



SUBMISSION FORM

All submission forms must include the following information. Separate submission forms must be turned in for each eligible program. **Deadline: July 1, 2023.** Please include this submission form with the electronic entry. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your entry within 3 days of submission, please contact [Gage Harter](#).

PROGRAM INFORMATION

County: Chesterfield

Program Title: Connecting all community residents to public schools

Program Category: Customer Service

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Connecting all community residents to public schools
(Customer Service Category)

Abstract of the Program:

Public schools don't exist in a vacuum. In the best situation, they are a solid foundation for a thriving community. In less-than-ideal situations, public schools become adrift on a sea of community indifference or neglect. Chesterfield County Public Schools is working to build strong support in a community where a majority of residents are not connected on a daily basis to K-12 education. This is seen as an ongoing process where the tools utilized incorporate both informing a population about the school division's work while also building active involvement from the community-at-large as partners with the schools.

Problem or need addressed by the program:

Chesterfield County Public Schools is growing: 64,000+ students at last count. An award-winning school system, CCPS is the largest school system in central Virginia, the fifth largest in Virginia and among the 70 largest school divisions in the country. But about 65% of Chesterfield County households do not have children 18 or younger:

- The heads of those households may have attended Chesterfield schools in their younger days.
- Their children may have previously graduated from Chesterfield schools.
- They may not have children, or they may have moved to Chesterfield County after their children aged out of K-12 education.

Even though a majority of our community is not connected on a daily basis to Chesterfield County Public Schools, we want all residents to be proud of Chesterfield schools and we believe that providing an avenue with opportunities for community members to become involved is an essential process to demonstrate our support of our community members without children in schools at the same time. The

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need for a specific plan and format to foster and develop these connections were needed to help develop this awareness of how a strong public education system benefits everyone in Chesterfield County

Program Description:

The school system has created multiple approaches and opportunities to connect with the entire community, even those who do not currently have children 18 or younger. Community connections are at the core of Chesterfield County Public Schools, which sets this as one of its two strategic goals: “All students, staff, parents and community members will exemplify a culture of safety, personal responsibility and supportive relationships.”

Through these opportunities, all Chesterfield County residents can find a place to belong:

- Super Senior Passport
- Volunteering in schools
- Community partnerships
- Faith leaders network
- PTAs
- Family and Community Engagement Office
- Speakers Bureau
- Hall of Fame and Bravo Awards
- School facilities rental
- Communication

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Super Senior Passport: Designed to thank senior residents for their support and encourage them to remain active in Chesterfield schools, the Super Senior Passport is free and available to all Chesterfield County residents who are 60 or older (and all school system retirees). The passport provides:

- 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. For more information, call 804-768-6140.)
- Free admission to school athletic events (except playoffs and tournaments)
- Free admission to music and theater productions in schools (seating may be limited at theater productions, so please call the school in advance)
- Free admission to certain other school activities for which fees are charged

Volunteering in schools: Willing hands and hearts are welcome in Chesterfield County schools, where volunteers play a vital role in the academic success of students. It is easy to participate — whether you can help every day, once a week, once a month or once a year. There are many ways to volunteer: reading to students, helping in a school office, selling tickets at a game, speaking at career day or filling another need. Please talk to a school PTA representative or the school volunteer coordinator about specific ways to help. Coming soon is an online portal to match potential volunteers with specific opportunities in schools.

Community partnerships: Robust, dynamic partnerships among schools, homes and communities make public education the best it can be. These partnerships not only provide needed resources for our schools, students and families, they also connect our students to relevant and engaging opportunities. Through these real-world opportunities, students learn in the most engaging ways and connect with

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their passions. There are many opportunities for business or community organizations or individuals to engage and become a part of Team Chesterfield.

Faith leaders network: For decades, Chesterfield County School Board members and the superintendent have met 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. All leaders of churches, synagogues, mosques and other faith communities who would like to connect with Chesterfield County schools are welcome.

PTAs: PTAs are open, as their name states, to parents and teachers but they are also open to community members who want to connect with specific schools.

Family and Community Engagement Office: The school system's Family and Community Engagement Office works to maximize partnerships between the school division, families and community.

Speakers Bureau: In 2021, Chesterfield County Public Schools launched Speakers Bureau to make it easier than ever for community groups to hear directly from school system leaders. This initiative seeks to share in a lively way the work of Team Chesterfield: our vision, people, operations and successes. Speakers Bureau presentations are designed to make connections and tell our stories while strengthening support for Chesterfield County Public Schools in particular and for public education in general.

Hall of Fame and Bravo Awards: The Chesterfield Education Foundation, one of the school system's strongest partners, organizes two awards designed to strengthen connections to Chesterfield schools.

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The Hall of Fame celebrates outstanding volunteers or school system retirees, while the Bravo Awards recognize graduates of Chesterfield schools who have made a difference in the world.

School facilities rental: Many school facilities are available for rental, and scheduling is online and automated. For information about how to request the use of a school facility, rental rates and policies, go to mychesterfieldschools.com/community/facilities/.

Communication: Tying together all of the outreach opportunities to community members who are not connected to school on a daily basis is communication, and the school system uses a variety of methods to share information. Here are some of the communication tactics that reach into the full community:

- Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn)
- Town hall meetings to share info and get feedback
- Printed newsletter mailed to every residential address in the county (Three editions are set for each school year, with the CCPS on the Go newsletter is initially funded through federal relief funds to improve the reach of communication throughout the school district. All of the outreach efforts to the full community will be included in at least one edition of the newsletter.)
- Prepared email messages and social media messages focused on districtwide information for principals to share each week with their families and school communities

Program Cost:

Most programs (Hall of Fame, school facilities rental, etc.) are cost neutral or negligible. The cost for each edition of the printed CCPS on the Go newsletter is approximately \$50,000.

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Program Results/Success:

Here are data points connected to the programs detailed above:

- Thousands of older residents hold Super Senior Passport.
- More than 200 faith leaders receive school system communications.
- Chesterfield County Public Schools social media channels are robust: 56,316 Facebook followers; 28.1K Twitter followers; 6,425 Instagram followers; 2.54K YouTube channel subscribers; and 10,513 LinkedIn followers.
- Feedback from printed editions of the newsletter was overwhelmingly positive and came mostly from residents who do not currently have students in Chesterfield schools.

Worthiness of award:

Chesterfield County Public Schools previously focused on connecting with parents of students, and parents remain a vital part of the school system. But the school system has expanded its outreach to the greater community because it does, indeed, take a village to raise a child. Local school systems throughout the country could benefit by knowing about the efforts of Chesterfield County Public Schools.

Supplemental Materials:

Fall 2022 brochure (attached)



CCPS on the Go!

Chesterfield County Public Schools

Fall 2022



A happy new year!

First-day-of-school photos are a joyful tradition, and we love the happy images families shared. Photos (clockwise from top left) show #oneCCPS students on their way to Evergreen Elementary, Swift Creek Middle, Moseley Elementary, Spring Run Elementary and Ettrick Elementary.





Clockwise from top left: “Scaredy Pots” by Sarah Johnson of Bird High, still from “Loving Life’s Lies” by Quyen Nguyen of Clover Hill High and “Mirror Image” by Callie Baughan of Monacan High

National success for students

Six achieve at high levels in Scholastic Art and Writing

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards recognize teenagers with exceptional artistic and literary talent. The awards have an impressive legacy dating back to 1923 and a noteworthy roster of past winners including Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Robert Redford and Joyce Carol Oates. Learn more at artandwriting.org.

These Chesterfield students achieved national recognition in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards announced in early 2022:

- Quyen Nguyen of Clover Hill High, taught by Jaime Barnett and Amanda Berneche, won a gold medal and an American Visions Award in film and animation for “Loving Life’s Lies.” See Quyen’s work at artandwriting.org/gallery/593544.
- Sarah Johnson of Bird High, taught by Alycia Bailey, won a silver medal in ceramics and glass for “Scaredy Pots.”
- Callie Baughan of Monacan High, taught by Melinda Carson, won a silver medal in digital media for “Mirror Image.”
- Amina Adeyola of Appomattox Regional Governor’s School, taught by Gail Giewont and Dr. Cindy Cunningham, won a Gold Medal Portfolio in poetry.
- Renee Anderson of Appomattox Regional Governor’s School, taught by Gail Giewont, won a gold medal and an American Voices Award in poetry for “Salvation Story of a Black Child.”
- Sonae White of Appomattox Regional Governor’s School, taught by Susann Whittier, won a gold medal in digital art for “Game Day.”

Lives of success for graduates

Meet this year's winners of Bravo! Awards

The Bravo! Awards celebrate Chesterfield County Public Schools alumni. Since the Chesterfield Education Foundation launched the awards in 2009, more than 60 alumni have been honored for their achievements.

The annual Bravo! Awards dinner is an inspiring evening, offering an opportunity to hear the honorees share their personal stories of how a

Chesterfield County Public Schools education helped launch them on their path to success. Proceeds from the dinner allow the Chesterfield Education Foundation to continue supporting teachers and students. Get details about tickets and sponsorship possibilities at cefva.org/supporting-ccps/bravo or call 804-639-8774.

Here are the 2022 honorees:



Katherine Williams
Assistant director
of capital projects
at Georgetown University
Thomas Dale High 1996



Javaid Siddiqi, Ph.D.
President/CEO
of the Hunt Institute
Matoaca High 1995



Nick Patel
Owner/president
of Kalyan Hospitality
Bird High 1987



James A. Jackson
NASA aerospace engineer
(retired)
Carver High 1961



Tanya Gonzalez, MPA
Executive director
of Sacred Heart Center
Midlothian High 1994



Bill Bevins
Richmond broadcasting
legend
Meadowbrook High 1969

Work where you can help children succeed

Chesterfield County Public Schools is hiring, and every open position is posted on mychesterfieldschools.com. We're looking for the best teachers, leaders, bus drivers, technology wizards, maintenance workers and many more top-notch employees. Work where you can help young people succeed, and apply today to join Team Chesterfield.

BETTER TOGETHER

 **Proud Champion**
our schools | our community | our tomorrow

Become a champion for Chesterfield schools

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. Whether you are looking for ways to contribute as an individual, via an organization or through a donation, we are always seeking champions to support students and schools. We are always better together! Find volunteer opportunities by using the volunteer portal at mychesterfieldschools.com.

How to rent a school

Many school facilities are available for rental to nonprofit organizations, and scheduling is online and automated. Go to mychesterfieldschools.com/community/facilities for information.

Get your Super Senior Passport

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:

- 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. For more information, call 804-768-6140.)
- Free admission to school athletic events (except playoffs and tournaments) and music and theater productions in schools
- Chesterfield County residents who are 60 or older are invited to apply for a Super Senior Passport by filling out an online application at bit.ly/SeniorPassport or emailing ccpsinfo@ccpsnet.net.



Stay in touch!

Looking for good news? Check out these ways to stay connected with Chesterfield County students, staff members and schools:

- Follow #oneCCPS social media:
 - Facebook (facebook.com/chesterfieldschools)
 - Twitter (twitter.com/ccpsinfo)
 - Instagram (instagram.com/oneccps)
 - YouTube (youtube.com/ccpsva)
 - LinkedIn (linkedin.com/company/oneccps)
- Check out mychesterfieldschools.com and school websites.
- Sign up for a weekly digital newsletter (bit.ly/CCPSconnections).
- Watch Chesterfield EdTV on Comcast channel 96 and Verizon channel 26.

Connecting with faith leaders

School Board members and the superintendent meet regularly with leaders in the faith community, strong partners 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 faith leaders mailing list.



Friday night football sometimes comes with a glorious sunset. That was true when Thomas Dale High hosted Cosby High Aug. 26.

Award-winning communications

Work by the Creative and Media Services Department of Chesterfield County Public Schools has recently been recognized statewide, nationally and internationally:

Two dotCOMM Awards from the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals:

- Platinum Award in the earned media category for sharing the story of Mike Mason, a retired FBI leader who became a school bus driver.
- Honorable Mention in the social media marketing/ Facebook category for social media campaign featuring 2021 graduates.

Seven Publications and Digital Media Excellence Awards from the National School Public Relations Association:

- Award of Excellence for CCPS on the Go! countywide newsletter.
- Award of Excellence for 2021-22 parent handbook.
- Award of Excellence for social media campaign featuring 2021 graduates.
- Award of Excellence for social media campaign of reasons to be thankful.
- Award of Merit for FY 2023 proposed operating budget publication.
- Award of Merit for Monday Message digital newsletter for school system employees.
- Honorable Mention for video of 2022 Teacher of the Year for Chesterfield County Public Schools Raegen Dinelli.

The top award from the Virginia Association of Counties:

- The VACo Achievement Awards recognize excellence in local government programs. Connecting All Community Residents to Public Schools won the 2022 Best Achievement Award. The submission spotlights the Super Senior Passport, countywide CCPS on the Go newsletter, faith leaders network, outreach and additional connections the school system makes with residents who don't currently have children in CCPS.

Successes



Woolridge Elementary teacher Tara Krohn was featured in a recent Scholastic News for her work to keep alive the memory of 9/11 through education.

She serves on the board of the Freedom Flag Foundation and has written a children's book, "Unfurling the Freedom Flag: A 9/11 Story."



Just before the start of the 2022-23 school year, Matoaca Elementary hosted a well-attended event: Popsicles and Popcorn With the Principals and PTA. Families came to meet new administrators, enjoy summer treats, receive books, complete volunteer applications and join the PTA.



Earl Shaffer Jr. has been elected to the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Hall of Fame. After 35 years as a high school band director (26 of those in Chesterfield County Public Schools), he retired in 2015 as director of the Titan Band at Cosby High. During his career, he achieved 26 consecutive years of superior ratings at the VBODA concert assessment and 17 Commonwealth of Virginia Honor Band titles (superior ratings in both marching and concert state assessments).



Beulah Elementary families turned out for the start of the summer learning challenge. The event included a book reading by Bubbles, school mascot of the Beulah Whales. The summer learning challenge engaged students in fun reading and math tasks.



Communities In Schools®

Chesterfield

Empowering students to achieve in life

Communities In Schools of Chesterfield's mission is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

Alongside Chesterfield County Public Schools, Communities In Schools of Chesterfield spent the past several weeks gearing up for the new academic year and helping the 11 school sites they support welcome students to school. A big part of that effort included collecting much-needed school supplies for students who were not able to bring their own. That included participating in the regional Ultimate Backpack Drive, an annual school supply drive. It was a day when the community rallied to donate school supplies, and hundreds of volunteers filled



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them into backpacks — a portion of which went to thousands of Chesterfield County CIS students!

Beyond this incredible effort, Communities In Schools of Chesterfield is doing what it has been doing for 29 years — filling the gaps for high-need students with the things that don't fit in a backpack. Whether it is mental health interventions, tutoring, one-on-one case management, health and vision screenings or attendance incentive programming (and so much more), CIS in-school site coordinators connect

resources to meet the needs. This vital support allows students to focus on learning and ultimately reach graduation.

For the 2022-23 school year, Communities In Schools will begin delivering its model at an 11th school: Bensley Elementary. The work of CIS, and plans for expansion into additional Chesterfield County schools, helps achieve academic excellence for all students. Learn more about Communities In Schools of Chesterfield at cisofchesterfield.org or on Facebook and Instagram (@cisofchesterfield).

Community Facilities Bond Plan

Schools
Investment:
\$375 million



Including these projects:

- \$40 million to replace A.M. Davis Elementary
- \$42 million to replace Bensley Elementary
- \$43 million to build new Western 360 Area elementary school
- \$135 million to build new Western 360 Area high school
- \$43 million to replace Grange Hall Elementary
- \$22 million to expand Thomas Dale High School
- \$50 million to replace Midlothian Middle School*

*\$50 million funded via other sources, total cost \$100 million

Libraries
Investment:
\$45.7 million



Including these projects:

- \$17 million to replace Enon Library
- \$16.5 million to the new Western Hull Street Library
- \$12.2 million to expand Ettrick-Matoaca Library

Parks &
Recreation
Investment:
\$38.2 million



Including these projects:

- \$17.2 million enhancements to River City Sportsplex
- \$10 million enhancements to Horner Park
- \$5 million for boat launch on the James River
- \$4 million for water access on Falling Creek
- \$2 million for Conservation Areas Access

Beginning Sept. 23 with early voting for the 2022 general election and continuing through Election Day on Nov. 8, Chesterfield residents will be asked to vote on the Community Facilities Bond Plan to authorize the issuance of \$540 million in general obligation bonds. If approved by voters, the bond proceeds will fund 26 capital improvement projects in four categories — schools, public safety, libraries and parks — over the next eight to 10 years.

Financing future projects

Chesterfield County is requesting a bond referendum (election) for Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022. A bond referendum is when citizens vote on the financing of the county's long-range capital plan. Voters will consider one question to approve projects for schools, public safety, libraries and parks. An affirmative vote grants the county authority to issue general obligation bonds to finance a finite list of projects. The total amount of the bonds for which voter approval is sought is \$540 million, including \$375 million for school facilities and \$165 million for other county facilities (public safety, libraries and parks).

chesterfield.gov/bond

Visit chesterfield.gov/bond for more information about the bond referendum. Watch the video on that site to learn more.

What will the question look like on the ballot?

Shall the County of Chesterfield, Virginia, contract a debt and issue its general obligation capital improvement bonds in the maximum amount of Five Hundred Forty Million Dollars (\$540,000,000) to provide funds to finance various capital improvement projects for (1) public school system purposes, (2) public safety purposes, (3) public library purposes and (4) parks and recreation purposes? Voting 'Yes' on Election Day signifies approval of the Community Facilities Bond Plan.

Police
Investment:
\$39.1 million



Including these projects:

- \$8.8 million for the Stonebridge Area Police Station
- \$10.1 million for the Western Hull Street Police Station
- \$10.1 million for the Chester Police Station
- \$10.1 million for the Westchester Police Station

Fire & EMS
Investment:
\$42 million



Including these projects:

- \$12.3 million to replace Chester Fire & EMS Station
- \$12.3 million to replace Ettrick Fire & EMS Station
- \$9.3 million to expand Clover Hill Fire & EMS Station
- \$8.1 million to expand Dutch Gap Fire & EMS Station



There is no new tax associated with the Community Facilities Bond Plan.



Debt service (the payments on the bonds) can be supported with existing resources without affecting other priorities.



The county's triple-AAA bond rating ensures monies are borrowed at the lowest possible interest rate, translating into millions of savings for county citizens.

Projects

School facilities

- A.M. Davis Elementary School Replacement: \$40 million
- Bensley Elementary School Replacement: \$42 million
- New Western 360 Area Elementary School: \$43 million
- Midlothian Middle School Replacement: \$50 million (Note: \$50 million funded via other sources, total cost \$100 million)
- New Western 360 Area High School: \$135 million
- Grange Hall Elementary Replacement: \$43 million
- Thomas Dale High School Expansion: \$22 million

School facilities subtotal: \$375 million

Libraries

- Enon Library Replacement: \$17 million
- Ettrick-Matoaca Library Expansion: \$12.2 million
- New Western Hull Street Library: \$16.5 million

Libraries subtotal: \$45.7 million

Total funding

All categories total: \$540 million

Public safety facilities

- Chester Fire and EMS Station Replacement: \$12.3 million
- Ettrick Fire and EMS Station Replacement: \$12.3 million
- Clover Hill Fire and EMS Station Expansion/Renovation: \$9.3 million
- Dutch Gap Fire and EMS Station Expansion/Renovation: \$8.1 million
- Stonebridge Area Police Station: \$8.8 million
- Western Hull Street Police Station: \$10.1 million
- Chester Police Station: \$10.1 million
- Westchester Police Station: \$10.1 million

Public safety facilities subtotal: \$81.1 million

Parks and recreation

- River City Sportsplex: \$17.2 million
- Horner Park: \$10 million
- Conservation Area Development: \$2 million
- Falling Creek Water Access: \$4 million
- James River Boat Launch: \$5 million

Parks and recreation subtotal: \$38.2 million

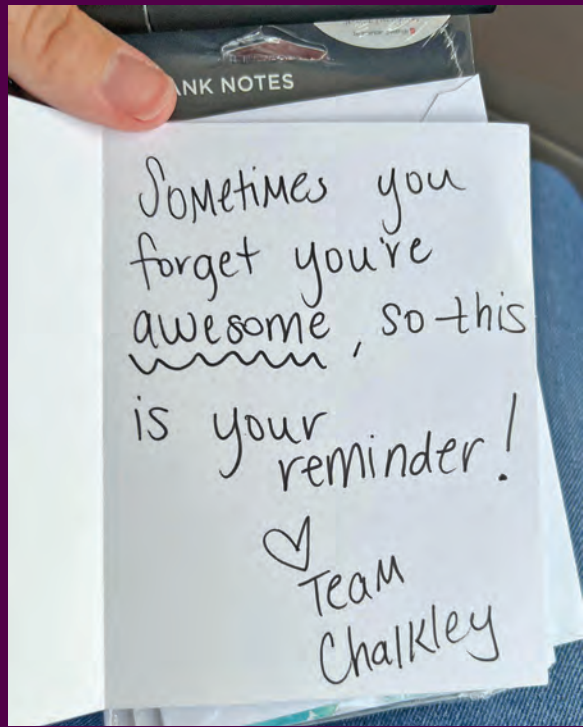


During Gordon Elementary's annual Sizzlin' STEAM Night, students explored engineering, played musical instruments, worked with robots and more!

Just the facts

- Chesterfield County Public Schools is the largest school system in central Virginia, the fifth-largest school system in Virginia and among the 70 largest school systems in the United States.
- More than 63,000 students attend 67 schools: 1 prekindergarten, 1 virtual school (grades K-8), 40 elementary schools (grades K-5), 12 middle schools (grades 6-8), 11 high schools (grades 9-12), which include 13 specialty centers, and two career and technical centers.
- Vision: create a better tomorrow.
- Mission: ignite passion through captivating and authentic experiences.
- Values: integrity, equity, teamwork and ingenuity.
- 100% of schools accredited.
- 92% on-time graduation rate.
- 96% daily attendance rate.
- \$836.3 million operating budget for FY 2023 (71.1% for instruction; 9% for operations and maintenance; 8.2% for debt service; 5.4% for transportation; 3.6% for administration, attendance and health; and 2.7% for technology).
- \$13,346 projected cost per student.
- 7,972 full-time and part-time positions in operating fund.
- 3,445 staff members have master's degrees, 131 have doctorates, and 100+ are National Board Certified Teachers.
- Student population is 45% White, 26% Black, 19% Hispanic, 5% multiple races, 3% Asian, <1% American Indian and <1% Native Hawaiian.
- Almost 40% of students are economically disadvantaged; 12.7% have disabilities; and 12.2% are English learners, representing about 100 different languages.
- 8 National ESEA Distinguished Schools: Crestwood Elementary in 2021; Ettrick Elementary in 2018; Bensley Elementary in 2016 and 2002; Elizabeth Scott Elementary in 2014; Bellwood in 2011; Beulah Elementary in 2010; Harrowgate Elementary in 2006; and Chalkley Elementary in 2005.
- 7 National Blue Ribbon Schools: Midlothian High in 2019; Cosby High in 2015; Winterpock Elementary in 2014; Grange Hall Elementary in 2009; Robious Elementary in 2005; Clover Hill Elementary in 2003; and James River High in 2000.

Chalkley Elementary tried something new before the school year began. Groups of staff members were given a mission: Use \$100 per group (donated by school partners) and go out to spread kindness and joy. Chalkley sparked a lot of joy by buying groceries for families, delivering doughnuts to firefighters, purchasing gas for community members, donating school supplies, passing out notes with flowers and acting in additional thoughtful ways. The activity helped Chalkley staff members build relationships as a team while also giving back to the community that supports the school every day.



Chalkley Cares

State's first recovery high school program

The Chesterfield Recovery Academy, Virginia's first recovery high school program, opened this fall. Operated by Chesterfield County Public Schools, the Chesterfield Recovery Academy is open to central Virginia Region 1 high school students who are in recovery from substance use disorders. Chesterfield Recovery Academy students will receive the academic, emotional and social support necessary to complete their high school education and set a path toward continued success. To be considered for enrollment, students should complete the interest form at mychesterfieldschools.com/chesterfield-recovery-academy/.

In addition to Chesterfield County Public Schools, the program will receive assistance from health agencies, local and state government programs, police and legal agencies to help students navigate through recovery while working toward their high school diploma.

"For the first time, central Virginia children who come out of treatment have somewhere to go that is designed to support them on their journey," Chesterfield County Public Schools Superintendent Merv Daugherty said. "Now central Virginia Region 1 is a role model for the rest of Virginia."

One step,

one day,

one success at a time



**Chesterfield
Recovery
Academy**



Chesterfield Virtual School

Virginia's first K-8 virtual school, the Chesterfield Virtual School offers a virtual learning option for students across Chesterfield County and has more than 900 students enrolled this fall. The school grew from the Virtual Learning Academy operated in 2021-22 as a program (not a school). The new designation as a school means that the Chesterfield Virtual School will receive sustainable funding based on average daily membership and is subject to state standards of quality and accreditation requirements.

Students in grades 9-12 also have the opportunity to take classes virtually in an asynchronous format via CCPSOnline.



Outstanding teacher

Manchester Middle teacher Velma Jenkins Tillar (holding award) received the Angelique Clarke Social Studies Teacher Leader Award, which is given annually in memory of social studies teacher Angelique Clark.



Hands-on STEAM help from community partners

Wells Elementary students jumped right into the school's new STEAM lab during its unveiling in August. See how community partners Niagara Bottling and the Cal Ripken Foundation made the space possible: [youtube.com/ccpsva](https://www.youtube.com/ccpsva).



Gates Elementary news

Gates Elementary welcomed a teacher from Taiwan who will teach as part of the Teachers of Critical Language Program sponsored by the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Only 19 schools were selected for the program this year. Chang Jen-Yin from Taiwan will teach at Gates Elementary for a full school year. The first elementary school in Virginia to offer Mandarin Chinese as a dual immersion program, Gates Elementary is in year 3 of the dual immersion program.

Mentor teacher Xue Yang (left) welcomed Chang Jen-Yin to Gates Elementary.

Clover Hill High students gather for breakfast and a strong start to the day.



This Beulah Elementary second grader rescued a turtle on the first day of school.

Graduation dates

Here is the graduation schedule for members of the class of 2023 and invited guests:

- May 22 at Virginia Commonwealth University: Thomas Dale High at 10 a.m.; Midlothian High at 2:30 p.m.; James River High at 7 p.m.
- May 23 at Virginia Commonwealth University: Manchester High at 10 a.m.; Cosby High at 2:30 p.m.; Monacan High at 7 p.m.
- May 24 at Virginia Commonwealth University: Bird High at 10 a.m.; Meadowbrook High at 2:30 p.m.; Clover Hill High at 7 p.m.
- May 26 at Virginia State University: Matoaca High at 9 a.m.; Carver College and Career Academy at 1:30 p.m.



Plant the Moon Challenge

The Chesterfield Career and Technical Center team won the Virginia award for experimental design in the Plant the Moon Challenge, a global science experiment offered by the Virginia Department of Education in collaboration with NASA. Teacher Colleen Coleman advised the team.

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What is CCPS on the Go?

Chesterfield County Public Schools is growing: more than 63,000 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 mychesterfieldschools.com in English and in Spanish. Una versión digital está disponible en mychesterfieldschools.com en inglés y en español.



(l-r) Dorothy Heffron, Debbie Bailey, Ryan Harter, Ann Coker and Kathryn Haines serve on the Chesterfield County School Board.

Chesterfield County School Board

The School Board is the governing body of Chesterfield County Public Schools. Work sessions and business meetings are held in the Public Meeting Room, located at 10001 Iron Bridge Road. The board's meeting calendar, video from previous meetings and policies are available at bit.ly/CCPSBoard. Meetings are shown live on Comcast channel 98 and Verizon channel 28 and are livestreamed at chesterfieldschoolsva.swagit.com/live. For more information, call 804-748-1897 or email ccpschoolboard@ccpsnet.net.

What do you think?

Please share your thoughts about this issue of CCPS on the Go to help improve the content of future issues. You can fill out this survey and mail it to Chesterfield County Public Schools, Creative and Media Services Department, 13900 Hull Street Road, Chesterfield, VA 23112 or you can fill out the online version at bit.ly/surveyOnTheGo.

Do you have children currently attending Chesterfield County Public Schools?
 Yes No

What did you learn from this issue of CCPS on the Go?

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

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

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

How would you rate this publication overall?

- Excellent
- Good
- Average
- Poor
- Terrible

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

How would you suggest improving this publication?

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