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L-R: Geoff Bailey, Sue Hayes, Linda Keller, Lindsey Clark and Tom Bell

# JANUARY IS SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

THANK YOU BOARD MEMBERS FOR YOUR SERVICE TO STUDENTS AND STAFF IN CHRISTIAN COUNTY.

THE 2018 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR HAS BEEN SET. <u>CLICK HERE TO VIEW.</u>



#### MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Happy New Year and welcome back. May your "2018" blessings be many and your troubles be few.

January is **School Board Appreciation Month**, and I wish to acknowledge our School Board Members for the service they provide to the boys and girls in our district. They work hard to enrich the lives of every child in Christian County Public Schools.

Though certainly a thankless job, we appreciate their service to this community. A special congratulations to Linda Keller, recently elected Board Chair and to Tom Bell, elected Vice Chair.

Mr. Tom Bell organizes the Martin Luther King, Jr. March to be held on January 15<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to marching with several schools who will be competing for the trophy, which represents the greatest number of students from a particular school participating in the march.

My sincere appreciation to School Board Members who recently voted to extend my contract. I consider it an honor and I pledge to work to fulfill the vision and mission of the district. I am continually aware of the responsibility that comes with the position. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your superintendent. Two quotes for the New Year: "Nobody gets to live life backward. Look ahead, that is where your future lies"

& "Your most important work is always ahead of you,

Sincerely, Superintendent Mary Ann Gemmill

never behind you." Stephen Covey .



## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY MARCH AND SCHOOL CHALLENGE DETAILS; SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR OBSERVANCE

The Martin Luther King Walk and School Challenge will commence at 10:00 am from the Boys Girls Club on Walnut Street in Hopkinsville. There will be a trophy given to the school that has the most participants sponsored by Tom Bell State Farm. The program will be held at the Durrett Avenue Baptist Church. The speaker for that day is Pastor C. R. Miller of Moore's Baptist church. School will not be in session on January 15, 2018.

#### Project Graduation 2018 Planning Dates

Parents of local seniors are encouraged to attend and participate in Project Graduation planning.

Each meeting will be held inside the Christian County High School library at 6:00 p.m.

February 13

March 6

March 27

April 10

May 1

May 8





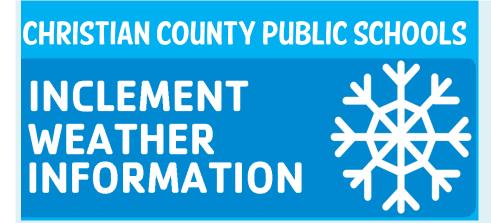
Jemma Carroll

Jemma Carroll, second grade student at Indian Hills Elementary School, took home second place in the annual State Deaf and Hard Hearing Spelling Bee on Tuesday, December 5.

The state competition was broken into grade levels, with contests among first-and second-graders; third- and fourth-graders; fifth- and sixth-graders; seventh- through ninth-graders; and 10th-through 12th-graders.

Jemma's mother, Tiffany Carroll, says Jemma and her competitor spelled all 100 words correctly during the final round of the contest. The contest decided it would then use words from the third and fourth grade contest, increasing level of difficulty in order to determine the winner. Jemma was declared second place winner. In support of Jemma, Jemma's teacher Ms. Sheri Hancock attended the competition.

Prior to the state competition, Jemma won first place in the Regional Deaf and Hard of Hearing Spelling Bee in October. Jemma will be recognized at the January 18 School Board Meeting.



#### **JUST IN TIME FOR COOLER WEATHER!**

HERE IS A HELPFUL OVERVIEW OF WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN WEATHER IS SEVERE ENOUGH TO POSSIBLY CANCEL OR DISMISS SCHOOL.

### HOW IS THE DECISION MADE TO CANCEL SCHOOL DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER SUCH AS SNOW OR ICE?

Before making the decision to delay or cancel school due to weather, we rely on critical input from various sources, to include in-district, as well as outside agencies. We consult with our Transportation Department about road conditions throughout the day and into the night.

#### WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE TO CANCEL SCHOOL?

In the event that CCPS cancels or delays school (this can include early dismissal), the district's communications department is contacted immediately and information is shared with the public in a timely manner.

## HOW WILL THE PUBLIC BE NOTIFIED OF THE DECISION TO CANCEL OR DELAY SCHOOL?

Any updates or changes to the regular school schedule will be communicated through multiple communication channels. For ways you can stay connected with CCPS and stay informed of inclement weather-related decisions, be sure to read the back page of this newsletter. Other ways to stay informed include the local radio, newspaper and TV media.

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