the STEM Academy, Science Fair, field experiences for middle school students, professional development and grant funding.



*Dr. Laura Murray with  
DCPS Stem Students.*

## Laws of Life Essay Contest Winners

The Laws of Life Essay Contest is sponsored by Mid Shore Character Counts. The "Laws of Life" are the core values that we take with us wherever we go and whatever we do. The essay contest challenges young people of all ages to discover for themselves the values that will guide them throughout life. The Board had the opportunity to recognize the five Dorchester County winners in this year's Laws of Life Essay Contest. They are:

Joshua Condon, Grade 11, C-SD  
Lindsey Hughes, Grade 10, NDHS  
Samson Matthews, Grade 7, SDS  
Madison Narr, Grade 7, MLMS  
Allison Pleasants, Grade 8, NDMS

## North Dorchester Middle School to Receive Dugouts!

Funds are now available from the NDMS construction project to complete new dugouts for the softball fields. The Board approved an award of the dugout construction contract to Brohawn & Brooks in the amount of \$29,480.00.



## Middle School Guidance Curriculum Presented

Ms. Jamie Willey and Ms. Barbara Woolford introduced for first reading to the Board the Middle School Guidance Curriculum (Supplement "Habits and Decisions of Effective Teens").

This is an intensive training program for youth to grow, develop and promote proactive, positive behaviors. The goals/objectives of the program are:

- ✓ Reduce the number of office referrals and suspensions
- ✓ Reduce bullying and inappropriate peer pressure
- ✓ Promote collaboration
- ✓ Increase attendance
- ✓ Increase responsible behaviors
- ✓ Increase academic achievement

Both new curricula will be on the agenda for April 15 for final approval.

Also, **two textbooks**, *The 6 Most Important Decisions You'll Ever Make*, Simon & Shuster © 2006 and *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*, Simon & Shuster © 1998, were adopted by the Board of Education to accompany the new Middle School Guidance Curriculum.

## Financial Actions

The Board approved the following purchases and contracts on March 18:

- Approved a grant/donation of \$12,500 for use by C-SDHS for technology purchases.
- Approved a payment to Dell Financial Services in the amount of \$34,680 to acquire 500 (leased) computers.
- Approved payments for snow removal in the amount of \$43,199.90.
- Approved an award of the ceiling tile installation and grid cleanup contract for NDHS to Indoor Air Technologies, Victor, NY, in the amount of \$38,850.
- Approved the Award of the Preventative Maintenance Contracts for chillers and cooling towers to Johnson Controls, Inc., in the amount of \$70,787.00 (three-year term).
- Approved an award of the contract for the installation of ceiling hung projectors to Quick Install in the amount of \$46,470 that includes the installation of nine optional high mount projectors and the installation of additional units as needed.